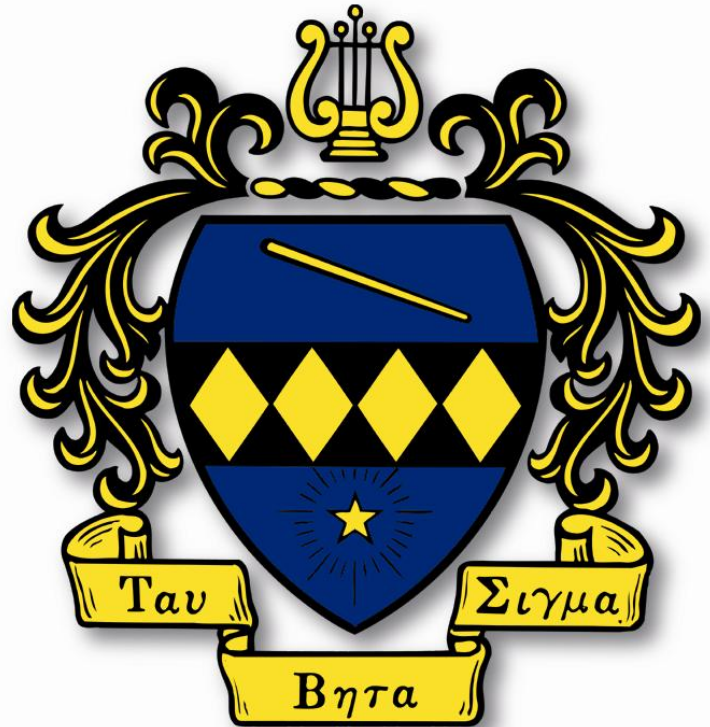


# Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma

## 2011 Western District Convention Minutes



**Portland, Oregon**  
**March 25th-27th, 2011**

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# **Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma**

## **Western District Joint Constitution**

**Revised: March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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### **Article I Purpose**

1.1 Be it known that the Western District of Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Band Fraternity, and Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Sorority, are herewith established with the intent of promoting the cause of band music; furthermore, the Chapters of the Joint Western District shall combine their resources toward that end, yet remain distinct in identity and ritual.

1.2 The Western District Challenge is as follows:

The Western District commits itself to the highest standard of individual, Chapter and District responsibility. In an effort to achieve this goal, each member and chapter will turn in every form, receipt, fee, and application, complete and on time, every time. The Western District challenges all Districts to exceed our high commitment to excellence. Doing the most is the least you can do.

1.3 The Western District Joint Mission Statement is as follows:

"United by music, the Western District Joint Organizations of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma are committed to enthusiastic service to college and university band programs, by establishing the standards of excellence for the leadership, expansion, loyalty, and cooperation."

### **Article II General**

2.1 The Constitution of the Joint Western District is to be used in conjunction with the National Constitutions of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma and the separate Western District Constitutions of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

2.2 This document shall not take precedence over the National Constitution of Kappa Kappa Psi or the National Constitution of Tau Beta Sigma.

2.3 A district year is defined as the time between the adjournment of Western District Conventions.

### **Article III Officers**

3.1 The Joint Western District Council shall consist of Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Officers, Tau Beta Sigma Western District Officers, Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Governor(s), and Tau Beta Sigma Western District Counselor(s).

3.2 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District President / Tau Beta Sigma Western District President shall:

3.2.1 Preside over all joint meetings of the Western District. The presidents shall be members ex-officio of all Joint Western District Committees.

3.3 Kappa Kappa Psi Vice President / Tau Beta Sigma Vice President of Membership shall:

- 3.3.1 Preside at joint meetings of the Western District in the absence of their respective Western District President.
- 3.3.2 Be responsible for the general membership.
- 3.3.3 Be responsible for the content of the Western District website.
- 3.4 Kappa Kappa Psi Member-at-Large / Tau Beta Sigma Vice President of Special Projects shall:
  - 3.4.1 Be responsible for projects deemed necessary by the Western District Council.
  - 3.4.2 Be responsible for organizing and maintaining the history of the Western District.
- 3.5 Kappa Kappa Psi Secretary-Treasurer / Tau Beta Sigma Secretary-Treasurer shall:
  - 3.5.1 Be responsible for recording, publishing, and distributing the minutes from all joint meetings of the Western District.
  - 3.5.2 Be responsible for coordinating the execution of *The Accent* with the Publishers.
  - 3.5.3 Be responsible for organizing and maintaining all Joint Western District fundraisers.
  - 3.5.4 Be responsible for facilitating fundraising between Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Chapter Treasurers specifically for the Western District Emergency Fund should the emergency monies fall below a minimum balance.
  - 3.5.5 The outgoing Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Secretary-Treasurers shall author and compile minutes from convention and the incoming Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Secretary-Treasurers shall publish and distribute said minutes from convention.
- 3.6 Kappa Kappa Psi Parliamentarian / Tau Beta Sigma Parliamentarian shall:
  - 3.6.1 Advise the Joint Western District Council and membership at-large regarding points of parliamentary procedure.
  - 3.6.2 Provide a copy of the Joint Western District Constitution to the members of the Joint Jurisdiction Committee.
- 3.7 Joint Western District Webmaster shall:
  - 3.7.1 Be responsible for the Western District website as specified in Article 7.2.
  - 3.7.2 Provide access to *The Accent* on the website.
  - 3.7.3 Maintain an online submission form for *The Accent* on the Western District website, which shall automatically be directed to *The Accent* publishers.

**Article IV  
Meetings**

- 4.1 A regularly called convention of the Western District shall be held in the Spring of each year.
  - 4.1.1 Bids for the Western District Convention shall conform to the following requirements:
    - 4.1.1.1 The chapter(s) must be active and in good standing with the National Headquarters

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of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

- 4.1.1.2 The chapter(s) must be financially able to host the Western District Convention, and must be able to provide proof of financial stability for the last two (2) years.
- 4.1.1.3 The Sponsor(s) must submit an evaluation of the chapter(s).
- 4.1.1.4 The bid must comply with convention site policy as determined by the National Councils of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.
- 4.1.1.5 The bid must be flexible enough to include a minimum of one (1) of the following dates:
  - Last weekend in March
  - First weekend in April
  - Second weekend in April
- 4.1.1.6 All bids to host Western District Convention shall be submitted to the Western District Governor(s) and Counselor(s) a minimum of two (2) weeks before the upcoming Western District Convention.
- 4.1.1.7 The chapter(s) must address all items from the "Bid Selection Checklist for Western District Convention" in their bid packet.
- 4.1.2 In the event that no bids are submitted within the required timeline, as previously specified, or that the Joint Western District does not decide on a site and host(s) for the next Western District Convention, the convention site and host(s) shall be decided by the Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Governor(s) and the Tau Beta Sigma Western District Counselor(s).
- 4.1.3 Chapters may seat proxy delegates in committees at the discretion of the chapter and Governor(s) or District Counselor based on the chapter proxy form.
- 4.2 The Joint Western District Council shall meet a minimum of three (3) times per year for the expressed purpose of discussing District matters.
  - 4.2.1 A passing vote in Joint District matters shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority approval within both separate councils.
  - 4.2.2 The Joint Western District Council shall determine the Chapter of the Year Award recipient.
- 4.3 Each state containing chapters shall be responsible for holding a pre-convention meeting called State(s) Days.
  - 4.3.1 State(s) Days must occur before the second weekend in March or a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to the Western District Convention, whichever is earlier in the year.
    - 4.3.1.1 Host chapters must send an inquiry to all chapters within their rotation with at least three (3) proposed dates.
    - 4.3.1.2 Host chapters must submit a proposed date to the Western District Presidents no later than December 1 for approval.
  - 4.3.2 State(s) Days host(s) shall follow a rotation unique to each state. Once a school hosts State(s) Days, they move to the bottom of the rotation.

- 4.3.2.1 Should a school be unable or unwilling to host their State(s) Days, the school must notify the District Officers, Governors, and Counselor, in writing by October 15.
- 4.3.2.2 The next school in the list shall be notified by the Joint Western District Council of their hosting duty.
- 4.3.2.3 Upon relinquishing their duties as State(s) Days host(s), said school shall be skipped in the rotation.
- 4.3.2.4 Arizona State Day Rotation:  
University of Arizona  
Northern Arizona University  
Arizona State University
- 4.3.2.5 California State Day Rotation:  
University of California, Los Angeles  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo  
California State University, Fresno  
San Diego State University  
University of California, Irvine  
San Jose State University  
Fullerton College
- 4.3.2.6 Utah State Day Rotation:  
Utah State University  
University of Utah  
Boise State University
- 4.3.2.7 Wagon States Day Rotation:  
University of Washington  
Washington State University  
Oregon State University  
University of Oregon
- 4.3.3 State Days hosts shall organize and implement a profit-share fundraiser in which fifty (50) percent of the proceeds go to the District and fifty (50) percent may be kept by the State Days host(s).

**Article V  
Committees**

- 5.1 The Western District shall have the following joint standing committees: Programs, Jurisdiction, Publications, and Convention Site.
- 5.2 The Programs Committee shall:
  - 5.2.1 Examine new ideas for improving music awareness and service through Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.
  - 5.2.2 Evaluate the candidates, and select recipients for each of the following awards, as laid out in Article VIII:
    - For Music's Sake
    - For Service's Sake
    - For Community's Sake

Delegate Distance Award  
Chapter Participation Award

- 5.3 The Jurisdiction Committee shall:
- 5.3.1 Examine all proposed changes to the Joint Western District Constitution.
- 5.4 The Publications Committee shall:
- 5.4.1 Evaluate the effectiveness of the current format of The Accent
- 5.4.2 Evaluate the effectiveness of the website and the Listserv.
- 5.4.3 Include The Accent Publishers and the Webmaster on the committee.
- 5.5 The Convention Site Committee shall:
- 5.5.1 Evaluate the eligibility, in accordance with 4.1, of all bids to host the next Western District Convention and slate one (1) bid to be presented to the Joint Western District.
- 5.5.2 Have the authority to waive any bid requirement, except 4.1.1.1 and 4.1.1.4.
- 5.5.3 Review and revise the *How to Bid for Convention* document, which may include requirements, recommendations, and suggestions directed towards prospective bidding chapter(s).

**Article VI**  
**Finances**

- 6.1 The Western District Emergency Fund shall be maintained by the District for the purpose of providing emergency monies for the District, and shall operate as follows:
- 6.1.1 An application must be submitted by chapters to be voted on by the Joint District Council.
- 6.1.2 Each separate council will provide fifty (50) percent of the agreed upon amount. Monies provided in this fashion to an active chapter shall be considered a donation.

**Article VII**  
**Publications**

- 7.1 The Western District Publication shall be *The Accent*.
- 7.1.1 The Joint Western District Accent Publishers shall be active members in good standing and shall serve for a term of one (1) year, with no limit to the number of terms that may be served.
- 7.1.2 The Joint Western District Council shall review all applications received for Publishers by thirty (30) days after the conclusion of Convention and shall appoint a Publisher from each organization to the position within two (2) weeks.
- 7.1.3 The Joint Western District Council shall appoint new Publishers from each organization within thirty (30) days of any vacancy.
- 7.1.4 In the event that there are no applications for Publishers the publication shall fall under the discretion of the Joint Western District Council.
- 7.1.5 Submissions that will be considered for the "Best Of" Edition of the Accent are due no later than:

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Fall November 1  
Winter March 1  
Spring Two (2) weeks after the Western District Convention

7.1.6 The Accent "Best Of" Edition must be published at least three (3) times per year

Fall November 15  
Winter March 15  
Spring Four (4) weeks after the Western District Convention

7.1.7 The Publishers shall distribute a minimum of one (1) copy of the Accent "Best Of" Edition per District Officer, Governor or Counselor, Chapter, and Colony of both organizations in the Western District as well as National Officers. In addition, the Publishers must provide an electronic copy to the Western District Webmaster.

7.1.8 In the event that the Publishers become unable to fulfill the publication requirements, the Joint Western District Council may vote to revoke the privilege of publishing The Accent "Best of" Edition from said Publishers.

7.1.8.1 In the event that the publication rights have been revoked, publishing duties shall fall under the discretion of the Joint Western District Council.

7.2 The Western District shall maintain a website.

7.2.1 The Western District Webmaster shall serve for a term of one (1) year, with no limit to the number of terms that may be served.

7.2.2 The Joint Western District Council shall review all applications received for Webmaster by May 1 and shall appoint the position within two (2) weeks.

7.2.3 The Joint Western District Council shall appoint a new Webmaster within two (2) weeks of any vacancy.

7.2.4 The Western District Webmaster shall be responsible for updating the website within one (1) week of major events or requests. If the requests cannot be completed within one (1) week, the Webmaster shall notify the requester of the expected time of completion.

## **Article VIII Awards**

8.1 The Chapter of the Year Award shall be presented in recognition of an outstanding chapter. The qualifications for this award shall be: District and National participation, Brotherly and Sisterly bonds, adherence to the Western District Challenge, chapter growth and retention, and exemplary service to its college band programs. The winner shall be decided by the Joint Western District Council

8.2 The For Music's Sake Award shall be presented in recognition of the project that best promotes community service related to music.

8.3 The For Service's Sake Award shall be presented in recognition of the project that best promotes service to college bands.

8.4 The For Community's Sake Award shall be presented in recognition of the project that best promotes community service. The project may involve music, but must be held for a purpose not specifically related to music.

- 8.5 The Delegate Distance Award shall be presented in recognition of the delegate(s) who travel the furthest distance to Convention.
- 8.6 The Chapter Participation Award shall be presented in recognition of the chapter that traveled the furthest distance to Convention, with the greatest percentage of total active membership, according to the following formula:

$$\frac{(\text{Number of chapter's Actives at Convention}) \times (\text{Distance from the chapter's location to Convention location})}{\text{Number of total Actives in the chapter}}$$

**Article IX  
Amendments**

- 9.1 Any part of this Constitution may be amended at any time by a simple majority of all eligible voting chapters of each organization.

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## Western District Convention Joint Session Minutes 2011

### Portland, Oregon

#### Session 1: Joint Opening Session March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

#### Convention Called to Order at: 4:10 pm

#### Opening Joint Session

Call to Order: March 25, 2011 at 4:10 pm

- I. Welcome
- II. Introduction of the Joint Western District Council
  - A. Presidents: Jonathan Saturay and Ryan Carle
  - B. VP/VPM: Sean Hunter and Eva Neves
  - C. Secretary-Treasurers: Dan Schweichler and Chelsea Cohen
  - D. MAL/VPSP: Jess Schlosser and Helen Cordova
  - E. Governors: Tanya Mash and Dr. Brad Townsend
  - F. Counselor: Trevor Angood
- III. Introduction of the National Officers/Board of Trustees Members/Special Guests
  - A. Kappa Kappa Psi:
    1. Derrick Mills, National President
    2. Adam Cantley, National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
    3. Mike Osborne, Past National President
    4. Dr. Malinda Matney, Past National President
  - B. Tau Beta Sigma:
    1. Dollie McDonald O'Neill, National President
    2. Dawn Farmer, National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
    3. Kathy Godwin, Past National President
    4. Kris Wright, Past Western District Counselor
  - C. National HQ:
    1. Lt. Col. Alan L. Bonner, USAF (ret.), National Executive Director
    2. Zac Humphrey, Kappa Kappa Psi Chapter Field Representative
  - D. Parliamentarians
    1. Jason Scapa, Psi, KKΨ
    2. Erik Wieben, Omicron, TBΣ
  - E. Webmaster
    1. Jeffrey Brown, Iota Pi, KKΨ
  - F. District Has-Beens
  - G. Life Members
  - H. Alumni
- IV. Reading of the Joint Mission Statement and WD Challenge
- V. Expectation Statement – Tanya Marsh, WD Governor and Trevor Angood, WD Counselor
  - A. Two Rules
    1. We don't bail you out.
    2. All national policies are in effect.
- VI. Seating of the Delegates
  - A. Kappa Kappa Psi
    - A. Gamma: Jen Arther
    - B. Theta: Matt Vogt
    - C. Psi: Charles Underhill

- D. Omega: Lauren Spradlin
  - E. Beta Omicron: Candace Roberts
  - F. Gamma Kappa: Grant Studer
  - G. Iota Alpha: Marc Capitulo
  - H. Iota Gamma: Jessica Parsons
  - I. Iota Iota: No Delegate
  - J. Iota Kappa: Dallas Grossaint
  - K. Iota Pi: Erin Stearns
  - L. Lambda Alpha: Charlene Ronne
  - M. Lambda Psi: Rachel Peterson
  - N. Mu Pi: Abbie Ortman
  - O. Mu Phi: Sarah Navarette
- B. Tau Beta Sigma
- A. Omicron: Annette Bowman
  - B. Omega: Tran Thai
  - C. Alpha Chi: Jenna Goldman
  - D. Epsilon Kappa: Rachel Goldman
  - E. Zeta Xi: Lisa Fleck
  - F. Eta Omega: Regina Harris
  - G. Theta Delta: Jess Christensen
  - H. Theta Eta: Amanda Dixon
- VII. Business
- A. Approval of the 2010 Western District Convention Minutes
  - B. Omega, KKΨ, moves to approve the minutes, Omega, TBΣ, seconds.
    - A. Motion passes unanimously
- VIII. Joint District President Report
- A. Jon Saturay and Ryan Carle, Western District Presidents
- IX. Appointment of Committees
- A. Joint Convention Site
    - A. Chairs: Stephen Barrett, Iota Kappa, KKΨ  
Rebecca Toda, Epsilon Kappa, TBΣ
    - B. Advisors: James Llamas, Psi, KKΨ  
Kris Wright, Past Western District Counselor, TBΣ
  - B. Joint Programs
    - A. Chairs: Grant Studer, Gamma Kappa, KKΨ  
Regina Harris, Eta Omega, TBΣ
    - B. Advisors: Jess Schlosser, Western District Member-at-Large, KKΨ  
Helen Cordova, Western District Vice President of Special Projects, TBΣ
  - C. Joint Jurisdiction
    - A. Chairs: Jason Scapa, Western District Parliamentarian, Psi, KKΨ  
Erik Wieben, Western District Parliamentarian, Omicron, TBΣ
    - B. Advisors: Adam Bates, Past Chapter Field Representative, KKΨ  
Kathy Godwin, Past National President, TBΣ
  - D. Joint Publications
    - A. Chairs: Jeffrey Brown, Iota Pi, KKΨ  
Clara Divelbiss, Eta Omega, TBΣ
    - B. Advisors: Zac Humphrey, Chapter Field Representative, KKΨ  
Annette Bowman, Past Vice President of Membership, TBΣ
  - E. Kappa Kappa Psi Nominations
    - A. Chair: Erin Stearns, Iota Pi, KKΨ
    - B. Advisors: Dr. Brad Townsend and Tanya Marsh, WD Governors, KKΨ
  - F. Tau Beta Sigma Nominations
    - A. Chair: Lauren Buzbee, Alpha Chi, TBΣ
    - B. Advisor: Trevor Angood, Western District Counselor, TBΣ
- X. Announcements

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- A. Host Chapters Introduction and Announcements
- B. Convention Schedule Overview
- C. Bidding for Convention
- D. Fundraiser Announcements
- E. Dietary Restrictions

Meeting Recessed: 4:41 PM

## Session 2: Joint Closing Session March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Closing Joint Session

Call to Order: 10:24 AM

#### I. Award Presentations

- A. Penny Wars Winner: Utaho
- B. Accent Submitters: Abigail Ahyong, Gamma, Marina Pueblos, Mu Phi, and Robyn Monroe, Psi
- C. Convention Display Winner:
  - 1. Honorable Mention: Mu Phi
  - 2. Winners: Gamma and Omicron
- D. Talent Show Entry Winner: Gamma

#### II. Reports

- A. Joint Programs Committee
  - 1. Grant Studer, Gamma Kappa, KKΨ  
Regina Harris, Eta Omega, TBΣ
- B. Joint Jurisdiction Committee
  - 1. Jason Scapa, Western District Parliamentarian, Psi, KKΨ  
Erik Wieben, Western District Parliamentarian, Omicron, TBΣ
- C. Joint Publications Committee
  - 1. Jeffrey Brown, Iota Pi, KKΨ  
Clara Divelbiss, Eta Omega, TBΣ
- D. Joint Convention Site Committee
  - 1. Stephen Barrett, Iota Kappa, KKΨ  
Rebecca Toda, Epsilon Kappa, TBΣ

#### III. New Business

- A. Jurisdiction
  - 1. Jon Saturay entertains a motion to approve the recommended changes to 4.3.2.5; Omega, KKΨ, so moves; Omega, TBΣ, seconds
    - a) Motion passes
  - 2. Jon Saturay entertains a motion to approve the recommended changes to 4.3.2.7; Mu Pi so moves; Theta Delta seconds
    - a) Motion passes
  - 3. Jon Saturay entertains a motion to approve the recommended changes to 1.2; Psi so moves; Epsilon Kappa seconds
    - a) Motion passes
  - 4. Jon Saturay entertains a motion to approve the recommended syntax changes to 4.2.1, 6.1, 4.2, 4.3.3, and 8.1; Iota Gamma so moves; Eta Omega seconds
    - a) Motion passes
  - 5. Jon Saturay entertains a motion to approve the recommended changes to 2.3; Gamma Kappa so moves; Alpha Chi seconds
    - a) Omega, KKΨ, moves to amend the change to say "time between the closing sessions of Western District Conventions"; Omega, TBΣ, seconds
      - (1) Motion fails
    - b) Epsilon Kappa moves to amend the change to say "A district year is defined as the time between the conclusion of closing sessions of Western District Conventions"; Mu Pi seconds
      - (1) Motion fails
    - c) Iota Gamma moves to amend the change to say "A district year is defined as the time between the adjournment of Western District Conventions"; Omicron seconds
      - (1) Motion passes

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- d) Motion passes
- 6. Jon Saturay entertains a motion to approve the recommended changes to 7.1; Theta so moves; Theta Eta seconds
  - a) Iota Gamma moves to strike "district" from 7.1.1; Omega, TBΣ, seconds
    - (1) Motion passes
  - b) Epsilon Kappa moves to amend 7.1.3 to say "new publisher from each organization; Iota Gamma seconds
    - (1) Motion passes
  - c) Epsilon Kappa moves to add "shall be active members in good standing" to 7.1.1; Iota Pi seconds
    - (1) Motion passes
  - d) Omega, TBΣ, moves to add an "s" to Publisher in 7.1.3; Iota Pi seconds
    - (1) Motion passes
  - e) Motion passes
- 7. Jon Saturay entertains a motion to approve the recommended changes to 5.4; Gamma so moves; Omicron seconds
  - a) Motion passes
- 8. Jon Saturay entertains a motion to approve the recommended changes to 3.5.2; Iota Alpha so moves; Eta Omega seconds
  - a) Omega, KKΨ, moves to amend the change to read "be responsible for coordinating the facilitation of"; Omega, TBΣ, seconds
    - (1) Motion rescinded by Omega, KKΨ
  - b) Omega, KKΨ, moves to amend the change to read "be responsible for coordinating the execution of"; Epsilon Kappa seconds
    - (1) Motion passes
  - c) Motion passes
- 9. Jon Saturay entertains a motion to approve the recommended changes to 4.1.1.7; Gamma Kappa so moves; Alpha Chi seconds
  - a) Motion passes
- 10. Slate for Convention Site: Gamma Kappa and Alpha Chi
  - a) Motion passes

#### IV. Introduction of Newly Elected Joint Western District Council

- A. Kappa Kappa Psi President – Charlene Ronne, Lambda Alpha
- B. Tau Beta Sigma President – Rachel Goldman, Epsilon Kappa
- C. Kappa Kappa Psi Vice President – VACANT
- D. Tau Beta Sigma Vice President of Membership – Ashley McFadden, Epsilon Kappa
- E. Kappa Kappa Psi Secretary-Treasurer – Amanda Selnick, Psi
- F. Tau Beta Sigma Secretary-Treasurer – VACANT
- G. Kappa Kappa Psi Member-at-Large – Emilio Romero, Omega
- H. Tau Beta Sigma Vice President of Special Projects – Jake Thompson, Omega

#### V. Final Words from the Joint Western District Presidents

#### VI. Adjournment

- A. Jon Saturay entertains a motion to adjourn Western District Convention 2011; Gamma/Theta/Iota Gamma so move; Alpha Chi/Gamma Kappa second
  - 1. Motion fails
- B. Jon Saturay and Ryan Carle adjourn Western District Convention 2011 at 11:36 a.m.

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**Portland, Oregon**

**2011 Joint Presidents' Report**

Brothers and Sisters of the Western District,

Welcome to Portland, Oregon and the 2011 Western District Convention. Along with our host chapters, we've been working hard for months to put this event together, and it's great to finally see this event come to fruition. Use the time this weekend to take advantage of everything that is being offered from workshops and committees to caucusing and bonding - take that step to grow even more as brothers and sisters, as leaders, as individuals!

This past year, you all have continued to prove why the Best are in the West. We have five chapters, that are currently being recognized on the national level for their hard work and dedication over the past biennium. Congratulations to the Psi and Iota Pi chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Omicron, Omega, and Epsilon Kappa chapters of Tau Beta Sigma! We continue to be the district that is at the forefront of Preserving the Honor and Taking a Stand for both organizations against hazing by upholding our purposes to serve the bands. And even though we are the largest district geographically, distance has never been an issue as we continue to have some of the strongest joint relations in the nation.

All of this has been seen throughout this District Season. At the 13th Annual Western District Leadership Conference, we served the bands in record time and worked together to ensure that our chapters would grow and develop when we all returned home.

State Days events were filled with team building, workshops, and service to the bands, bringing the brothers and sisters of Arizona, California, Utah, and Wagon even closer.

And even beyond our scheduled district events, you all have still managed to bond with other chapters across the district. From basketball tournaments, to degrees and random Disneyland trips, the bond between brothers and sisters has been strengthened over the many miles traveled.

Although our adjournment on Sunday marks the end to this amazing District Season, make sure to keep the spark and passion alive throughout the district, your chapter, and yourself. We charge you, the Western District, with the following to do just that:

It has been such a honor to serve as your Western District Presidents this year. Everything we have done this year would not have been possible without each of you. Thanks to all of the chapter presidents for your continuous hard work and dedication to our fraternity and sorority. Without you, the district would not be as great as it is now.

Charges for Joint Council:

- Be the example for Joint Relations. When you go to National Convention this summer, show off why the Best are truly in the West.
- Use each other as resources.
- Work hard, but remember to have fun.
- Get involved. Strive to attend more than just district events. Make an effort to visit chapters because the more you're connected with your chapters, the better you can serve them.

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- Always remember why you're a member of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. Keep the purposes and ideals in line with all of your actions.

Charges for the Brothers and Sisters of the Western District:

- Challenge all those around you, those in your chapter, your chapter leaders, your district officers, to truly be the best Brother or Sister that they can be.
- Truly live up to the purpose, joint mission, and challenge of the Western District. Remember, doing the most is the least you can do.
- Get involved! Whether it's chapter events or district or national events, don't just sit back and let things happen. Be a part of the process.
- Run for District Office, bid for Convention, apply for Parliamentarian and Webmaster!
- Have fun, embrace Brotherhood and Sisterhood, serve the bands, and continue to prove why the Best are in the West.

A special thank you to all of our host chapters this year-

Iota Alpha and Eta Omega for the 13th Annual District Leadership Conference

Gamma Kappa and Alpha Chi for Arizona State Days, Psi and Epsilon Kappa for California State Days, Omicron for Utah State Days, and Gamma for Wagon State Days.

And of course our Western District Convention Hosts, Gamma, Theta, and Iota Gamma.

Thank you to Beta Omicron and Alpha Chi, our home chapters, for your continued support and love.

Thank you to the Joint Western District Council - Sean, Eva, Jess, Helen, Dan, and Chelsea serving alongside of our wonderful Governors and Counselor, Tanya, Brad, and Trevor.

And of course, a HUGE thanks to you, the Brothers and Sisters of the Western District!

Strive for the highest for greater bands!

Respectfully Submitted in the Bond,

Jon Saturay and Ryan Carle

Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma

2010-11 Western District Presidents

**Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma**  
**Western District Convention Committee Reports**  
**Portland, Oregon**

**2011 Joint Convention Site Committee Report**

**Committee:** Joint Convention Site Committee  
**Chairs:** Stephen Barrett, Iota Kappa Chapter, KKΨ  
Rebecca Toda, Epsilon Kappa Chapter, TBΣ  
**Advisors:** James Llamas, KKΨ  
Kris Wright, TBΣ  
Eva Neves, Western District Vice President of Membership, TBΣ

**The Joint Convention Site Committee Shall:**

1. Review the 2010 Joint Convention Site Committee Report
2. Review all Bid Packets and Interview Chapters Bidding to Host Western District Convention 2012
3. Determine each Bidding Chapters' Eligibility
4. Prepare a list of questions to ask the Bid Teams during their Presentations
5. Set-Up Times for Bid Teams to present their Bid Presentation
6. Prepare a Slate for the 2012 Western District Convention Host(s)
7. Review the "How To Bid for Convention" Guide and provide recommendations in the Final Committee Report

**Joint Convention Site Committee is Charged to:**

1. Submit any recommended changes to the bylaws to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first session.
2. Review the 2010 Convention Site Committee Report.
3. Review all bids and interview all bidding chapters for Convention Site 2012.
4. Prepare a slate for the 2012 Western District Convention Host(s).
5. Review the current "How to Bid for District Convention" and the "Bid Selection Checklist" documents.
6. Review the "How to Host District Convention" document, if created.
7. Consider amending the Western District Joint Constitution to reference the "How to Host District Convention" document, if created.

**According to the Joint Western District Constitution:**

- 5.5 The Convention Site Committee shall:
- 5.5.1 Evaluate the eligibility, in accordance with 4.1, of all bids to host the next Western District Convention and slate one (1) bid to be presented to the Joint Western District.
  - 5.5.2 Have the authority to waive any bid requirement, except 4.1.1.1 and 4.1.1.4.
  - 5.5.3 Review and revise the *How to Bid for Convention* document, which may include requirements, recommendations, and suggestions directed towards prospective bidding chapter(s).

**AND**

- 4.4 A regularly called convention of the Western District shall be held in the Spring of each year.
- 4.4.1 Bids for the Western District Convention shall conform to the following requirements:
- 4.4.1.1 The chapter(s) must be active and in good standing with the National Headquarters of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.
  - 4.4.1.2 The chapter(s) must be financially able to host the Western District Convention, and must be able to provide proof of financial stability for the last two (2) years.
  - 4.4.1.3 The Sponsor(s) must submit an evaluation of the chapter(s).
  - 4.4.1.4 The bid must comply with convention site policy as determined by the National Councils of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

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- 4.4.1.5 The bid must be flexible enough to include a minimum of one (1) of the following dates:  
     Last weekend in March  
     First weekend in April  
     Second weekend in April
- 4.4.1.6 All bids to host Western District Convention shall be submitted to the Western District Governor(s) and Counselor(s) a minimum of two (2) weeks before the upcoming Western District Convention.
- 4.4.2 In the event that no bids are submitted within the required timeline, as previously specified, or that the Joint Western District does not decide on a site and host(s) for the next Western District Convention, the convention site and host(s) shall be decided by the Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Governor(s) and the Tau Beta Sigma Western District Counselor(s).
- 4.1.4 Chapters may seat proxy delegates in committees at the discretion of the chapter and Governor(s) or District Counselor based on the chapter proxy form.

**Discussion:**

Friday, March 25, 2011

Call to order at 6:00 pm

- Discussed presidential charges as well as charges from 2010 Joint Convention Site Committee
- Went over requirements for bidding for convention
- Discussed changes to be made to the bylaws
- Submitted amendment to have the "Bid Selection Checklist for Western District Convention" as a required document as 4.1.1.7
- Decided on the presentation time of chapters bidding for Western District Convention 2012
- Compiled a list of general questions to be asked.
- Asked representatives to bring questions back from chapters to Saturday's meeting
- Meeting adjourned at 7:?? pm

Saturday, March 26, 2011

Call to order at 9:00 am

- Gathered questions from committee representatives to ask the chapters bidding for Western District Convention 2012
- Gamma Kappa and Alpha Chi presented their bid at 9:15am
- Questions presented to Gamma Kappa and Alpha Chi
- Mu Phi presented their bid at 10:00 am
- Questions presented to Mu Phi
- Committee discussed both convention bids
- Formal vote was taken for slate
- Changes made to "Bid Selection Checklist" document
  
- Charges discussed for 2012 Joint Convention Site Committee as well as 2011-2012 Joint Western District Council
- Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am

**Charges:**

The 2011 Joint Convention Site Committee charges the Western District Joint Council to:

1. Review the "How to Bid for District Convention" and the "Bid Selection Checklist for Western District Convention" documents to ensure consistency.
2. Review the "Bid Selection Checklist for Western District Convention" document for relevance specifically pertaining to the "Itinerary" section.

The 2011 Joint Convention Site Committee charges the Western District Presidents of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma with the following:

1. Ensure the creation of the "How to Host District Convention" document since it was charged in 2010 but not completed.

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2. Update the "How to Host District Convention" document to ensure consistency with any jurisdictional changes.
3. Provide the Convention Site Committee members with the bidding packets one week prior to Western District Convention.
4. Supply Convention Site Committee with a whiteboard or projector with adaptor for PC/Mac to run committee meetings efficiency
5. Ensure that the "How to Bid for Convention" and the "Bid Selection Checklist for Western District Convention" documents be available on the Western District Website.

The 2011 Joint Convention Site Committee charges the Western District Secretary-Treasurer of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma with the following:

1. Ensure that the host chapters of this year's Western District Convention compile a "Convention Hits and Misses" document expressing what went well and what can be improved upon in terms of hosting Western District Convention.
2. Ensure that the previously named document is received by the host chapters of the upcoming Western District Convention by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The 2011 Joint Convention Site Committee charges the 2012 Joint Convention Site Committee with the following:

1. Submit any recommended changes to the bylaws to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first session.
2. Review the 2011 Convention Site Committee Report.
3. Review all bids and interview all bidding chapters for Convention Site 2013.
4. Prepare a slate for the 2013 Western District Convention Host(s).
5. Review the current "How to Bid for District Convention" and the "Bid Selection Checklist" documents found on the Western District Website.

#### **Recommendations:**

The 2011 Joint Convention Site Committee recommends:

1. That brothers and sisters sitting on the committee who are also members of chapters bidding for Western District Convention maintain a high level of professionalism, as if they were not part of their chapter's bid presentation process.

#### **Slate for Convention Hosts 2012:**

The 2011 Joint Convention Site Committee recommends the following slate for Convention Hosts for the 2012 Western District Convention:

1. Gamma Kappa, Alpha Chi "Music Amongst the Pines", Flagstaff, AZ

#### **Acknowledgements:**

We would like to thank Danielle Aguilar for being our fantastic scribe during the Joint Convention Site Committee meetings. We would also like to thank Gamma Kappa and Alpha Chi and Mu Phi Chapters for submitting bids. Finally, we would like to thank our entire committee and our advisors James Llamas, Kris Wright, and Eva Neves for their valuable insight and guidance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Barrett  
Iota Kappa Chapter  
Kappa Kappa Psi

Rebecca Toda  
Epsilon Kappa Chapter  
Tau Beta Sigma

**Joint Convention Site Committee Members:**

Kappa Kappa Psi:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Michael Komatsu	Gamma
Danielle Aguilar	Theta
Katrina Madlansacay	Psi
Tatlin Barber	Omega
Cory Lemke	Beta Omicron
Lisa Timpani	Gamma Kappa
James LaFave	Iota Gamma
Alaric Albiso	Iota Kappa
Karissa Fin	Iota Pi
Hannah Martin	Lambda Alpha
Marisa Smith	Mu Pi

Tau Beta Sigma:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Kurtis Livingston	Omicron
Jenna Goldman	Alpha Chi
Sarah Cox	Epsilon Kappa
Lisa Fleck	Zeta Xi
Melinda LaRochelle	Eta Omega

## 2011 Joint Jurisdiction Committee Report

**Committee:** Joint Jurisdiction Committee  
**Chairs:** Jason Scapa, Western District Parliamentarian, Psi Chapter, KKΨ  
Erik Wieben, Western District Parliamentarian, Omicron Chapter, TBΣ  
**Advisors:** Adam Bates, KKΨ  
Kathy Godwin, TBΣ

### The Joint Jurisdiction Committee Shall:

1. Review the 2010 Joint Jurisdiction Committee Report.
2. Sweep Constitution for grammar and spelling errors.
3. Investigate opportunities to consolidate similar clauses in the Joint Western District Constitution.
4. Fix any discrepancies or contradictions in the Joint Constitution.
5. Review all suggested changes to the Joint Constitution in terms of language and constitutionality.
6. Funnel all recommended changes to the Joint Constitution through any committees that may be affected by the change.

### Joint Jurisdiction Committee is Charged to:

The 2010 Joint Jurisdiction Committee charges the 2011 Joint Parliamentarians with the following:

1. Jointly comb through the Western District Joint Constitution and critically examine when the words "District" and "Chapter(s)" should be capitalized and when they should be lowercased based on context and usage.
2. Continue the paper distribution of drafted proposals for constitutional amendments to the members of the Joint Jurisdiction Committee and improve upon the process by making it easier for members of the Committee to sift through the different handouts during scheduled meetings.

### According to the Joint Western District Constitution:

5.3 The Jurisdiction Committee shall:

- 5.3.1 Examine all proposed changes to the Joint Western District Constitution.

### Discussion:

The 2011 Joint Jurisdiction Committee met and discussed the charges from the 2010 Joint Jurisdiction Committee, the proposals presented by the Joint Western District Committees, and all other submitted proposals from the active membership. Specifically, we examined the state of the publications committee and *The Accent*, site committee recommendations, and other district matters. Upon revision of these items, the 2011 Joint Jurisdiction Committee produced the recommendations and charges listed below.

### Charges:

The 2011 Joint Jurisdiction Committee charges the 2012 Joint Jurisdiction Committee with the following:

1. Examine the definition of the term "year" in the constitution. Discuss whether a year refers to the district year, calendar year, fiscal year, or just 365 days.
2. Establish grammatical changes before starting "new business" within a recommendation. This will make the discussion run smoother by hammering out all wording and language discrepancies before the examination of the motion as a viable amendment.

The 2011 Joint Jurisdiction Committee charges the 2012 Joint Western District Officers with the following:

1. Evaluate the necessity of a framework for DLC in the Joint Western District Constitution and if deemed necessary drafted said framework.

### Recommendations:

The 2011 Joint Jurisdiction Committee recommends that:

1. Article 4.3.2.5 be amended to add "Fullerton College" below San Jose State University and remove "Diablo Valley College" from the California State Days Rotation.
2. Article 4.3.2.7 be amended to read: "Wagon States Days Rotation".

3. Article 4.3, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.2.1, 4.3.2.3, 4.3.3 be amended to read: "State(s) Days" instead of "State Days"
4. Article 1.2 be amended to read: "The Western District commits itself to the highest standard of individual, Chapter and District responsibility. In an effort to achieve this goal, each member and chapter will turn in every form, receipt, fee, and application, complete and on time, every time. The Western District challenges all Districts to exceed our high commitment to excellence. Doing the most is the least you can do."
5. Article 4.2.1 be amended to read: "A passing vote on Joint District matters is a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote from each separate council." to "A passing vote in Joint District Matters shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority approval within both separate councils."
6. Article 4.2 be amended to read: "three times per year".
7. Article 6.1 be amended to read: "the District".
8. Article 4.2, 4.3.3, and 8.1 to be amended to capitalize "District".
9. Article 8.1 to be amended to capitalize "National".
10. Add new Article 2.3 to read: "A district year is defined as the time between Western District Conventions"
11.  Article 7.1 be amended to to read:
  - 7.1 The Western District Publication shall be The Accent.
    - 7.1.1 The Joint Western District Accent Publishers shall serve for a term of one (1) District year, with no limit to the number of terms that may be served.
    - 7.1.2 The Joint Western District Council shall review all applications received for Publishers by thirty (30) days after the conclusion of Convention and shall appoint a Publisher from each organization to the position within two (2) weeks.
    - 7.1.3 The Joint Western District Council shall appoint a new Publisher from Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma within thirty (30) days of any vacancy.
    - 7.1.4 In the event that there are no applicants for Publishers the publication shall fall under the discretion of the Joint Western District Council.
    - 7.15 Submissions that will be considered for the "Best Of" Edition of the Accent are due no later than:
 

Fall	November 1
Winter	March 1
Spring	Two (2) weeks after the Western District Convention
    - 7.1.6 The Accent "Best Of Edition" must be published at least three (3) times per year:
 

Fall	November 15
Winter	March 15
Spring	Four (4) weeks after the Western District Convention
    - 7.1.7 The Publishers shall distribute a minimum of one (1) copy of the Accent "Best Of Edition" per District Officer, Governor or Counselor, Chapter, and Colony of both organizations in the Western District as well as all National Officers. In addition, the Publishers must provide an electronic copy to the Western District Webmaster.
    - 7.1.8 In the event that the Publishers become unable to fulfill the publication requirements, the Joint Western District Council may vote to revoke the privilege of publishing The Accent "Best of Edition" from said Publishers.
      - 7.1.8.1 In the event that the publication rights have been revoked, publishing duties shall fall under the discretion of the Joint Western District Council.
12. Article 5.4 to be amended to read as follows.
  - 5.4 The Publications Committee shall:
    - 5.4.1 Evaluate the effectiveness of the current format of The Accent.
    - 5.4.2 Evaluate the effectiveness of the website and the Listserv.
    - 5.4.3 Include The Accent Publishers and the Webmaster on the committee.
13. Article 3.5.2 be amended to read: "Be responsible for coordinating The Accent with the Publishers."
14. Add new Article 4.1.1.7 to read: "The chapter(s) must address all items from the "Bid Selection Checklist for Western District Convention" in their bid packet."
15. Renumber remaining constitutional amendments accordingly to reflect new additions and subtractions.

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**Acknowledgements:**

- Kelsey Reilly, for serving as the 2011 Joint Jurisdiction Committee Secretary, elected by "nose goes".
- Adam Bates and Kathy Godwin, for serving as the 2011 Joint Jurisdiction Committee advisors and enthusiastically responding to all of our needs throughout discussion, and for offering us the opportunity to truly lead our joint meetings.
- Tanya Marsh, Brad Townsend, and Trevor Angood, for serving as the Western District Governors and the Western District Counselor, and prepping both of us as Western District Parliamentarians and our Joint Jurisdiction Committee for success through their tireless work before Convention began.
- Ryan Carle and Jonathan Saturay, for offering us guidance, thorough recommendations, and many useful resources, both before and during Convention.
- Finally, the 2011 Joint Jurisdiction Committee, for incredible endurance and for their intense enthusiasm for discussion. None of this would have been possible without your flexibility, dedication, and tireless efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Scapa  
Western District Parliamentarian  
Psi Chapter  
Kappa Kappa Psi

Erik Wieben  
Western District Parliamentarian  
Omicron Chapter  
Tau Beta Sigma

**Joint Jurisdiction Committee Members:**

Kappa Kappa Psi:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
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Matt Vogt	Theta
Brendan Homnick	Psi
Emilio Romero	Omega
Spencer Arias	Beta Omicron
Jane Oliver	Gamma Kappa
Andrew Detering	Iota Gamma
Janessa Gohn	Iota Kappa
Maggie Marastsos	Iota Pi
Seth Strickland	Lambda Alpha
Corey Higham	Lambda Psi
Abbie Ortman	Mu Pi
Michael Gonzalez	Mu Phi

Tau Beta Sigma:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
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Kelsey Reilly	Omega
Theresa Chidester	Alpha Chi
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Rakan Abu-Rahma	Zeta Xi
Katie Mendonca	Eta Omega
Devon Harris	Theta Delta
Kamari Hale	Theta Eta



## 2011 Joint Programs Committee Report

**Committee:** Joint Programs Committee  
**Chair(s):** Grant Studer, Gamma Kappa Chapter, KKΨ  
Regina Harris, Eta Omega Chapter, TBΣ  
**Advisor(s):** Jess Schlosser, Western District Member-at-Large, KKΨ  
Helen Cordova Western District Vice President of Special Projects, TBΣ

### The Joint Programs Committee Shall:

1. Review the 2010 Programs Committee Report.
2. Determine the "For Music's Sake" award winner based on submissions and guidelines.
3. Determine the "For Service's Sake" award winner based on submissions and guidelines.
4. Determine the "For Community's Sake" award winner based on submissions and guidelines.
5. Determine the "Chapter Participation" Award Winner based on the formula.
6. Determine the "Delegate Distance" Award Winner based on the formula.
7. Review all Joint Programs Committee related jurisdictional charges in the supplementary document prepared by the Joint Western District Council

### Joint Programs Committee is Charged to:

*To the 2010-2011 Joint Programs Committee chairs:*

*Distribute all award submissions and other relevant materials to committee members at least one week prior to Western District Convention 2011.*

*To the 2010-2011 Joint Programs Committee members:*

1. *Submit any proposed constitutional changes to the Jurisdiction committee by the end of the first session.*
2. *Read all relevant materials submitted to you by your committee chairs prior to the first session of Joint Programs Committee.*

### According to the Joint Western District Constitution:

- 5.2 The Programs Committee shall:
- 5.2.1 Examine new ideas for improving music awareness and service through Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.
  - 5.2.2 Evaluate the candidates, and select recipients for each of the following awards, as laid out in Article VIII:  
  
For Music's Sake  
For Service's Sake  
For Community's Sake  
Delegate Distance Award  
Chapter Participation Award

### AND

- 8.7 The Chapter of the Year Award shall be presented in recognition of an outstanding chapter. The qualifications for this award shall be: district and national participation, Brotherly and Sisterly bonds, adherence to the Western District Challenge, chapter growth and retention, and exemplary service to its college band programs. The winner shall be decided by the Joint Western District Council
- 8.8 The For Music's Sake Award shall be presented in recognition of the project that best promotes community service related to music.
- 8.9 The For Service's Sake Award shall be presented in recognition of the project that best promotes service to college bands.
- 8.10 The For Community's Sake Award shall be presented in recognition of the project that best promotes community service. The project may involve music, but must be held for a purpose not specifically related to music.
- 8.11 The Delegate Distance Award shall be presented in recognition of the delegate(s) who travel the furthest distance to Convention.

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- 8.12 The Chapter Participation Award shall be presented in recognition of the chapter that traveled the furthest distance to Convention, with the greatest percentage of total active membership, according to the following formula:

(Number of chapter's Actives at Convention) X (Distance from the chapter's location to Convention location)

Number of total Actives in the chapter

**Discussion:**

We asked the chapter representatives to read through the packets before WD Convention. We took time to allow representatives to read through the For Community's Sake awards because not everyone read submissions prior to our initial meeting. We charged the committee to read through the remaining submissions overnight and return with their top 3 choices, and pros and cons of each category. We were charged with editing the Western District Challenge to make it sound more professional. We also discussed making it grammatically consistent.

For Music's Sake: The committee discussed how each project tied into the purposes and ideals of each organization. We also considered the number of people participating in each project, the impact of each project, and the level of innovation involved in the project.

For Service's sake: The committee discussed the percentage of the chapter involved and the amount of time invested. We discussed the ways in the band program of each chapter benefitted from the project as well as the uniqueness of each project.

For Community's Sake: The committee discussed the impact that the project had on the community, the motivation driving the project, as well as the incorporation of our love for music.

We discussed ways to distribute the submissions for awards so that the chapters of the district can share and learn from the ideas of their fellow chapters. We also discussed recording feedback for the chapters that submitted for awards.

**Charges:**

TO THE JOINT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Find a way to recognize and acknowledge the scope of Service by Chapters. Consider creating an award to encompass the entirety of projects executed by a Chapter within the past year

1. Maintain neutrality in evaluating and considering all service projects, especially those from your own chapter.

TO THE ΚΚΨ MEMBER-AT-LARGE AND ΤΒΣ VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

Consider how to make the For Sake Application more effective, and clarify what is expected out of a For Sake application.

TO THE WESTERN DISTRICT:

Ensure that your Chapter has a voice in our discussion.

Be as thorough as possible in completing applications for For Sake Awards.

Submit more applications, even if they may be done by other chapters. The awards exist to recognize all of the service done by each chapter

**Recommendations:**

Send all of the For Sake applications to various chapters, or upload them to the website.

Ensure that someone records feedback on various Service events during discussion.

Release feedback gained during Joint Programs Committee discussions to Chapters.

**Award Recipients:**

The Honorable Mention in the For Music’s Sake Award goes to Epsilon Kappa for their Girl Scout work in the LA area, because it encouraged a large number of girls to take an interest in music, and to Gamma for their Continuing Music at A University Level Presentation, because of it’s potential impact on recruitment for university bands.

For Music’s Sake: **Theta Eta and Iota Iota** for their Music Literacy night. The chapter worked with a local elementary school to help students and parents learn how to teach reading and math skills to their children through music. The project involved coordinating with music teachers and collegiate students, and helped roughly 1,000 elementary students and their parents learn about the benefits of music in life.

The Honorable Mentions in the For Service’s Sake Award go to Psi for their Field Painting project, Iota Pi for their Epic Day Of Service, and Gamma for their organizing of the UW upper campus library.

For Service’s Sake: **Mu Phi** for their Symphonic Winds retreat. The chapter organized and executed a three day retreat for their concert band program. The project showed great initiative and involved the chapter greatly in service to the concert band program.

The Honorable Mention for this project goes to the Omega Chapters for their participation in Ben’s Bells, a group that paints chimes and distributes them randomly around Tucson to symbolize random acts of kindness.

For Community’s Sake: **Omega and Omega** for their Holiday Concert for Charity. The group raised over \$450 which was donated to the Crisis Nursery. The project was notable because it used the Chapters’ gift in music to aid a community program in a way that wasn’t related to music.

**Acknowledgements:**

Thank you to the Western District for submitting applications for all awards.

Thank you to the 2011 Joint Programs Committee for making this weekend both fun and productive. The innovations we discussed will help the district achieve at a higher level this year.

Thank you to Erik Kveton for taking minutes this weekend.

Thank you to Jess Schlosser and Helen Cordova for your guidance this weekend.

Thank you to Jon Saturday and Ryan Carle for the opportunity to serve the district as committee chairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kappa Kappa Psi

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Lambda Alpha  
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Amanda Carol

Natalie Behl

CHAPTER

Omicron

Alpha Chi

Epsilon Kappa

Eta Omega

Theta Delta

Theta Eta

# 2011 Joint Publications Committee Report

**Committee:** Joint Publications Committee  
**Chair(s):** Jeffrey Brown, WD Webmaster, Iota Pi Chapter, KKΨ  
Clara Divelbiss, Eta Omega Chapter, TBΣ  
**Advisor(s):** Zac Humphrey, KKΨ  
Annette Bowman, TBΣ

## The Joint Publications Committee Shall:

1. Review the 2010 Joint Publications Committee Report
2. Review and Revise the Joint WD Constitution to correlate with the new Blog format of *The Accent*

## Joint Publications Committee is Charged to:

1. Submit all proposed changes to the Constitution to the Joint Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first session.
2. Review the 2010 Publications Committee Report.
3. Consider implementing a default *Accent* publication rotation to take effect if no bids are submitted for *The Accent*. This can be utilized similar to the state-days rotation.
4. Evaluate the role of the committee and submit changes (if any) to the Joint Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first session. The evaluation should include considering the role of the committee in not only slating the publisher of *The Accent* but to include District-wide communication and the Western District Website.

## According to the Joint Western District Bylaws:

- 5.4 The Publications Committee shall:
- 5.4.1 Evaluate the eligibility of all bids to publish *The Accent* in accordance with Article VII.
  - 5.4.2 Have the authority to waive any of these requirements.
  - 5.4.3 Review the requirements, recommendations, and suggestions directed toward prospective bidding chapter(s).

## AND

- 7.3 The Western District Publication shall be *The Accent*.
- 7.3.1 Bids for *The Accent* shall state in written form why the chapter(s) wish to publish *The Accent*, as well as the method that shall be used and a proposed sample:
  - 7.3.2 The bidding chapter(s) must be responsible for overseeing the production and publication of *The Accent*.
  - 7.3.3 In the event that there is no bid for *The Accent*, or that no bid meets the requirements, the publication shall fall under the discretion of the Western District Council.
  - 7.3.4 *The Accent* must be published at least three (3) times per year.

Spring	Four (4) weeks after the Western District Convention
Fall	November 15
Winter	March 15
  - 7.3.5 Submissions to the publishing chapter(s) of *The Accent* are due no later than:

Spring	Two (2) weeks after the Western District Convention
Fall	November 1
Winter	March 1
  - 7.3.6 The publishing chapter(s) shall distribute a minimum of one (1) copy per District Officer, Governor or Counselor, Chapter, and Colony of both organizations in the Western District as well as all National Officers. In addition, the publishing chapter(s) must provide an electronic copy to the Western District Webmaster.
  - 7.3.7 In the event that the publishing chapter(s) become unable to fulfill the publication requirements, the Western District Council may vote to revoke the privilege of publishing *The Accent* from said chapter(s).

- 7.3.7.1 In the event that the publication rights have been revoked, publishing duties shall fall under the discretion of the Western District Council.

**Discussion:**

The 2011 Publications Committee discussed and reviewed the charges thoroughly. The committee evaluated the new "blog" style format for *The Accent*. It was determined that the new format is easy and convenient for members of the district to view and submit articles. The committee reviewed the number and quality of submissions and determined that prompts helped guide and encourage submissions. An incentive for a random drawing t-shirt to submission authors was also effective at bringing in more submissions. As a result, the committee encourages continuation and expansion of prompts and incentives. The committee also discussed how new articles are promoted and uploading stories in other formats.

The committee discussed the vision for *The Accent* and its purpose within the Western District. It was determined that the purpose of *The Accent* is to:

- Share experiences within the district
- Increase communication within the district
- Share ideas for fundraising and service projects
- Express feelings and thoughts within the district

Ideas were presented with the idea of increasing the quality of publications and lift responsibility from the council and the district webmaster. The primary idea discussed is to appoint one publisher from each organization (Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma) to be responsible for moderation, promotion, and publication of individual articles as well as a fall, winter, and spring publication. This publication would be compiled by the publishers as a review of the best articles since the prior publication. The publisher positions would be appointed by each respective district council in a process similar to that of the Western District Webmaster.

After discussing and refining the primary idea, the committee determined the appropriate constitutional changes required to implement this new vision. These amendments consisted of moving *The Accent* away from its current form as a chapter publication and creating bylaws to describe the "Best of" edition of *The Accent*.

Following the revamp of *The Accent*, the publications committee evaluated itself and reviewed its purposes. It was determined that the committee shall remain as a standing committee to evaluate the changes and implementation of changes made from prior years. In addition to the aforementioned responsibilities, the committee felt that it was appropriate and within the committee's jurisdiction to evaluate the district website and the Western District Listserv. In accordance with this determination, bylaw changes were proposed to include these new responsibilities. The committee also felt that it would be beneficial to request the presence of the webmaster and the publishers sitting on future Publications committee meetings and suggested proper bylaws changes as such.

Keeping in mind these alterations to the vision of publications for the Western District, the 2011 Publications Committee issued the following charges:

**Charges:**

**The 2012 Joint Publications Committee**

1. Submit all proposed changes to the Constitution to the Joint Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first session.
2. Review the 2011 Publications Committee Report.
3. Evaluate *The Accent* publisher positions and their effectiveness at improving the quality of the publications.
4. Review all constitutional changes made at the 2011 Western District Convention.

**The Western District Webmaster**

1. Consider the idea of creating a user guide to the Western District Listserv. This guide would serve as a resource to making the Listserv more efficient and effective in communication.
2. Continue to innovate and try new things. The internet is constantly changing! By staying on top of the latest and greatest you can ensure that the district utilizes technology in the most effective means possible.

#### **The Joint Western District Council**

1. We charge the council with being more aware and having better and more effective electronic communication. The council should specifically focus on elimination of emails sent out that contain repetitive and/or duplicate information previously addressed.
2. Continue to publicize and encourage greater use of the Western District Website and the Western District Listserv.

#### **The Western District**

1. We charge chapter presidents and secretaries to continue taking a more active role in using and encouraging the use of available District resources.
2. We charge the Western District to keep the Western District Webmaster informed of chapter information and updates for the Western District Website.
3. We charge the general population of the Western District to submit quality articles to *The Accent* and regularly read submissions from other members.

#### **Recommendations:**

All recommendations made by the committee were charged to the appropriate person(s).

#### **Acknowledgements:**

We would like to thank those awesome people who volunteered to be a part of our open committee. Your ideas and input were extremely valuable and shaped the future of district publications and of the committee itself. A special thank you to our advisors Zac Humphrey and Annette Bowman. Your guidance and insight were critical in our success and efficiency as a committee. Thank you to our secretaries Rachael Vanderbeek and Meghan Payne for their awesome secretarial skills and one less worry for us. Thank you to the Western District Councils for giving us the opportunity to chair this committee and for having the confidence in our ability to succeed. Without the support and interest of the district, the publications committee would be null and void, and in that respect thank you to everyone for giving us a purpose.

As a side note of additional acknowledgement, as district webmaster (Jeffrey Brown), I would like to thank the entire district for their support, ideas, and overall enthusiasm regarding the website. I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to serve the district in this manner and am grateful for the opportunity. Being able to lead the publications committee was certainly an unexpected but beneficial supplement to the position!

We have had a pleasure serving as the publications committee chairs for this year and cannot wait to see how our vision has an effect on the future of the Western District and its publications. **As always, the Best are in the West!**<sup>o</sup>

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Brown  
Iota Pi Chapter  
Kappa Kappa Psi  
WD Webmaster

Clara "ziNniA" Divelbiss  
Eta Omega Chapter

Tau Beta Sigma

**Joint Publications Committee 2011 Members:**

Kappa Kappa Psi:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Jeffrey Brown (Chair)	Iota Pi
Robyn Monroe (Secretary)	Psi
Meghan Payne (Secretary)	Theta
Zac Humphrey (Advisor)	Beta Omicron/CFR
Morgan Von Poppenheim	Theta
Rachael Vanderbeek	Theta
Alexis Howell	Iota Pi
Derek Lee	Beta Omicron

Tau Beta Sigma:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Clara Divelbiss (Chair)	Eta Omega
Annette Bowman (Advisor)	Omicron
Amanda Dixon	Theta Eta
Heather Smith	Omicron



**Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma**  
**Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Constitution**  
**Revised: March 27th, 2011**

**I. General**

- 1.1 The Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Constitution is to be used in conjunction with Section V of the National Constitution and the Western District Joint Constitution.
- 1.2 Kappa Kappa Psi recognizes Tau Beta Sigma as an equally associated organization with similar purpose, function, and role in the college and university band setting.
- 1.3 A District year is defined as the time between Western District Conventions.

**II. Officers**

- 2.1 In addition to the duties stated in the National Constitution, the duties of the Western District President shall be as follows:
  - 2.1.1 The President shall contact the presidents of all chapters in the District a minimum of two (2) times during the first six (6) months of office, and a minimum of two (2) times during the second six (6) months of office.
  - 2.1.2 The President shall notify the host chapter(s) of the guidelines for District Convention, as determined by the District Council. Said notification shall be made at least six (6) months prior to Convention.
- 2.2 In addition to the duties stated in the National Constitution, the duties of the Western District Vice President shall be as follows:
  - 2.2.1 The Vice President shall be responsible for communicating with the vice presidents of all chapters within the District, with regard to expansion and member retention, a minimum of two (2) times during the first six (6) months of office, and a minimum of two (2) times during the second six (6) months of office.
  - 2.2.2 The Vice President shall coordinate colonization activities.
  - 2.2.3 The Vice President shall also be responsible for coordinating educational content and updates made to the Western District Website.
- 2.3 In addition to the duties stated in the National Constitution, the duties of the Western District Secretary-Treasurer shall be as follows:
  - 2.3.1 The Secretary-Treasurer shall provide the Western District with a proposed budget for the upcoming District year at least two (2) weeks prior to convention.
  - 2.3.2 The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a ledger of the Western District's income and expenditures.
  - 2.3.3 The Secretary-Treasurer shall compile and publish a roster of names and contact information of all Western District Kappa Kappa Psi Officers by June 1 for Semester Schools and June 15 for Quarter Schools, and shall update said roster by October 15. Copies of said District roster shall be

provided to all District Officers, Governors, Chapters, and Colonies within the Western District.

2.3.4 The Secretary-Treasurer shall compile and publish a roster of names and contact information of all the Western District Membership by December 1, and shall update said list by March 1. Copies of said District roster shall be provided to all District Officers, Governors, Chapters, and Colonies within the Western District.

2.3.4.1 Chapters shall provide the Secretary-Treasurer with a roster of names and contact information of active chapter membership by November 15. Chapters shall be ineligible to apply for District awards until said roster is submitted.

2.3.5 The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the reproduction and distribution of the current Constitution from the Western District Convention.

2.3.6 The Secretary-Treasurer shall contact the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of each chapter in the Western District a minimum of one (1) time during the first six (6) months of office, and a minimum of one (1) time during the second six (6) months of office.

2.4 In addition to the duties stated in the National Constitution, the duties of the Western District Member-at-Large shall be as follows:

2.4.1 The Member-at-Large shall assist the District Vice President with internal and external expansion, colonization, and the promotion of communication between all chapters and colonies of the District.

2.4.2 The Member-at-Large shall contact all chapters and colonies in the District a minimum of two (2) times during the first six (6) months of office, and a minimum of two (2) times during the second six (6) months of office. The Member-at-Large shall conduct an in-depth interview and offer feedback in order to assess the strengths, weaknesses, and needs of each chapter and colony.

2.4.3 All information collected by the Member-at-Large shall be drafted into a detailed report. Copies of said report shall be sent to each Western District Officer and Governor.

2.4.4 The Member-at-Large shall be responsible for assisting in the preparation of workshops for District Convention.

2.5 The Parliamentarian shall serve as a parliamentary procedure advisor to the District.

2.5.1 The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the District Council after all the submitted applications have been reviewed by the District Council.

2.5.1.1 "The Parliamentarian shall be decided no later than three (3) weeks before the District Convention."

2.5.2 The Parliamentarian shall be an active member and shall not be a voting member of the District Council.

2.5.3 The Parliamentarian shall chair the Jurisdiction Committee.

2.5.3.1 The Parliamentarian shall provide a copy of the separate Western District Constitution to the members of the Jurisdiction Committee.

2.6 Candidates for District Office must submit the following:

- 2.6.1 A written application, stating office sought, as distributed by the Western District Council.
- 2.6.2 A brief written recommendation, signed by one chapter executive officer, stating the candidate's status within the chapter and expressing chapter support for the candidate.
- 2.6.3 A written recommendation from the Chapter Sponsor verifying the candidate's academic standing.
- 2.7 Each officer shall hold no more than two (2) consecutive District year terms in the same office.
- 2.8 A District Officer shall be removed from office if sufficient grounds exist to remove the Officer. The Officer's removal shall be requested by a chapter, District Officer, or District Governor, according to the following procedures:
  - 2.8.1 A formal complaint against the Officer in question must be sent to the District Governor(s). Said complaint must contain a complete list of charges and grievances against the Officer, with documentation.
  - 2.8.2 After receiving a formal complaint, the District Governor(s) shall mediate an impartial and balanced review of the charges and grievances against said Officer. Following the review, a two-thirds (2/3) vote from the remaining voting members of the District Council, as well as the approval of the District Governor(s), shall be necessary for the impeachment of the Officer. After such impeachment, the remaining District Council shall submit a detailed report of the allegations, evidence, analysis, and judgment to the active chapters of the District.
  - 2.8.3 Following the distribution of the impeachment report, active Chapters of the District shall have fourteen (14) days to submit a vote on the impeachment. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote amongst those Chapters which submit their votes within the above timeframe shall be sufficient to remove the Officer from office.
  - 2.8.4 Upon removal, the Office in question shall be declared vacant, and regular procedures to fill a vacancy shall commence.
- 2.9 If a vacancy occurs in a District Office, the vacancy shall be filled according to the following procedures:
  - 2.9.1 In the event that a District Office is left vacant by election or vacated mid-term, all chapters, for a period of ten (10) days, may submit to the remaining District Council suggestions and candidates to fill the vacancy. Qualifications and requirements for candidacy shall be at the discretion of the Governor(s). The District Council shall notify all Chapters of the application process.
    - 2.9.1.1 If the office of District President is vacated mid-term, the District Vice President shall automatically succeed to the District Presidency until the next Western District Convention.
  - 2.9.2 If a vacancy occurs in any other District Office, the District President shall immediately notify all chapters of the vacancy. At that time, all chapters, for a period of ten (10) days, may submit to the remaining District Council suggestions and candidates to fill the vacancy. Qualifications and requirements for candidacy shall be at the discretion of the Governor(s). The District Council shall notify all Chapters of the application process.
  - 2.9.3 After the above stipulated ten (10) days, the District Council shall deliberate and then appoint a candidate to fill the vacant office.

- 2.9.4 The appointed candidate shall take office upon approval of the District Governor(s) and a simple majority of all active chapters in the District within fifteen (15) days of appointment.
  - 2.9.4.1 If an active chapter does not submit a vote within said fifteen (15) days, it will be assumed that said chapter abstains from the appointment process.

### **III. Nominations and Elections**

- 3.1 Elections for the Western District President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Member-at-Large shall be held annually at the District Convention.
  - 3.1.1 A simple majority of votes cast shall be necessary for election.
  - 3.1.2 Options for voting in elections include any candidate for office and leaving the office vacant.
  - 3.1.3 If no candidate receives a simple majority vote, a run-off election shall commence between the two highest vote-getters.
  - 3.1.4 In the event of a tie after the second ballot, the office in question shall remain vacant, and the normal vacancy procedures shall commence after the conclusion of the Convention.
- 3.2 The procedure for selection of Honorary members of the Western District of Kappa Kappa Psi shall be as follows:
  - 3.2.1 Nominations from any member of the Western District of Kappa Kappa Psi shall be sent to the Western District President to be approved by a seventy-five (75) percent favorable vote of the Western District Council.
  - 3.2.2 Any financial obligations, if applicable, for the installation of an Honorary member shall be borne by the Western District of Kappa Kappa Psi.

### **IV. Finances**

- 4.1 In the event that a chapter misses the deadline for an annual dues payment, they shall pay a fine to the Western District of Kappa Kappa Psi equal to the amount of money lost by the District in allotments that resulted from tardiness.
- 4.2 At the discretion of the District Governor(s), any chapter not fulfilling its financial obligations to the District shall be denied a delegate seat at the District Convention.
- 4.3 Before a District Officer can make a purchase for which they shall request a reimbursement from the district, they must get the approval of the District Governor(s) and the rest of the District Council. If prior approval is not granted, the officer shall be financially responsible for the purchase.

### **V. Meetings**

- 5.1 A regularly called convention of the District shall be held every year. It is recommended that all National Officers, District Officers, and guests be recognized before seating of the delegates.

### **VI. Delegates and Proxies**

- 6.1 If a chapter is not represented by a delegate or written proxy, then a proxy shall be assigned by the District President according to Greek alphabetical order. Alphabetical Order shall pick up from the last

proxy sat.

- 6.2 Each chapter shall be assessed a delegate fee which must be paid to the District Secretary-Treasurer for each District Convention. Failure to pay the delegate fee shall result in loss of a seat for the chapter's delegate, or the chapter's chosen proxy.
- 6.3 Chapters may seat proxy representatives in committees at the discretion of the chapter and Governor(s) based on the chapter proxy form.
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  - 6.3.1 Said proxy must be an active, associate, or life member of the Fraternity.

## **VII. Committees**

- 7.1 The following standing committees shall function at each District Convention: Jurisdiction Committee and Nominations Committee.
  - 7.1.1 The Jurisdiction Committee shall review all proposed changes to the Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Constitution, review the document for grammar and spelling mistakes, investigate opportunities to consolidate redundancies, and fix discrepancies and contradictions, paying close attention to constitutionality.
  - 7.1.2 The Nominations Committee shall recommend to the delegation a suitable candidate for each District Office in the form of a slate. In the event that the committee does not find any of the candidates suitable for a District Office, the slate for that office shall remain open.
- 7.2 Each chapter shall have a voting member on every standing committee, unless that chapter chooses not to do so.

## **VIII. Reports**

- 8.1 Each District Officer and Chapter Delegate shall submit a report at District Convention. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the host chapter's requirements for reproduction to the District Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be responsible for reproducing and forwarding copies as necessary. The District Secretary-Treasurer shall forward a copy to the District Governor(s), the National Executive Director, and also retain a copy for the convention minutes.
- 8.2 The host chapter shall submit a report on convention expenses for inclusion in the minutes.

## **IX. Awards**

- 9.1 Ideal Active Achievement Award
  - 9.1.1 Three (3) members shall be awarded per District year.
  - 9.1.2 Submission deadlines shall be June 1, December 1, and March 1.
  - 9.1.3 The recipients of the award shall be recognized with a certificate and a Western District pin at the District Convention Banquet.
  - 9.1.4 The recipients shall be selected by the Western District Kappa Kappa Psi Council through nominations from the joint active membership of the Western District.
  - 9.1.5 Below are the criteria for nominating someone for the award:

- 9.1.5.1 The candidate shall be active in band.
- 9.1.5.2 The candidate shall have paid their Active dues on time.
- 9.1.5.3 District Officers are not eligible, though Chapter Officers are.
- 9.1.5.4 Each candidate shall win no more than once per District year.

### **X. Amendments**

- 10.1 Any part of this Constitution may be amended at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all eligible voting chapters of the District.
  - 10.1.1 If the favorable vote on a proposed amendment is less than two-thirds (2/3), yet there is an absolute majority vote, the proposed amendment shall be tabled until the next regularly called Convention of the District.
  - 10.1.2 If two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the Convention are favorable, the proposed amendment shall be declared adopted. After such adoption, the amendment shall become operative and effective at the conclusion of the convention unless otherwise noted.

# **Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma**

## **Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Convention Session Minutes** **Portland, Oregon**

### **Session 1: Opening Session** **March 25, 2011 at 5:01 PM**

- I. Seating of the Delegates:
  - A. Gamma – PRESENT
  - B. Theta – PRESENT
  - C. Psi – PRESENT
  - D. Omega – PRESENT
  - E. Beta Omicron – PRESENT
  - F. Gamma Kappa – PRESENT
  - G. Iota Alpha – PRESENT
  - H. Iota Gamma – PRESENT
  - I. Iota Iota – NO DELEGATE
  - J. Iota Kappa – PRESENT
  - K. Iota Pi –PRESENT
  - L. Lambda Alpha –PRESENT
  - M. Lambda Psi – PRESENT
  - N. Mu Pi - PRESENT
  - O. Mu Phi – PRESENT
  
- II. Robert’s Rules of Order: Outlined by Tanya Marsh, WD Governor
  - A. We use them
  - B. Delegates at the front are your voice
  - C. Parliamentarian will keep us in line
  
- III. District Parliamentarian: Jason Scapa, Psi, Kappa Kappa Psi
  
- IV. Approval of 2010 Western District Convention Kappa Kappa Psi Separate Session Minutes
  - A. Jessica Parsons from Iota Gamma moves, Matt Vogt from Theta seconds.
    - 1. Motion Passes. (Iota Alpha opposition)
  
- V. Appointment of Committees
  - A. Kappa Kappa Psi Nominations
    - 1. Chair: Erin Stearns, Iota Pi
    - 2. Advisors: Tanya Marsh and Dr. Brad Townsend, Western District Governors
  - B. Joint Jurisdiction
    - 1. KKPsi Chair: Jason Scapa, WD Parliamentarian
    - 2. KKPsi Advisor: Adam Bates, Past Kappa Kappa Psi Chapter Field Representative
  - C. Joint Convention Site
    - 1. KKPsi Chair: Stephen Barrett, Iota Kappa
    - 2. KKPsi Advisor: James Llamas, Past Western District Vice President
  - D. Joint Publications
    - 1. KKPsi Chair: Jeffrey Brown, Iota Pi, Western District Webmaster
    - 2. KKPsi Advisor: Zac Humphrey, Kappa Kappa Psi Chapter Field Representative
  - E. Joint Programs
    - 1. KKPsi Chair: Grant Studer, Gamma Kappa
    - 2. KKPsi Advisor: Jess Schlosser, Western District Member-at-Large

VI. District and Membership Recognition

- A. National Convention 2011–
  - 1. Psi and Iota Pi Chapter Leadership Award Winners for this biennium. Congratulations and good luck this summer!
- B. Iota Alpha & Eta Omega for hosting the 2011 District Leadership Conference
- C. Gamma, Theta, Iota Gamma Chapters for hosting the 2011 Western District Convention

VII. Governor Reports

- A. Tanya Marsh and Dr. Brad Townsend, Governors

VIII. Announcements

- A. Additions and changes to the schedule
  - 1. KKPsi Officer Meet & Greet, 6pm – 7pm in the foyer
  - 2. Northern States Caucus tonight from 11pm to 1am moved from Sellwood to Holladay
- B. Committee Announcements
  - 1. None
- C. Host Chapter Announcements
  - 1. None
- D. National Announcements
  - 1. Twitter: @KappaKappaPsi
- E. Candidates Running for District Office
  - 1. President:
    - Derek Lee, Psi
    - Emilio Romero, Omega
  - 2. Vice President:
    - Kate Gayle, Gamma
    - Charlene Ronne, Lambda Alpha
  - 3. Secretary-Treasurer:
    - Marc Capitulo, Iota Alpha
    - Amanda Selnick, Psi
  - 4. Member-at-Large:
    - Alex Christensen, Gamma Kappa

Session recessed at: 5:06 PM



**Session 2**  
**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Session called to order at: 8:05 am

- I. Seating of the Delegates – Jeanette McMillan replaces Dallas Grossaint as Iota Kappa’s delegate
- II. Schedule overview
- III. District Officer Final Reports
  - a. Jess Schlosser, Member-at-Large
  - b. Dan Schweichler, Secretary-Treasurer
  - c. Sean Hunter, Vice President
- IV. Announcements
  - a. National Officers
    - i. Leadership Development information
    - ii. Discussing the responses that were given for the Leadership Development Survey as a focus group
  - b. Committee Announcements
    - i. Publications Committee
      1. Business is done
      2. Charges and Listserv will be discussed
    - ii. Convention Site Committee
      1. If you would like to view the presentations, feel free to!
  - c. Host Chapter announcements
    - i. None.
    - ii. Reading band
      1. Bring instruments to 4pm session
      2. Auxiliary Clinic in Holladay Park, pending weather
    - iii. Banquet
      1. Nothing
  - d. National Announcements
    - i. Nothing

Session recessed at: 8:24 am

**Session 3: Closing Session**  
**March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (voting numbers Passes-Abstain-Fail)**

Session called to order at: 8:11 am

- I. Reseating of the Delegates
  - a. Laura Reed for Gamma Kappa
- II. Refresher on Robert's Rules by Jason Scapa, WD Parliamentarian
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Ways & Means Committee
  - b. Iota Gamma moves; Mu Pi seconds the motion
    - i. Motion passes unanimously (14-0)
  - c. Jurisdiction Committee
    - i. Lambda Psi moves to; Theta seconds
      1. Motion passes unanimously (14-0)
    - ii. Constitutional Amendment to 3.1.1
      1. Omega moves to approve the recommendation; Iota Alpha seconds.
        - a. Motion passes (12-1-1)
    - iii. Psi moves that the Constitutional Amendment to 3.1.1 goes into effect immediately; Gamma Kappa seconds.
      1. Motion passes. (14-0)
    - iv. Constitutional Amendment to 2.9.1.1
      1. Iota Gamma moves to approve the provided recommendation; Lambda Alpha seconds.
        - a. Motion passes (14-0)
    - v. Psi moves that the Constitutional Amendment to 2.9.1.1 goes into effect immediately; Theta seconds.
      1. Motion passes (14-0)
    - vi. Constitutional Amendment concerning Committee Proxies.
      1. Psi moves to strike "Alumni" from the amendment; Iota Kappa seconds.
        - a. Amendment passes (14-0)
      2. Theta moves to accept the recommendation; Omega seconds.
        - a. Motion passes (14-0)
    - vii. Syntax Amendment adoption
      1. Lambda Psi moves to accept the syntactical changes; Mu Pi seconds.
        - a. Motion passes (14-0)
    - viii. 2.8 Syntax Acceptation clarification.
      1. Iota Kappa moves to accept the syntactical changes; Beta Omicron seconds.
        - a. Motion passes (14-0)
    - ix. Constitutional Amendment concerning Delinquent Fees 4.1
      1. Gamma Kappa moves to accept the recommendation; Mu Phi seconds.
        - a. Motion passes (14-0)
    - x. Constitutional Amendment concerning the capitalization of the word "district"
      1. Gamma moves to accept the recommendation; Lambda Psi seconds.
        - a. Motion passes (14-0)
  - d. Nominations Committee
    - i. Slate
      1. President
        - a. Charlene Ronne, Lambda Alpha
      2. VP
        - a. No slate
      3. Secretary/Treasurer
        - a. Mandee Selnick, Psi
      4. Member-At-Large
        - a. Emilio Romero, Omega

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ii. Election of New District Officers

1. President

- a. Charlene Ronne was slated.
- b. Floor closed.
- c. Psi nominates Derek Lee; Mu Phi seconds.
- d. **President: Charlene Ronne, Lambda Alpha**

2. VP

- a. Currently no slate
- b. Gamma nominates Kate Gayle.
- c. Gamma Kappa nominates Alex Christensen; Beta Omicron seconds.
- d. Lambda Psi nominates Emilio Romero; Iota Alpha seconds.
- e. Psi nominates Derek Lee; Iota Pi seconds.
- f. Floor closed
- g. Gamma Kappa moves for a 2 minute presentation from each candidate.
  - i. No second. Motion is not accepted.
- h. Lambda Psi moves for a 2 minute caucus; Mu Pi seconds.
- i. Run-off
  - i. Emilio Romero
  - ii. Kate Gayle
- j. No slate
- k. **Vice President: Vacant**

3. Secretary-Treasurer

- a. Mande Selnick as slate.
- b. Floor closed
- c. **Secretary-Treasurer: Mande Selnick, Psi**

4. Member-At-Large

- a. Emilio Romero as slate.
- b. Gamma nominates Derek Lee; Mu Phi seconds.
  - i. Derek Lee declines.
- c. Gamma moves for a 2 minute caucus; Lambda Psi seconds.
  - i. Motion fails (6-7-1)
- d. **Member-At-Large: Emilio Romero, Omega**

IV. Presentation of President's Gavel

V. New District Officer Installation

VI. Newly Elected Western District President Addresses Delegation

VII. Final Words from Retiring Western District President, Jonathan Saturay

VIII. Singing of the Fraternity Hymn

IX. Psi moves to adjourn; Theta seconds.

- a. Motion passes (8-6)

Session adjourned at: 9:33 am

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**Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Convention Officer Reports**  
**Portland, Oregon**

**2010-2011 President Report**

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

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## **2010-2011 Vice President Report**

To the Brothers of the Western District:

Just one year ago, I was standing up in front of this Brotherhood, taking the Oath of Office with Jonathan and Dan. Now, a year later, I stand before you again, with the realization that this is not only the end of my term, but also the end of my time as an Active Brother in this fraternity. In my role as the Western District Vice President of Kappa Kappa Psi, my constitutional duties were to coordinate the Western District Website with my Tau Beta Sigma counterpart and lead the development of our colonies, in addition to being responsible for strengthening our district membership as a whole. As a former colonist myself, I have a special place in my heart for colonies and new chapters discovering their identity and am pleased to say that both Mu Pi and Mu Phi appear to be on the right track to be strong, influential chapters in our district. Please continue to support these chapters as they develop their own traditions and identities within the district.

Our first order of business this year was to complete our council. Jonathan, Dan, and I left Tucson with a vacancy in the Member-at-Large position, and were slightly hesitant about our ability to find a suitable candidate. The Western District stepped up; when the applications started rolling in, we knew that we didn't have to worry about making the wrong choice, because we honestly could not. We only had to try to make the best choice, which very well could have been our single-best decision as a District Council. Jess, you were the perfect addition to our group and quickly justified our decision!

In July, I was delighted to see a strong Western District presence at the National Leadership Symposium in Denver. As the first time that our entire council was able to meet together, face-to-face, this event really made me realize that our council had great potential and would quickly become one of my closest circles of friends. The event itself was a blast, and I encourage all of you to attend one of the 2012 Leadership Symposiums (after going to 2011 National Convention, of course!). The opportunity to interact with Brothers from other districts allows us to bring home different perspectives and lessons to our home chapters. Talk to these Brothers about the Membership Education Process and steal recruiting and service event ideas!

As the school year began, I realized that one of the most difficult facets of my job as a District Officer was the necessity to take a back seat in many of the operations of my home chapter. Duties begin to interfere with each other, as I found out the hard way. I would like to apologize to the district for not being able to attend DLC in Fresno this year. As many of you know, I had a performance that Saturday afternoon with the OSU Jazz Ensemble and after chats with Tanya, Brad, and Jonathan, decided that the performance had to come first. I was able to attend both the Wagon and Utah State Days this year! Although I could only stay in Seattle for sixteen hours due to another jazz performance, I had a blast getting to know the newer Brothers and Candidates of the Gamma Chapter. I was able to take a much more extended trip to Salt Lake City, where I was able to spend time with Iota Kappa, Omicron, and Theta Eta. Who knew narwhals could be so awesome?! When Pre-Con finally arrived, it was the first time that our Joint Council had actually worked together face-to-face. To have prepared for WDC 2011 as a Brother of the Theta Chapter, I was thrilled to see the on-site planning occurring and felt a great deal of pride for what we'd put together.

I tried to make myself approachable as the Western District Vice President. As an effect, I found myself responding to more questions than I was posing. I would have liked to develop the Post- or Continuing-Membership Education practices of the district more as a personal project. I believe that through this openness, I was able to help out Vice Presidents in search of situational advice and MEP development, especially the MEP of the former Fullerton Colony (welcome, Mu Phi!).

And now, for my charges: To the 2011-2012 Western District Joint Council:

- Communicate early and communicate often!
- Set clear goals and timelines; create a schedule to keep each other on track, and follow through by checking in on project statuses.
- Be approachable: let the district membership know that you are always willing to listen to and

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chat with them.

- Set a vision for your term by defining what you want to see as end results, then determine how you would like to get there.

To the 2011-2012 Western District Vice President of Kappa Kappa Psi:

- Begin communications with Chapter Vice Presidents as soon as possible, and follow a regular communication schedule
- Establish your vision for the Western District Website with the Joint Council and work closely with the webmaster to implement any changes
- Be sure that the district membership is aware that you want to talk with them about education and membership; always be there, with an open ear
- Communicate regularly with the Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Council about projects and objectives
- Work closely with our newest chapters to help them find their identity and set their course when it comes to recruitment and membership education.

To the Brothers of the Western District of Kappa Kappa Psi:

- Approach your District Officers with questions and ideas. We love hearing from you!
- Run for office, bid for convention, attend events. Participate as much as you can, and find the way in which you can best serve your district.
- Remember to reflect on your membership in this order.

And now, for my acknowledgements. The following people provided me with exceptional support this term:

To Jeffery Brown – for creating an incredible new Western District Website! You have been a pleasure to work with and I hope that you can pass on your progress.

To Kenny Contrata – for being my initial counterpart and driving the website development process. It was an honor to work with you.

To Eva, my Tau Beta Sigma counterpart – for stepping up and taking on the responsibility of joining the Joint Council late and serving spectacularly. Also, for driving me around Salt Lake and introducing me to the “death gasp.” I wish there had been more time to work together!

To Jess – for being one of the most outgoing, productive individuals I have ever met. Your ability to continually contribute on such a high level while also taking on your academic, drum major, cradle robbing, and research interests is truly inspiring and I am thankful for the opportunity to have worked with you.

To Dan – for being one of the most sincere and caring people I know. For watching English muffins get destroyed by Franz quality control. And for your amazing video persona. I would nominate you for a YouTube Oscar!

To Jonathan – for being so fresh and so crunchy. For going to pho and fro’ yo’ in the Renton ghetto. For being way-cray awes(ome). Your compash(sion) and willingness to challenge yourself to make the district a better place rubs off on everyone you meet.

To the entire Joint Council – for being my giving tree. For growing apples for each other, wherever they came from.

To Trevor – for being the cool, new kid on the block in our district and helping our Joint Council understand our mission.

To Tanya – for being a voice of reason, a voice of experience, a voice like a boss. Your contributions to our discussions were always concise and to the point; I like that. You always know what’s going on, and we are lucky to have someone like you in the district.

To Doc – for providing me with the best five years of my life and for keeping our chapter and district on track with our responsibilities to college bands. As Brad, the Western District Governor, you are great. As Doc, my

friend and mentor of five years, you are amazing. I can't imagine what my college career would have been like without you and the OSU Marching Band.

To the Theta Chapter – for allowing me to step back from chapter roles and supporting me in my role as a DO. For the unsung leaders of our chapter who poured their heart and soul into making this convention happen! I love you all and will dearly miss being an Active in your midst at the end of this year.

And finally, to the Brothers of the Western District – for providing me with this opportunity to serve the organization which has taught me so much. I hope that you take the opportunity to challenge yourself to further serve the district, your chapter, and your band program whenever that opportunity presents itself.

AEA, All Day, Every Day, Respectfully Submitted In the Bond,

Sean Hunter, Theta Chapter, Western District Vice President 2010-2011

## **2010-2011 Secretary-Treasurer Report**

Brothers of the Western District-

Not surprisingly, each District Secretary/Treasurer for the past four years charged to the newly elected officer to start immediately working on the duties of their office, and so will I. Finish your duties early, efficiently, and whole-heartedly. After you have completed just this, start new projects, and get to know the district. Offer your knowledge of the wondrous world of money and minutes to the aspiring Secretary-Treasurers in the Western District.

Next, keep communication open between all brothers and sisters, between counterparts, and the council. Get everyone's phone number, become friends with them on facebook, and send monthly letters to everyone you meet. Be the catalyst in the ever complicated reaction that is communication in this district.

The next list of charges don't require much explanation, but they are still important:

- Use every form of communication possible to stay in contact with your brothers and sisters
- Brainstorm. Get feedback. Ask Questions.
- You are a student first, then a brother. Don't major in Kappa Kappa Psi. Make sure that your office doesn't interfere with schoolwork.
- Become besties with your new counterpart!
- Take all of your due dates, and put them in your planner, and on a calendar at home. Put them in a list and tape that list to your mirror in your bathroom. Keep on top of it!
- Keep on top of your officers when requesting information or participation in something. It may take a while to get what you want, but stay positive and persistent.

Aside from the Secretary-Treasurer position, I also have charges for the Ways and Means Committee.

- Now that it has been revamped and is easier than ever to use, utilize the Western District Marketplace for all district merchandise, and individual chapter merchandise.
- Sell EVERYTHING that we currently have for district merchandise, and order something that can be sold to more than just brothers. Merchandise that is targeted for a larger audience will sell quicker.
- Reconsider the prices for the current WD Merchandise to try and clean house.
- Do everything you can to raise more money for the district, with out using the district as the source of income. Do profit shares, and advertise to university campuses, patrons in the hotels at convention and everyone who can spend money and likes Panda Express.

Fundraising will be a critical role of the Secretary-Treasurer over the next year, as funds in our account are depleting for officer assistance and convention costs.

I would like to take this time to say my thank yous:

- The Gamma Kappa Chapter who has given me endless amounts of support through the past year. I would not have made it through with my sanity if it weren't for my home chapter.
- Candace Roberts and Kristi-Lynn Calvano and my Bigs. With out you guys, I would never have run for office, and I would never have had this experience. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me the confidence to stand before the district and prove to them that I had what it took for the office.
- My Little Brother: Thank you for your support. I know how difficult it can be to have to share a big brother with the district, and you've been a trooper. I'm leaving today as active Dandee, so we can try to focus on our bond and serve the bands together.
- Last but not least, the 2010 WD Council. I am SO glad I got to meet and become great friends with all of you. I will forever remember our gallivanting through Portland at PreCon, and sleepovers at Jess's house for DLC. I will truly miss serving the district and bands together, but I have faith that our friendship will never dwindle because of our love for music.

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It has been an honor to serve over the past year as the Secretary-Treasurer, and a pleasure to be a member of the Western District of Kappa Kappa Psi. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and to those who have supported me throughout my time in this Fraternity. Truly the best are in the West.

AEA and MLITB,

Dan "Fl4y" Schweichler  
Gamma Kappa – Kappa Kappa Psi  
Northern Arizona University  
Western District Secretary-Treasurer

## **2010-2011 Member-at-Large Report**

Brothers of the Western District,

As everyone before me said already, I cannot believe I'm already up here talking about the past year in office. I didn't initially run for a district office, but felt it was my duty to apply once the position was left vacant following convention. I hadn't realized how difficult it would be coming into office a month later than the rest of the council but, I had the support from my council, governors, and counterpart throughout my first few weeks in office to get caught up and start working.

I came into office with the goal of increasing and changing the way events and programs are promoted. I began my term by promoting IAAA and National Leadership Symposium. For the first time in a while in the district, there were 18 nominations for the June IAAA and 11 members of the Western District in Denver for the leadership symposium. This was an encouraging start to my new office, and I wanted to further increase participation throughout my term.

November was the Kappa Kappa Psi national month of musicianship. In an effort to get people to participate, I began a program called the MAL monthly challenge. I asked brothers to complete the monthly challenges and then post a video, picture, or description of what they did on the facebook event page. Following the National month of musicianship, the challenges included hanging out with brothers outside one's chapter, participating in the WD day of music, talking about DLC experiences, and applying for For Sake awards. I'm happy to say that there were three chapters that participated in each challenge and either posted something about it or informed me that they completed it. I would like to thank Psi, Beta Omicron, and Gamma Kappa all for participating in the challenges. I'm sure other chapters also participated in all of the challenges, but these were the three that kept me updated, and for that I would like to recognize you!

In addition to promoting Kappa Kappa Psi programs, I worked jointly with Helen Cordova on a couple of projects. We both came into the office with the goal of being creative and increasing programs participation. We particularly wanted to promote the Western District Day of Music in a musical and creative way. We are proud of our promotional video, and would like to see future District officers use videos and other creative media to promote district events and programs. Additionally, Helen and I worked together on a "How to Host State Days Guide." We hope that this guide will be continuously updated and revised by the future District Officers and State Days hosts.

### **Acknowledgements**

To the District Governors and Counselors:

Thank you so much for your help and guidance. I know that I felt thrown into the mix due to my unconventional beginnings in office and your support helped make my transition much easier.

To Jonathan "Jonski" Saturay:

You have been an amazing president and source of advice for me this year! Your support and levelheaded leadership have been awesome and I wouldn't change our dream team line-up for the world! Thanks for never being crunchy!

To Sean "Seanski" Hunter

I'm so glad we got to be on the council together! It was nice having someone from the convention host chapter with us, especially someone who always knows what they're talking about. Sorry we didn't ski together. One day.

To Dan "Danski" Schweichler

You have filled the duties of your office so creatively! I look up to you in so many ways and I'm so proud of you for your accomplishments in your office and on the marching field. I'm so glad to have met you and worked with you this past year!

To the 2010-2011 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Council:

I have had so much fun getting to know and hang out with you four. DLC and Precon were amazing. Thanks especially to Ryan for bringing all of your past DO knowledge to the joint councils. We would have been so lost without you.

To Helen Cordova:

I can't believe we were both elected late and ended up counterparts. How does that even happen?! I love you and want to thank you for being patient with me when my schoolwork was a little too much. Go Bruins!

Psi and Epsilon Kappa:

I couldn't do ANYTHING without you. You have all been so supportive of me throughout my past four years, and it was your encouraging words and inspirational leadership that motivated me to run for this office. I love you all and am so proud to be able to look out into the audience at so many of you! I brag about our chapters all the time!

Lastly, to the Active Membership of the District:

Thank you all for being the amazing brothers you are! Our district rocks because the members rock. Continue to strive.

## **Charges**

I charge the **2011-2012 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Member-At-Large** with the following:

- Be creative when promoting events and programs
- Don't just take your ideas with you to office, but really survey the district to see what it is they're looking for in an MAL. Get platforms from previous MALs and even people who have just run for the office. The more ideas, the better foundation for planning your term in office.
- Do something creative with the history document. I came into office with this box of papers and a document on WD history but no plan on how to make it available to the district. Once again, be creative!
- Work with the information received from the historian survey to help create a new way to facilitate inter-chapter communication.
- Expand on the MAL monthly challenge and WD Day of Music promotional ideas.

I charge the **2011-2012 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Council** with the following:

- Spend the summer setting up your plans for the entire year. Things will change, but it's always nice to have roots to stem from when changing your plans.
- Start updating each other on your plans for the year as early as summer.
- Remember to stay active within your chapters while still fulfilling your duties as a district officer.
- Talk with each other all the time. Calling just to check-in will help more than you know.

And finally,

I charge **2011-2012 Active Membership** with the following:

- Always strive to strike a balance in your chapter between types of events or between new and old ideas. Keep the purpose of an event or project in mind while planning it.
- When looking for new projects, keep For Sake awards in mind.
- Respond to the District Officer emails, it makes our jobs easier and will help the council put something together that will eventually make your chapter or district a better place.
- Don't be afraid to challenge yourselves. You can do more than you think, especially with the help and support of your brothers and sisters.

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Thank you all so much for your love and support over my four years as a brother and the past year as a district officer. I'm going to miss this!

AEA MLITB,  
Jessica "Jet Ski" Schlosser  
Western District Member-at-Large 2010-2011  
Kappa Kapa Psi—Psi Chapter  
Go Bruins!

## Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma

### **Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Convention Chapter Reports** **Portland, Oregon**

#### **2010-2011 Gamma Chapter Report**

**Chapter:** Gamma

**School:** University of Washington

Brothers and Sisters of the Western District, I am pleased to report the Gamma Chapter's success in its numerous endeavors over the past year! We continued our traditional projects and started new ones, all while working with the other Wagon chapters to put together this year's District Convention in Portland, Oregon. Here is an overview of what we've been up to.

This year the Gamma Chapter has continued to execute its standard repertoire of projects. This summer we hosted our third annual Washington Weekend. This event is similar to states days, but with more variable events and the freedom of summer weather. The turnout was great and included brothers from as far away as Arizona! Later in the summer we hosted barbeques for the summer concert band and for drum line camp to show our support for these groups. We helped out with marching band audition day, but due to a tight schedule, were not able to do our annual barbeque for rookies. Instead we served the entire band ice cream after rehearsal during pre-school drills. This year we had one visiting marching band at a football game so we were able to serve our trademark band treats to OSUMB. We took advantage of our own travel through candy and cookie grams sold for fifty cents each and delivered them on our full band away trips. Through the fall season we kept up our publications (the *Sundodger* for the band and *Gamma Gossip* for the fraternity community). For all of the band concerts we served concert snacks to the performers with a display board explaining who we are and what we do. We have also seen strength in our post-membership education lessons this year, and have one at most chapter meetings. Throughout the year we've had numerous social events either emphasizing spending time together or showcasing school of music performances. But all of these projects are just a day (or, year) in the life of Gamma.

In addition to our standard projects, we have sought out new opportunities to serve bands and improve our chapter. We expanded our standard band gear to include the immensely popular glass tumblers. In early fall we took a pep band around to local middle schools to show kids why they should join band. This had a great impact on the influx of students into the music programs at these schools. A few brothers helped alumnus Mr. Bowerly hold the first band competition at his school in Tenino, which was more exposure for continuing music into college. In the summer and fall we reached out to the district with a pen pal program to connect ourselves with brothers from around the district. Also on the district level, Gamma had the pleasure of hosting Wagon States Days in February. For many of our members, this was the first exposure to brothers from other chapters outside of the context of a football game. We also have plenty of ideas and plans for the rest of the year. An upcoming project will be to help the marching band archive old show videos and, in conjunction with this, fundraise by selling gift cards to a company that is like iTunes for bands. The service committee has started a recruiting campaign including high school visits, plans for a summer leadership camp, and a Junior/Senior Day. For the Junior/Senior day we are inviting high school juniors and seniors to come play with the band at our annual spring scrimmage game to encourage them to audition. Historically the Gamma Chapter has struggled to find essential services to provide for a band so well staffed and funded, but I think we have really struck gold in vastly expanding the Husky Band's recruiting efforts.

Gamma has done many projects this year, but our real headliner is our Alpha Gamma Class. This year we broke new ground in putting forth a true effort to recruit members of the concert bands. We also attracted members of sections we usually have trouble with, which will lay the ground work for a better rapport with these sections, and hopefully more brothers from them. A grand total of nineteen new brothers went through as the Alpha Gamma Class, nearly doubling the size of Gamma. I look forward to seeing where their new ideas will take

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us, how we will conquer the obstacle of staying cohesive, and what we can accomplish with this massive influx of manpower.

In addition to all of our other normal chapter functions, we have been hard at work with the other Wagon chapters to put on Western District Convention 2011 in Portland. I think our chapter has benefitted from this joint effort in learning to work with other chapters and utilizing communication to bring u sticks together over the distance. Certainly this convention will have a huge positive impact on the Gamma Chapter because an unusually large number of brothers will be able to attend. Thank you all for coming up to Portland to hop on the band wagon!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jen Arther  
President 2010-2011  
Kappa Kappa Psi - Gamma  
University of Washington

**2010-2011 Theta Chapter Report**

**Chapter:** Theta

**School:** Oregon State University

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

## **2010-2011 Psi Chapter Report**

**Chapter:** Psi

**School:** University of California, Los Angeles

After the conclusion of the 2010 Western District Convention, the Psi Chapter finished the spring quarter by inducting 17 new members and an Honorary Member, Kelly Flickinger, hosting our famous Reading Band project, and organizing a number of brotherhood events to unite as a Chapter us before the emotional departure of our graduating seniors. During the summer we helped out at two local high school band camps and prepared for our very own band camp by writing postcards to freshmen, cleaning band-owned instruments, and organizing band camp activities. We refined our freshman dorm move-in project after learning that the freshman would not be able to move in until the morning of band camp, and our project turned out to be a great success! Despite some difficult changes with the departure of our Assistant Band Director, Jennifer Judkins, band camp was successful, and we were able to provide water at every rehearsal, execute fun band camp activities, and reconstruct the tower that our director stands on during rehearsals.

Fall quarter began with the mostly normal routines that we follow each year, but challenges are of course ever present. We worked through these challenges by setting aside time in meetings for discussion and 'venting', as well as by implementing surveys and feedback for officers. Although the quarter had its challenges, we were still quite successful. One of the highlights of fall quarter was transitioning the Fullerton Colony to their Third Degree and Installment as the Mu Phi chapter – we are extremely proud of them, and will do our best to maintain the support and love they deserve. We also began an ambitious project that would save the UCLA marching band nearly \$2,000 for the quarter. We had number stencils designed, and every other band rehearsal we used them to paint numbers on our rehearsal field, thus saving the band money otherwise used for hiring painters. We also managed to get over 150 UCLA band alumni to attend our Band Alumni Reunion, which takes place every other year.

Winter quarter has been quite a rollercoaster, both fun and intense! Our membership education process schedule was confined to just 6 weeks, after being nearly a 10 week process for at least the last 3 years. Maintaining the same requirements under a shorter period of time was stressful for both the candidates and active brothers, but this experience will provide us with much to improve upon and excel in for upcoming years. We initiated the class of 19 on March 6<sup>th</sup>, and we are very happy to have them as brothers. They will undoubtedly provide us with new insight and ideas in our constant efforts to improve and grow. One of the highlights of this quarter was hosting a very successful California State Days. Derek Lee from Psi and Ashley McFadden from the Epsilon Kappa Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma did an excellent job in the organization and execution of this event.

The Psi Chapter looks forward to the upcoming spring quarter as we prepare for a challenging service project involving the construction of a Trojan horse for use in the UCLA marching band's upcoming Downfall of Troy show. We also look forward to our brotherhood/sisterhood camping trip during spring break, the Psi Chapter's annual beach house trip, and an ongoing effort to reach out to high school bands in the Los Angeles area. We especially are excited for National Convention and our second opportunity to showcase our chapter for the Founder's Trophy Award. Psi has seen challenges this year, but we've managed to overcome them with new insight and a meaningful vision.



## **2010-2011 Omega Chapter Report**

**Chapter:** Omega

**School:** The University of Arizona

Brothers and Sisters of the Western District,

Life in the Omega Chapter has been very busy, but equally as exciting. From hosting one of the biggest events ever seen by our chapter, to experiencing incredible growth in our brotherhood, this year has brought a lot of positive energy to our organization.

In addition to hosting Band Day and the Day of Jazz, two incredible outreach events run through the School of Music, the joint Omega Chapters hosted the International Tuba and Euphonium Conference this past May. Professionals came from across the globe to put on and attend many master classes, workshops, concerts and recitals. We helped usher people from event to event, made sure everything was properly set up and taken down, and were always back stage, attending to the musicians and doing some of the behind the scenes coordinating, among many other tasks. More importantly, the members of the joint chapters got a chance to meet and talk with some of the most influential musicians on the planet, giving us an opportunity to learn more about post-college musicians.

Our service calendar is as jam-packed as ever, and we continue to come up with new and exciting ways to serve the university band program as well as the community as a whole. Very recently, we got the opportunity to assist the School of Music in throwing a charity Sousa concert by doing all of the PR work, and helping out on the day of the event itself. It was incredibly successful for our first attempt at such a project, and was a great starting point for future endeavors. In fact, we are already organizing another such concert – an idea generated by our fantastic prospective member class – where we will be throwing a concert drawing on the many shows performed by the Pride of Arizona. Additionally, we are in the final stages of organizing the Frank Simon Music Library; seeing the progress from the hole in the wall filled with mountains of disorganized pieces of music to the very clean and electronically cataloged setup that exists today has been rewarding to all who have been involved. The Fresh Start program through Instrumental Music Center, where we help teach new band and orchestra students the basics of their instruments, also continues to grow and is a favorite among the active Brothers and Sisters.

One of the most impressive parts of this year has been the very successful recruitment and subsequent growth we have experienced this year. Not only have we had more PMs than seen in previous years, but all of them are already contributing to the chapter in an exceedingly positive way. With the new members of this Brotherhood, and the very enthusiastic direction the chapter is headed with respect to service, I could not be more excited about the future of this organization

AEA,  
Alex Gross  
President  
Kappa Kappa Psi, Omega  
The University of Arizona

## **2010-2011 Beta Omicron Chapter Report**

**Chapter:** Beta Omicron

**School:** Arizona State University

I feel that this year Beta Omicron has set higher standards and has risen to the occasion, an attitude that I hope to see continued in the future.

Without the stress of coordinating service projects for a National Convention in our backyard this year, the summer was a time to rejuvenate, as well as get a head start on the coming fall semester. Upon electing a new Executive Council in the Spring, we formed our committees for the following year before break so that committees could talk about what they wanted to accomplish and set both short and long-term goals for themselves. This made for an easy transition into band camp and the fall semester, as we had plans ready to be executed right when we got back to ASU. With the biggest band at ASU to date, with nearly 400 members, our band camp service efforts went off without a hitch. We kept the band hydrated, rehearsals were readily equipped, and we hosted a successful end-of-camp BBQ and luncheon for members of the SDMB.

With our perpetual desire to find ways to better serve the School of Music, we were offered the opportunity to help an ASU graduate with his Second Sunday Concert Series, which members of our Chapter have really loved helping out with. We've also started providing a breakfast once a month in the lobby of the School of Music, just to show our presence and provide our support for the early-morning music majors.

Our efforts throughout the fall were heavily marching band related, but we also began our recruitment process a little earlier, as to get to know potential candidates better before inviting them into our process. Our membership education committee held several social events during band camp, where members of the band were invited to both learn more about the Fraternity and get to know the Chapter better, or just meet new members of the band and hang out. We held our First Degree in October and started with 25 initiates. Our membership process definitely had its' ups and downs and we have definitely learned a lot with this last class, but we were pleased to welcome the 21 members of the Delta Iota class into the Brotherhood on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. With this class, we've almost doubled in size, so it will be very interesting to see how the group dynamic changes with the new faces and fresh outlooks.

Beta Omicron has also had a lot of fun this past year. We had our annual Fall Retreat in Northern Arizona. We hosted an ice skating social for all students associated with the School of Music, which was partially funded by our USG. We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beta Omicron Sunset Spectacular. Four Brothers from BO made the drive to and had a great time at DLC in Fresno. Nearly our entire Chapter and half of our prospective class at the time drove up to Flagstaff for this years' State Days. And now eight of us are getting ready to fly up to Portland for Convention!

We are looking to end the year as strongly as we started, especially with a major event coming up with a local YMCA. With that, Officer nominations and elections, and more service projects to keep us busy until May, we definitely have a lot to keep us busy. But I have complete confidence that our Chapter will "do work" and continue to set the standard for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace "CLEO" Roberts  
2010-2011 Chapter President  
Beta Omicron Chapter, KKΨ  
Arizona State University

## **2010-2011 Gamma Kappa Chapter Report**

**Chapter:** Gamma Kappa      **School:** Northern Arizona University

This past year has been quite an eventful one for Gamma Kappa. We have seen our ups and down, discovered our strengths and weaknesses, and have set goals to improve and continue to grow as a chapter. We've been continuing to serve our bands through our participation in University sponsored events such as NAU Band Day and NAU Jazz Fest as well as through many smaller service projects with our continuing Service Challenge. We have expanded our service to include more of the NAU Bands and expanded our brotherhood by welcoming 11 new brothers from the Beta Mu class. Provided are more details as to what Gamma Kappa has been up to this year.

### **Beginnings and Endings**

-Last semester on December 4th 2010, Gamma Kappa welcomed 11 new brothers with the initiation of the Beta Mu class. Already they have shown their passion for music and serving the bands and have been excellent contributors to our chapter, bringing in new ideas, opinions, and ideas to chapter meetings and service events. Two of them are even attending this year's Western District Convention. They are already off to a great start and we are excited to watch them continue to grow and become more active in the brotherhood. This semester, we are excited to have another membership class of 3. Though smaller than last semester, they are already showing their passion and excitement and we are excited to see where the rest of their process takes them.

-Shortly after welcoming our new brothers, we said to goodbye to the two newest alumni of Gamma Kappa, Scotty Phillips and Karen Dicker. This semester we are preparing to say goodbye to three more brothers, Chuck Hammond, Shelley Klein, and T.J. Hinderliter. Before we let them go, however, our historian has started "Outgoing Brother Books." These books are signed by the rest of the chapter and given to the graduating seniors before they depart so that they have something to remember us by.

### **Service and Music**

-Gamma Kappa ran out of the starting gate at the beginning of the year by helping with band camp again this year. We ran tables for check, shirts, instrument and locker rentals, shoes, and gloves. Later in the year, we, along with the rest of the NAU Marching Band, helped run NAU Band Day, with brothers filling in while the marching band performed and where more help was needed. Both events went very successfully with only a few bumps in the road.

- This year, Gamma Kappa has continued our Great Solid Service Challenge and so far, it is continuing to work for us. We have been adding in new events to our usual stand rounds up and music building clean ups such as cleaning up the Piano Lab that is normally cleaned by our piano teacher on her own, cleaning marching band and pep band instruments, making banners for the grand opening of the brand new practice rooms, making goodie bags and rice crispy treats for marching band and pep band, and attending concerts, studio recitals, and pep band performances.

-This year, we started including the Jazz Band in the list of ensembles that we host post-concert receptions for. Our receptions include lemonade, punch, crackers, and cookies for the audience members and performers to enjoy. Our first Jazz Band reception went very well and the audience and performers all appreciated it.

-This semester, Gamma Kappa assisted the Jazz Studies office in running NAU Jazz Fest. Brothers were all required to pick a shift guiding bands, working on or back stage, tabulating scores, or selling t-shirts. During Jazz Fest, we also successfully raffled off an Ipod which brought in a decent profit for our chapter.

-Gamma Kappa has been trying to promote music more this year. We have started by including attending concerts as a part of our service challenge and advertising upcoming concerts in our meetings. We are currently working with our new Correspondence Committee to create a College of Arts and Letters calender which would include dates for all concerts and performances in band, choir, opera, theatre, the Flagstaff Symphony, and the Flagstaff Master Chorale. This calender will hopefully be emailed to the College of Arts and Letters and kept on a board in the music building to give everyone easy access to all of the events going on and encourage the attendance at concerts and performances of all types.

### **Brotherhood**

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-With the help of our Guardian of Brotherhood we have been working on strengthening our bonds this year. In particular, we have been concentrating on being open, honest, and respectful to all of our brothers so that we can become closer as a whole. In order to work on this, we have started "bro dates" which pair brothers up every other week and encourages them to spend one on one time. We also have been holding retreats and socials and been including programs that promote the things we need to improve upon in meetings. We plan to continue these for the rest of the year in the hopes of creating an even stronger brotherhood with our new members.

In the end, it has been a very eventful year for Gamma Kappa, but we are rising to the challenge. We are excited to see what our Membership Candidates bring in the last half of their membership process and electing our new officers after WDC. Gamma Kappa is constantly going through changes and we are always excited to see where those changes take us and how they will help us grow as a chapter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie "rosy" Nawrocki  
Kappa Kappa Psi  
Gamma Kappa  
Secretary  
Northern Arizona University

## **2010-2011 Iota Alpha Chapter Report**

**Chapter:** Iota Alpha    **School:** California State University, Fresno

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of the Western District,

This past year has been a very exciting and productive year for our chapter. We have continued our tradition of working closely with our sister chapter of Eta Omega, and working diligently to improve and maintain our band programs at Fresno State. Within our 300 person marching band, we hold many positions of leadership including Head Drum Major, section leaders, Band Council President, Band Council Vice President, Uniform Managers, Recruiter, Member at Large, as well as Student Directors of our two scholarship pep bands. We also have representation within the Wind Ensemble's Board of Directors. The Brothers of Iota Alpha are constantly striving for the highest as to be the examples of quality bandsmen/women, and leadership within our programs. We also have a very high representation of Brothers in the top ensembles and many are principle players.

This past fall, we welcomed three new brothers into our chapter; Oscar "GaoWhen" Lopez, Kevin "DonKey kong" Calvin, and Madelyn "WaTcHToWeR" Crawford. We are looking forward to seeing great things from these new Brothers, as well as having the pleasure of exposing them to our extended family of the Western District. Our chapter is also in the process of inducting four new candidates. They are Armando Mancinas, AJ Gagaza, Bethany Bridges and Ethan Foster. We have high hopes and expectations for these four individuals and enjoy watching them grow to hopefully being able to be called Brother.

Our chapter earlier this semester, along with our sisters of Eta Omega, hosted DLC and we had great success hosting the event. Many of our chapter members learned a great deal of knowledge and have been putting it into affect within our own organization. We were thrilled to welcome so many Brothers and Sisters into our homes and have a spectacular bonding experience.

We have also recently assisted with the California Band Director's Association and their annual convention held right here in Fresno. Many of our Brothers helped with stage crew, ushering, program sales and chaperoning the middle school honor band kids. We are also proud of our alumnus brother, Nicholas "NeWton" Chitwood, for recently being elected Vice President of the organization.

Upcoming large events for our chapter include the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dr. Lawrence R. Sutherland Intercollegiate Wind Festival. This is a two day festival for college bands and is completely in the hands of Iota Alpha and Eta Omega to make sure the event runs efficiently. We are also participating in our campus' Vintage Days and Relay for Life.

We have made donations to our marching band to host the best to date band banquet and are currently raising the funds to re-decal the exterior of our two marching band trucks. Our chapter is also helping out our department by having theory nights- where our brothers offer themselves to tutor anyone having difficulties in music theory, ear training and sight singing. We are also in the process of putting together a joint recital with our sisters of Eta Omega to showcase the musical talents within our organizations. It has been a very exciting year for Iota Alpha and we look forward to finishing out the year strong!

And finally, on behalf of the Brothers of Iota Alpha I would like to say, We didn't do it!

Respectfully Submitted,

Marco "SPIKE" Mellone  
Iota Alpha President 2010-2011

## **2010-2011 Iota Gamma Chapter Report**

**Chapter:** Iota Gamma **School:** Washington State University

The Iota Gamma chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Washington State University has had a very successful year full of accomplishments. Some of our main goals this year were to host Western District Convention, further our name on campus, and to raise our service and fundraising goals. Through hard work and dedication, we have accomplished many goals, and are in the works of accomplishing the rest.

This year, the Iota Gamma Chapter is proud to be hosting Western District Convention in Portland, Oregon. Not only is our chapter well represented here, but we have also had chapter representation at District Leadership Conference, Wagon States Day, and Leadership Symposium. We are also expecting chapter representation at this summer's National Convention in Colorado Springs!

In the 2010 – 2011 year, our chapter has grown with 13 new brothers that crossed in November of 2010. We currently have 4 prospective members, and a total of 27 active brothers. We are extremely proud of our new brothers for taking active roles in leadership within our chapter as committee chairs and helping organize service projects such as concert receptions. Our older brothers have been helping with chapter representation in the Cougar Marching Band. Nearly every section leader is a brother, and we are proud to announce that all three of our drum majors are also brothers. Iota Gamma has also grown to be a more prominent organization within the music department. We have gained members from bands outside of the CMB, as well as a handful of music majors.

Iota Gamma also volunteered at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival at the University of Idaho by volunteering at a site. Volunteering our time at Lionel Hampton is the most extensive service project we participate in. This year the Iota Gamma chapter along with our joint counterpart Theta Delta was nominated for the Outstanding Service Award. This year we were also told that we no longer need a site manager, and next year we can host our own site. This is very exciting news for us, as we have been volunteering at Lionel Hampton for many years.

Other joint operations have included small service projects around our music building. Some of these projects have included tightening stands, cleaning white boards, giving an extra hand to the office staff, and other projects that are requested by faculty and staff. Iota Gamma and Theta Delta have also acquired a bulletin board in our building to post our latest events, and information!

In the past year, Iota Gamma has been working diligently on many activities. We have become skilled at using our brother's talents in more effective ways that have helped us revamp different processes like rituals and membership education. Iota Gamma has set many goals for ourselves for the upcoming year, and we look forward to sharing our accomplishments with you all in the next year!

**2010-2011 Iota Iota Chapter Report**

**Chapter:** Iota Iota

**School:** Utah State University

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

## **2010-2011 Iota Kappa Chapter Report**

**Chapter:** Iota Kappa    **School:** Boise State University

The Iota Kappa Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi is so pleased to report about all the wonderful goals we have accomplished this year! We started off the year planning out our Fall semester at our Summer Planning Retreat, where we tossed pizzas, played games, and figured out how a good portion of the year was going to begin. Some of the goals we came up with included:

- Dues paid on time or strictly following a payment plans
- Member retention
- Improve relations with ASBSU& SILC on our campus
- Retain good standing in the marching band and the symphonic bands on campus
- Improving overall communication with officers and members.
- Improved enthusiasm for traveling!
- Paperwork in on time!!!
- Improve participation in NIB auditions on campus via a NIB Ad-hoc committee

We are proud to announce that so far, we have accomplished these goals!

Shortly after this retreat, we began band camp, becoming familiar with our new Director of Athletic Bands and the new Assistant Director of Music here at Boise State University, Dr. Eric Smedley. The Brothers from Gamma are sure to be familiar with him! He recently graduated from University of Washington and was a grad assistant for the Husky marching band. We wanted to thank Dr. Smedley for agreeing to be one of our sponsors, so now we are excited to announce he is an honorary member of the Iota Kappa Chapter. Dr. Smedley is co-sponsoring with our Director of Bands, Marcellus Brown. Thank you to our sponsors for all of their assistance this year!

We had a successful Rush Week, including a BBQ, raiding the zoo, guided photo adventure, an open meeting, reorganizing the jazz music library, and karaoke! Soon thereafter, 19 young members showed interest in joining in with the Nu class and began MEP. Their class organized an ice cream and movie night social and a service project of cleaning out the instrument storage room for the Blue Thunder Marching Band. In the end, 16 of these members chose to complete the journey and become full time Active members, and their progress and addition to the chapter has been priceless. Each of them have qualities that make them wonderful leaders, and I look forward to the amazing things they will do for Iota Kappa! At this time, our chapter has 43 members. We have already congratulated one member who graduated last fall, Karen Kaupp, and we are about to congratulate three more of our chapter as this is their last semester in school: Jennifer Held, Meredith Hoffman, and Aaron Messinger. We thank them for their dedication to Iota Kappa, and we wish them all the best as they continue on to strive for the highest with their newly earned degrees! If it were not for the incredible members of Iota Kappa, we would not have accomplished what we have this year. These achievements include:

- Marching with Marsing High & Parma High band camps. We started Marsing's marching band back up in 2005, and those students have kept up the hard work!
- Setting up a venue on campus to watch the DCI Semi-finals for free
- Supply otter pops for band camp in the heat
- Running Blue Thunder Marching Band uniform checkout during band camp
- Snacks at home football games, cookies at the Battle of the Marching Machines, and providing snack bags for the marching band on the way down to Vegas.
- Hazing workshop run by a representative from our Student Involvement & Leadership Center (SILC) to help understanding in our chapter of what hazing is, and furthering to establish a better relationship with SILC. It's good to question, "If it is not in line with the purpose of Kappa Kappa Psi, why would we do this activity?"
- Beginning PIE (Post-Initiate Education) activities to help increase knowledge of our chapter and to improve bonds of brotherhood.
- Penny wars in the marching band with the incentive of an ice cream party

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- Annual District III Marching Band Festival, for all high schools in Southeastern Idaho. This is our largest service project and fundraiser of the year, selling t-shirts and coordinating the events of the day.
- Reorganizing half of the jazz music library and forming a database.
- Halloween party with narwhals, the tooth fairy, the Mad Hatter, ladybugs, and other fantastic costumes, offering a safe and fun activity for people that night.
- Annual Thanksgiving dinner for band members
- Assisting with the Boise Jazz Society set-up and tear down
- Teddy bear drive – new stuffed animals donated to the St. Luke’s Children’s hospital, and used stuffed animals donated to a home for victims of domestic abuse.
- Instrument Bath Day for the marching band
- Marching for ALS – we marched to help bring awareness and raise funds for ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease.
- Mr. and Miss Blue Thunder Pageant at the band banquet
- Recital receptions for Taggart Lewis, Aaron Messinger, and Dave & Maggie Simon
- Annual assistance with the Music Department Holiday Concert – setting up, changing sets, and tearing down for this concert
- Winter Planning Retreat at a member’s house for a day to plan out spring and watch movies with our Brothers!
- Assisting with the Boise State Band Clinic for 7 high schools, guiding bands, announcing, set-up and teardown as necessary, and guarding storage rooms.
- Super Secret Narwhal Cupid Super Bowl Party at a Brother’s house
- Establishing a NIB ad-hoc committee to help increase knowledge and participation in the NIB this year.
- Baja Fresh Profit Share

Other goals we have for the duration of the year include preparing snacks for Symphonic Winds members attending CBDNA in Seattle, celebrating our Founder’s Day in April, assisting with the Gene Harris Jazz Festival, Instrument Petting Zoos, a leadership conference with SILC for our members, offering NIB audition recording sessions on campus, assisting with the State Solo Competition for high school students, and possibly a festival to encourage music participation for youth. As you can see, we have been very active on and off campus this year. We have built up important relationships with those necessary to help make our goals possible, and hope to use these associations to help accomplish even bigger ideas we have for the future!

Another thing we have really gotten to enjoy this year is hanging out with more of our Brothers and Sisters from around the District. In September, Boise State University hosted ESPN College Game Day against Oregon State University. There were 4 Brothers from Theta that drove down to hang out with us, and also luckily a pep band game to represent OSU – full of Brothers too! We got to enjoy a nice dinner with a couple of them after another sweet victory for Boise State. In December, Iota Alpha and Eta Omega were in town for the Humanitarian Bowl, and we enjoyed each other’s company for dinner and tons of laughter. Shortly thereafter, the Blue Thunder Marching Band went to the Maaco Bowl to support our football team. It was such a pleasure to get to see our Sisters from Omicron for dinner, and see how strong their bonds of Sisterhood are. Helping establish these bonds around the District has increased our members’ willingness to travel. In January, we had 4 members attend DLC, and they returned on a KKPsi high, excited about the friendships they had made with their Brothers and Sisters. This helped to encourage even more people to attend Utah States Days, hosted by the Omicron Chapter of TBS this year. We had 11 members attend, driving through a severe snow storm to make it to Salt Lake somehow! But it was well worth the difficult drive for an excellent weekend with presentations, chapter updates, and bonding. And now we’re here, at WDC, with 15 members! We hope we can continue to keep the interest in traveling high in our members in the years to come!

We have recently elected half of our new officer board for the upcoming year, continuing with the second half upon return from WDC, and their installation will take place close to the end of our school year. We look forward to putting into action the inspiring ideas that our chapter has to improve our Brotherhood and to leave those we encounter with the “wow!” factor that makes our Chapter what it is.

It has been a great honor to serve. AEA\*MLITB!

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette "Sapphire" McMillan  
President of the Iota Kappa Chapter  
Kappa Kappa Psi  
Boise State University

## **2010-2011 Iota Pi Chapter Report**

**Chapter:** Iota Pi      **School:** California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Brothers and Sisters of the Western District,

This past year has been filled with many great accomplishments for Iota Pi. These have helped our chapter grow as a whole and have also strengthened the bonds of individual brothers. We have successfully transitioned to a new sponsor of our chapter, as well as a new Director of Bands at our university. We have continued to serve our bands on a large scale through fundraising, service projects, developing music in younger musicians and creating fun social experiences for band members at Cal Poly. We have also recently seen the addition of 22 new brothers into our chapter, as we welcomed the energetic and passionate Chi class into our brotherhood. About a month ago, we also received the wonderful news that our chapter was once again distinguished with the Kappa Kappa Psi Chapter Leadership Award and in the running for the William Scroggs Founders Trophy. However, like any year, we have seen our share of ups and downs. Throughout the year, we have set a goal to improve communication as brothers and have a better understanding for different communication types. This allows us to provide and receive constructive criticism in order to keep our chapter always striving for greater accomplishments and to not become complacent with what we have always done. Provided in this report is a more detailed summary of the achievements and events of Iota Pi over the past year.

### **New Beginnings:**

- In June of 2010 the Cal Poly Director of Bands, William Johnson, retired after dedicating 44 years to the Cal Poly music programs. He served the bands in every way possible and was the only sponsor that Iota Pi had ever known since it was founded in 1992. This led to a very uncertain transition period for our bands and our chapter, but also a great opportunity for growth through change. We welcomed Dr. Andrew McMahan to Cal Poly at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year and he has already accomplished amazing things musically with our ensembles. From the beginning he showed a great love and support for Kappa Kappa Psi, as well as showing recognition for everything that our chapter accomplished. At the end of fall quarter, Dr. McMahan was recognized for his support and became an honorary brother of our great fraternity. He has continued to advise and support our chapter with everything that we do, alongside our new chapter sponsor and Associate Director of Bands, Christopher Woodruff. Working together with both of these supportive and caring advisors has allowed for our chapter to continue flourishing through this transition time.
- Iota Pi recognized two of our amazing and supportive band alumni with honorary membership. John and Kathy Lowe continually support the Cal Poly marching band through offering scholarships, providing dinner to the whole tournament band at Big West and coming to as many games as possible when instrumentation is needed for our pep bands.
- On March 6, 2011 Iota Pi welcomed 22 new active brothers into our chapter with the initiation of the Chi class. All of these new brothers have shown their passion for the bands and a willingness to bring forward new perspectives to the chapter. They understand the commitment of actively serving the bands and we are very excited to continue watching them grow and contribute to our brotherhood.

### **Service Projects:**

- Iota Pi has continued to serve the bands at Cal Poly, always trying to find new ways to get people excited about service. This year, the service committee put on the first Epic Day of Service. This was a project-based day that included cleaning, organizing, and building. Although there were a few glitches with logistics, the day proved to be very successful and accomplished many great things.
- Iota Pi continues to play a large part in serving the music department through assisting with concerts. The music department often relies on us for selling tickets or merchandise, completing stage set-ups and logistics, and supporting all of the ensembles through attendance and support at the events. We try to provide a reception after each of the concerts, complete with homemade treats and a chocolate fountain. We also help haul equipment and do set-ups for jazz band gigs that are at off-campus locations.
- The Chi class took on the large task of organizing all of the brass ensemble music that has been accumulating over the years. They cataloged all of this and made it much more accessible for the ensembles to utilize.

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- As a way to show our appreciation to visiting bands, we always make goodie bags for these groups. We also provide goodie bags and treats for our band as we travel for football games and basketball tournaments.
- Providing a safe and fun social experience for band members is very important for our chapter. Our band social committee has put on some of the annual events such as Capture the Flag, Sardines, Movie Night, Wii Tournament Night, Lyndsey's B.Y.O.Banana, hiking trips and Musician's Ball. We have also added new events such as the Pet Rock Party (with hot cocoa) that could go in between our orchestra rehearsals to encourage involvement from more than just the marching bands.

#### Promoting Music:

- In order to support music in our community, Iota Pi hosts musical petting zoos at various different venues. Some of these have been at schools, while others occur at fairs or at the local farmer's market. These provide opportunities for kids (and their parents) to try out different instruments and see what it is like to create music.
- We assist some of the local high schools with instrumentation at their football games. This allows them to have a full band, but also helps us promote Cal Poly music and more generally maintaining music through college, good sportsmanship and good musicianship.
- One of the founding brothers of Iota Pi teaches middle school and high school music in Gonzales. We provide a "band camp" clinic for his students where we send up musicians who work individually with the students who play their instrument. This is an amazing opportunity for us to discover what it is like to teach our instrument and also a chance for the students to get more individual attention with their playing. This year we also had several music majors participate in this clinic who are not brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi.
- Our annual All-State Festival went very smoothly last year and we saw one of the best groups of students we had ever had before. These students were given the opportunity to play under great conductors, such as J. Eric Schmidt, and to get an opportunity to experience Cal Poly and our music programs offered here. We are currently working through all of the planning and details for this upcoming festival in April.

#### Fundraising with a Purpose:

- Last year we did a lot of fundraising that went specifically to our Wind Ensemble's Walt Disney Hall tour. This year we are trying to match those fundraising efforts as our Jazz Bands plan to go on a tour to Puerto Rico. These efforts include making a base donation, as well as donating the profits from some of our larger fundraisers, such as an Applebee's breakfast fundraiser.
- We continued to provide profit shares at some of the band favorites, such as Panda Express, Powell's Candy and Jamba Juice. We are also in contact with some of the local businesses to try to start similar profit shares with them.
- There was a very epic penny wars between the sections of the marching band that resulted in the trumpets coming out in first place. We encouraged alumni to contribute when they were here for homecoming and also saw some contributions from students in other ensembles.
- This year we decided to once again sell band calendars, using professional pictures taken by numerous parents of band members. These always sell well and make great Christmas gifts. We sold "Mustang Band" sweatpants and now our Chi class is selling Poly Music Sweatshirts- hoping to target different ensembles as well.
- Next month we will be attempting a brand new fundraiser that is put on by one of the local car washes and has proven to be rather successful for other groups. We essentially are there all day holding up signs and trying to get people to go in, and a percentage of the profit from the day goes to our organization.

#### Brotherhood:

- This is one of the largest areas that we are working to change and move forward to develop closer bonds and a better understanding of all of our brothers. We want to have all of our brothers always interact in a respectful and constructive way, and feel confident with voicing their thoughts and ideas. We are working to achieve this through chapter retreats, brotherhood dinners and discussions. This will continue be a large focus point for our chapter throughout next quarter, especially with our large new class and large graduating class in June.

Overall, it has been an amazing year and we continuously work toward improvement as a chapter. We are very excited for the ideas and contributions of the Chi class to our chapter and hope to really feed off of their enthusiasm and commitment to help our chapter grow together. Over the next year we will see a large change in our membership, with about half of our current chapter graduating and these younger members really stepping up. It should be a very exciting time for our chapter and hopefully we will get to really see our chapter continue to grow and develop while doing what we love most- serving the bands!

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin "(Lago)" Stearns  
President 2010-2011  
Iota Pi, Kappa Kappa Psi  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

## **2010-2011 Lambda Alpha Chapter Report**

**Chapter:** Lambda Alpha

**School:** University of California, Irvine

This year marked a year of quality projects and change for Lambda Alpha. The year started off before school was in session under the leadership of a dedicated and young council striving to choose quality and worthwhile projects. During the summer our Chapter attended a series of TV Tapings and was able to raise funds for our Chapter operations. In addition, the Chapter volunteered at freshmen move-in day to promote the Pep Band. Lambda Alpha also helped with band recruitment by putting up strategically placed posters around campus advertising rehearsal. As the quarter progressed we assisted at the Newport Beach High School marching competition and helped bands check-in, worked in the staging and warm-up areas and seated viewers. Lambda Alpha then moved our efforts back on campus and taught a lesson about music and played some of our Pep Band tunes for children between the ages of 6-11 at the Verano Day Care Center. Our annual Brotherhood Thanksgiving this year brought many games of UNO and much laughter and bonding between alumni and members of the Western District. Lambda Alpha also began thinking about our future as a Chapter and worked tirelessly to get to know the band members and recruit for our Kappa class. Our Prospective Member Educator held a very successful Interest Night along with two Rush events for the band to attend. Fall Quarter also brought about many changes in policies and the Chapter Constitution for us. The creation of the quarterly schedule as well as the addition of an attendance policy to our Constitution has strengthened our Chapter and made our operations run more effectively and smoothly.

As Winter Quarter approached we began preparing for a new candidate class as well as for District season. We started off the quarter with a fun road trip to DLC at Fresno State. After attending such an amazingly executed District event, we brought many memories and what we learned back to our Chapter. After officially having three members of the Pep Band accept their bids, we had our new Kappa Class! They are finishing out their process with their final exam and interview on April 3, 2011. They have shown tremendous amounts of growth and are learning so much through their hard work and determination! The Kappa Class was then able to experience their first District event, State Days, held at UCLA this year. We had 13 out of 16 Brothers and Candidates able to attend and despite having to leave early for a Pep Band game, we had a blast and were able to bond with so many people from California Chapters! Lambda Alpha has also been privileged to show our support at many Chapters' degrees this year. We were able to attend the Installation of Mu Phi, and various degrees at Psi, Iota Gamma, Iota Pi and Mu Phi. This quarter finished with a bang as we hosted yet another Verano Day Care service event as well as initiating our fourth Honorary, Robert Briggs, into the Chapter.

As Convention approaches we are preparing for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual UNO tournament fundraiser as well as a huge service project where we will be playing music for a parade during Girl Scout International Day. We look forward to another amazing Western District Convention as well as a great finish to our year this Spring Quarter!

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene "Petrie" Ronne  
President 2010-2011  
Kappa Kappa Psi- Lambda Alpha  
University of California, Irvine

## **2010-2011 Lambda Psi Chapter Report**

**Chapter:** Lambda Psi

**School:** San José State University

Hello Brothers and Sisters of the Western District!

The 2010-2011 school year has been a year of great growth for the Lambda Psi chapter in many ways. Before I go into greater depth, I would first like to thank our immediate-past-President, Leila "BANZAI" Wilhelm. She served as the Lambda Psi Chapter President for the 2 previous semesters, and strove to be the best President to serve our chapter.

The main focus of this year was to start brainstorming for bigger fundraisers and service projects, along with a better relationship with the SJSU School of Music & Dance, along with the City of San Jose. Listed below are several of our accomplishments from the past year:

### ***Service***

For Spring 2011, we introduced the idea of monthly Service Days for the Music Building, where we dedicate an entire day to fulfilling lists of requests from our professors and administrators. We typically run into scheduling issues, whereas some brothers may have a class, or might have a long shift at work. Because this event is a full day's worth of service, we are able to have everyone in the chapter do their part towards improving the School of Music & Dance.

### ***Music***

For one of our music projects, Eddie "Hellen Keller" Higareda formed a student-run pep band that performed at the ACHA Div. II Hockey Championships, hosted at Sharks Ice in San Jose. I have also made sure to push the idea of auditioning for the NIB this year, seeing as we have yet to have a member make it in the ensemble. We're also planning on starting a yearly memorial Concerto Competition with a scholarship prize, in remembrance of jazz drummer/jazz studies professor Joe Hodge.

### ***Fundraising***

For the 2010 season of the Spartan Marching Band, I designed an alternate band t-shirt that was worn by the members at every game day rehearsal. It was one of the biggest fundraisers to date for the chapter, but we foresee that it will soon be surpassed by the Concerto Competition. (It will also be a fundraiser). We are also selling "Kappa Kappa Psi" Bottlecap stickers for \$0.50 each and "Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma" Lanyards for \$5.00 each (comes with 2 free stickers!) at Western District Convention 2011. This is the first time we have sold Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma accessories at a district event. We're even accepting credit cards!

### ***Brotherhood***

Our Brotherhood Chair, Robel "BEnZai" Berhane, has put forth many good ideas towards brotherhood events this year, but the best and most effective one is our after-meeting bowling nights. Many of our members took a bowling class for their kinesiology credit at San Jose State, and are using it to their advantage. There are talks of forming a bowling league, but it doesn't look likely with the amount of projects we have in the works.

### ***Candidate Classes***

Our Eta Class of Fall 2010 consisted of 2 members: Sean "FUjIn" Archer, and Belen "SHADOWCAT" Guzman. They were both outstanding members of the Spartan Marching Band, and are also well-praised in the music department. Our Theta Class of Spring 2011 accepted 3 candidate members: Joey Hassell, Alex Murphey-Frank, and Sunnie Stone. All of these candidates take part in both spring and fall ensembles, and they each have their own strengths that make them stand out, and we're extremely proud to give them the opportunity to be a part of this great brotherhood.

### ***Final Thoughts***

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I've always noticed that the Lambda Psi chapter has been on an upward climb of improvement, in ways such as membership size, department recognition and respect, and member participation. I can tell that we are cultivating some great leaders this year, some of which I hope will attempt to run for District office. I have stressed greater involvement in District/National events and publications, and I already have a few members pledging to audition for the National Intercollegiate Band.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend WDC 2011 due to a performance conflict, but I can't wait to see what lessons and experiences my brothers bring back with them. I brought 2 district first-timers to DLC 2011, and saw how it absolutely changed their perspectives on District events, and the fraternity as a whole.

AEA with MLITB!

Respectfully submitted,

Phil "LOLrus" Rose  
KKΨ - Lambda Psi chapter  
President – Spring 2011



## 2011-2012 Mu Pi Chapter Report

**Chapter:** Mu Pi      **School:** University of Oregon

This past year has been filled with many unexpected changes for the Mu Pi chapter. The year started off well with many service projects and fundraisers. We jumped right into service projects by cleaning up and building storage units for the marching band's uniform room as well as cleaning up the band library. The chapter participated in University Day by helping clean up the outside of the school of music and spreading bark dust. We had a couple different bake sales outside the campus Bookstore and we sold concessions during The M Concert being held. Mu Pi closed out the school year by initiating nine new members into the fraternity.

Following the end of the summer we got off to a great start with our annual band camp bar-b-que. It's become one of the chapter's favorite service projects because not only is it time for everyone in the band to relax during camp but it's a great way to let people know about Kappa Kappa Psi. In October we began MEP for six prospective members and in January we initiated five new members into the fraternity.

Following their initiation our chapter was informed that we had been placed on Suspension for failure to pay our dues on time. There was no excuse for the late dues and there's no explanation as to why they were late. We knew things needed to be fixed and we immediately began working with National Headquarters to rectify the situation. After sending in our late dues and working with Nationals, we were moved off of Suspension onto Probation. We are currently still on Probation but we've taken this experience as a way to strengthen our chapter. We now have checks in place to make sure that this won't happen again and while this situation is disappointing it has created a new sense of responsibility in each of our members. As a chapter we've had to work together to correct the situation and it's in that work that we were able to grow closer to one another as brothers. We'd like to thank Life member Adam Bates for all his help through this difficult situation and his continued support. Adam has been a great resource to us as a new chapter and we're extremely grateful.

In the next year we'd like to increase our membership, hold more Brotherhood activities, increase our involvement with the University's School of Music, and amend our Mu Pi Constitution.

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## **2010-2011 Mu Phi Chapter Report**

**Chapter:** Mu Phi

**School:** Fullerton College

As Mu Phi's first Active year, this year has been fun and full of great growth. In the financial aspect of our chapter, our Treasurer, and her committee planned some great money makers. Our biggest fundraiser is "Mighty Mic Night." Mighty Mic Night is a combination of open mic night and a talent show. We host auditions, and put on a great show. We have successfully held "Mighty Mic Night" twice this year, and it just keeps getting better. Profit comes from ticket sales as well as a concession stand that we host during intermission. Another fundraiser we did was during our year was at the "Symphonic Winds Retreat" service project, our fundraising committee hosted, "Penny Wars," where we used the basic penny wars rules, split our band by sections and let them have at it. It turned out to be very fun and successful, a must do for our next years retreat. Our fundraising committee also organized and executed a TV taping extravaganza and is currently working on hosting a "Brawl Tournament."

In the Service aspect of this year, the Mu Phi Chapter has done many activities. Our biggest activity of the year was our second annual "Symphonic Winds Retreat" (the first being sponsored by us as well during our colony status). The "Symphonic Winds Retreat" is a weekend long event where our top symphonic band travels to a ranch to rehearse and bond. This retreat was completely founded, planned and executed by our group with the support of the bands Director/our Advisor T. Mazzaferro, this retreat proved to be very successful and as a request from our Director/Advisor it is to be a yearly tradition. Something else Mu Phi has worked on many times is the Fullerton College Music Library, seeming to be a never ending project our group works to organize and file music. We also have taken on the challenge our Dean of Fine Arts charged to us, to usher all of the Jazz Band/combo concerts. Also weekly we set up and take down chairs and stands for both the Symphonic Winds rehearsals and the Community Band rehearsal. Our Service committee is currently working on representing our music department in Fullerton College's annual Kinder Comminata, where 1,400 kindergarteners attend college for the day and go to work shops where each department is represented. We currently are holding the title for the past 2 years, of Best Workshop, as voted by our kindergarten friends.

This year the Mu Phi Chapter has taken on 14 candidates. Our Membership Education committee has been working hard and diligent to educate and guide these candidates through this process. Our Chapter is 100% supportive and excited for these candidates. As our group will be doubling next year, we look forward to taking on bigger and better project s and continuing to Strive for the Highest. We would also like to publicly say "Thank You," to the Western District for being so supportive and helpful during our time as a colony and our transition into the Mu Phi Chapter. Much Love in the Bond.

# Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma

## Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Convention Committee Reports 2011 Portland, Oregon

### 2011 Kappa Kappa Psi Jurisdiction Committee Report

**Committee:** Jurisdiction Committee  
**Chair:** Jason Scapa, Western District Parliamentarian, Psi Chapter, KKΨ  
**Advisor:** Adam Bates, KKΨ

#### The Jurisdiction Committee Shall:

7. Review the 2010 Jurisdiction Committee Report.
8. Sweep Bylaws for grammar and spelling errors.
9. Prepare any Proposed Changes for the Delegates.

#### Jurisdiction Committee is Charged to:

The 2010 Jurisdiction Committee charges the 2012 Jurisdiction Committee the following:

1. Please evaluate all the new and amended policies that go into effect as a result of the vote from the 2010 convention. This includes the newly proposed Article III Nominations and Elections, the amended method to fill a vacancy, and the amended method to remove an officer.

The 2010 Jurisdiction Committee Charges the District Council and Governors to the following:

1. Please have a Parliamentarian and a KKPsi Jurisdiction Committee appointed ONE MONTH before the beginning of the Western District Convention, 2011. This will make the job a lot easier for the Parliamentarian, and it will enable the Jurisdiction Committee to come into Convention with a lot more expertise.

#### According to the Joint Western District Constitutions:

- 7.1.1 The Jurisdiction Committee shall review all proposed changes to the Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Constitution, review the document for grammar and spelling mistakes, investigate opportunities to consolidate redundancies, and fix discrepancies and contradictions, paying close attention to constitutionality.

#### Discussion:

This year's jurisdiction committee met to discuss and evaluate the proposed amendments from the 2010 WD Convention. The Committee focused its attention with regards to vacancies and how these arise as either a result of choice in election or by an officer stepping down or being removed from office. We sought to clarify the constitutional ability to vote "no candidate" as an option in voting. This has a major effect on the clause that stipulates that the VP can assume the President's Office in the event of a vacancy, stating that this can only occur through a vacated office and not a vacant office. After this, the Committee sought to codify the Charge concerning the selection of Parliamentarian in advance. Lastly, the committee recommended several grammar changes to clear up convoluted and complex syntax.

#### Charges:

The 2011 Jurisdiction Committee charges the 2012 Jurisdiction Committee with the following:

3. Evaluate the capitalization of "Office"/"Officer" throughout Constitution (i.e. 2.8, 2.8.4 compared to 3.1.3) to determine if specific designation is necessary.
4.  Comb through the Constitution for phrases that can be made more clear and concise.

The 2011 Jurisdiction Committee charges the 2011 and 2012 Secretary-Treasurer the following:

1.  Ensure that the Constitution has the CORRECT DATE at the top to reflect the recent revisions. This will avoid confusion over the current edition of the Constitution.

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## **Recommendations:**

The 2011 Jurisdiction Committee recommends that:

12. Add new Article 2.5.1.1 to read: "The Parliamentarian shall be decided no later than three (3) weeks before the District Convention."
13. Add new Article 3.1.2 to read: "Options for voting in elections include any candidate for office and leaving the office vacant."
14. Article 2.9 should be amended to read the following:
  - 2.9 If a vacancy occurs in a District Office, the vacancy shall be filled according to the following procedures:
    - 2.9.1 In the event that a District Office is left vacant by election or vacated mid-term, all chapters, for a period of ten (10) days, may submit to the remaining District Council suggestions and candidates to fill the vacancy. Qualifications and requirements for candidacy shall be at the discretion of the Governor(s). The District Council shall notify all Chapters of the application process.
      - 2.9.1.1 If the office of District President is vacated mid-term, the District Vice President shall automatically succeed to the District Presidency until the next Western District Convention.
      - 2.9.2 If a vacancy occurs in any other District Office, the District President shall immediately notify all chapters of the vacancy. At that time, all chapters, for a period of ten (10) days, may submit to the remaining District Council suggestions and candidates to fill the vacancy. Qualifications and requirements for candidacy shall be at the discretion of the Governor(s). The District Council shall notify all Chapters of the application process.
    - 2.9.3 After the above stipulated ten (10) days, the District Council shall deliberate and then appoint a candidate to fill the vacant office.
      - 2.9.4 The appointed candidate shall take office upon approval of the District Governor(s) and a simple majority of all active chapters in the District within fifteen (15) days of appointment.
        - 2.9.4.1 If an active chapter does not submit a vote within said fifteen (15) days, it will be assumed that said chapter abstains from the appointment process.
15. Add new Article 6.3 to read: "Chapters may seat proxy representatives in committees at the discretion of the chapter and Governor(s) based on the chapter proxy form."
16. Add new Article 6.3.1 to read: "Said proxy must be an active, associate, life member, or member of the Alumni Association of the Fraternity."
17. Article 10.1.2 be amended to read: "If two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the Convention are favorable, the proposed amendment shall be declared adopted. After such adoption, the amendment shall become operative and effective at the conclusion of the convention unless otherwise noted."
18.  Article 2.8.2 be amended to read: "After receiving a formal complaint, the District Governor(s) shall mediate an impartial and balanced review of the charges and grievances against said Officer. Following the review, a two-thirds (2/3) vote from the remaining voting members of the District Council, as well as the approval of the District Governor(s), shall be necessary for the impeachment of the Officer. After such impeachment, the remaining District Council shall submit a detailed report of the allegations, evidence, analysis, and judgment to the active chapters of the District."
19. Article 4.1 be amended to read, "In the event that a chapter misses the deadline for an annual dues payment, they shall pay a fine to the Western District of Kappa Kappa Psi equal to the amount of money lost by the District in allotments that resulted from tardiness."
20.  Articles 1.3, 2.1.1, 2.2.1, 2.3.1, 2.3.4.1, 2.5, 2.7, 4.3, 9.1.1, and 9.1.5.4 should be amended to capitalize "District".
21. Articles 10.1 and 10.1.1 be amended to say "two-thirds" (hyphenated).
22. Renumber remaining constitutional amendments accordingly to reflect new additions and subtractions.

## **Acknowledgements:**

- Jane Oliver, for serving as the 2011 Jurisdiction Committee Secretary.
- Adam Bates for serving as the 2011 Jurisdiction Committee advisors offering fresh perspective and guidance throughout the weekend.
- Tanya Marsh and Brad Townsend, for serving as the Western District Governors and helping me to be confident throughout the weekend.

- The Western District Council for allowing me the opportunity to serve as District Parliamentarian. I had a blast this entire weekend and would not be here if it weren't for them.
- The Psi Chapter for always pushing me to strive for the highest and providing me support throughout my college career through the friendships I have formed in the chapter.
- Finally, the 2011 Jurisdiction Committee, for sticking with it and offering opinions, ideas, and amendments to better our District Constitution. You guys made my life so much smoother with your help and it was truly a privilege to serve as your chair this weekend. Always remember JIFFY!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Scapa  
 Western District Parliamentarian  
 Psi Chapter  
 Kappa Kappa Psi

**Jurisdiction Committee Members:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Meghan Woodard	Gamma
Matt Vogt	Theta
Brendan Homnick	Psi
Emilio Romero	Omega
Spencer Arias	Beta Omicron
Jane Oliver	Gamma Kappa
Andrew Detering	Iota Gamma
Janessa Gohn	Iota Kappa
Maggie Marastsos	Iota Pi
Seth Strickland	Lambda Alpha
Corey Higham	Lambda Psi
Abbie Ortman	Mu Pi
Michael Gonzalez	Mu Phi

## **2011 Kappa Kappa Psi Nominations Committee Report**

**Committee:** Nominations Committee  
**Chair:** Erin Stearns, Iota Pi Chapter, KKΨ  
**Advisors:** Tanya Marsh, WD Governor, KKΨ  
Dr. Brad Townsend, WD Governor, KKΨ

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

## **Tau Beta Sigma**

# **Tau Beta Sigma Western District Constitution**

**Revised: March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

### **Article I – General**

- 1.01 This document establishes the authorized regulations pertaining to the functions and operations of the Western District and is intended for use in conjunction with the National Constitution of Tau Beta Sigma and the Western District Joint Constitution.
- 1.02 This document shall not take precedence over the National Constitution of Tau Beta Sigma.
- 1.03 Tau Beta Sigma recognizes Kappa Kappa Psi as an equal associated organization with a similar purpose, function, and role in the college and university band setting.

### **Article II – Officers**

- 2.01 Candidates for elected District Office shall:
  - 2.01.01 Be an active or associate member in good standing of the Sorority.
  - 2.01.02 Complete an interview with the Nominations Committee.
  - 2.01.03 Submit a cover letter and resume including personal information and goals for the office.
  - 2.01.04 Submit a letter of recommendation from their Chapter.
  - 2.01.05 Submit a letter of recommendation from their Chapter Sponsor.
  - 2.01.06 Candidates for the Western District President shall be an active member for at least one (1) calendar year.
- 2.02 Each District Officer shall hold no more than two (2) consecutive single-year terms in the same office.
- 2.03 The Tau Beta Sigma Western District Council shall consist of President, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Special Projects, and Secretary-Treasurer. Officer duties are outlined in the National Constitution.
- 2.04 In addition, President shall:
  - 2.04.01 Communicate to the Chapters on matters pertaining to District business and National affairs.
- 2.05 In addition, the Vice President of Membership shall:
  - 2.05.01 Be responsible for regular communication and correspondence with the appropriate chapter officers regarding membership retention, membership education, and expansion.
- 2.06 In addition, the Vice President of Special Projects shall:
  - 2.06.01 Be responsible for creating and developing projects to benefit the District, as directed by the District Council and Counselor.

- 2.06.02 Compile events, names, dates and activities of importance to the district and update the District History each year. The District History shall be published to the district prior to District Convention via the Western District website and announced via the Western District listserv.
- 2.07 In addition, the Secretary-Treasurer shall:
- 2.07.01 Record, publish, and distribute the minutes of all meetings of the District to the District Council, the District Counselor, and the National President.
- 2.07.02 Control the receipt and disbursement of all monies of the District.
- 2.07.03 Compile and distribute a District Directory twice per year.
- 2.07.04 Submit a detailed ledger to be included in the above minutes of all of the district expenses during their term by the beginning of the opening joint session at the District Convention.
- 2.07.05 Submit a proposed budget to be included in the above minutes for the following term that is based on the above ledger to the district by the beginning of the opening joint session at the District Convention.
- 2.07.06 Maintain an updated copy of the budget to be presented if requested by the District Council or chapter members.
- 2.08 In the event that the office of President is vacated, the District Vice President of Membership shall become the District President.
- 2.09 Vacant offices shall be appointed by the District Council, with the approval of the Counselor, through an application and interview process. Appointments must happen within thirty calendar days of the vacancy of the office and must be confirmed by a simple majority of the active chapters.
- 2.10 An unopposed candidate at District Convention may not be eligible for appointment by the District council for the same office if vacant unless no other eligible applicants apply.
- 2.11 Any District Officer may be removed from office if it is determined unanimously by the remaining district Officers and the District Counselor that a District Officer has failed to uphold the duties of her/his office as set forth in the Constitution.
- 2.11.01 Notice of such vacancy shall be sent to each chapter by the District Counselor so that chapters may comment and submit suggestions and candidates.
- 2.11.02 The District Counselor shall appoint a replacement that must be confirmed by a simple majority of the active chapters within thirty days of appointment.
- 2.12 A chapter may voice complaint(s) regarding the ability of a District Officer to uphold the duties of her/his office, as set forth in the Constitution, in the following way:
- 2.12.01 The chapter(s) involved shall voice their complaint(s) to the District President and the District Counselor. If the officer in question is the District President, then the chapter(s) involved shall contact the District Counselor and the Vice President of Membership.
- 2.12.02 The District President and the District Counselor have up to a fortnight (2 weeks) in which to contact the officer in question and contact the chapter(s) involved. If the officer in question is the District President, then the District Counselor and the Vice President of Membership have up to a fortnight (2 weeks) to follow the above procedures.



2.12.03 If deemed necessary by the District President and District Counselor, the procedures described in 2.11 shall be followed. If the officer in question is the District President, the District Counselor and the Vice President of Membership, if they deem necessary, shall follow the procedures described in 2.11.

2.13 The Parliamentarian shall:

2.13.01 Serve as a parliamentary procedure advisor to the district.

2.13.02 Be appointed by the District Council for a term designated by the District Council, or as deemed necessary by the District Counselor, by an application and selection process.

2.13.03 Be an active member in the sorority and shall not be a voting member of the District Council.

2.13.04 Chair the Jurisdiction Committee.

2.13.05 Ensure that updated copies of the Constitution are distributed to the District Council immediately following District Convention.

2.13.06 Provide a copy of the Constitution to the separate Jurisdiction Committee.

### **Article III - Committees**

3.01 The standing committees of the Tau Beta Sigma Western District shall be: Nominations, Membership, Programs, Jurisdiction, and Convention Site.

3.01.01 The following committees shall meet jointly with their Kappa Kappa Psi counterparts: Programs, Jurisdiction, Publications, and Convention Site.

3.01.02 The special committees of Tau Beta Sigma Western District shall be: Ways and Means.

3.02 The Nominations Committee shall:

3.02.01 Investigate the eligibility of and interview candidates for District Office according to the requirements set forth by the National and District Constitutions.

3.02.02 Slate up to one (1) member for each office and shall present those names to the Convention the night prior to closing session.

3.02.03 Have the authority to waive any requirement stated in 2.01 except 2.01.01, 2.01.02, and 2.01.06 for a candidate running off the floor provided the requirements are fulfilled within thirty days of election, if elected. Failure to meet the requirements results in a vacant office to be filled per 2.09.

3.03 The Membership Committee shall:

3.03.01 Discuss new ideas and potential resources to be used for membership retention, education, involvement, and recruitment.

3.04 The Programs Committee shall:

3.04.01 Meet separately to decide the winner of the Tau Beta Sigma Tiger Award and the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award.

3.05 The Jurisdiction Committee shall:

3.05.01 Examine, recommend, and submit to the Convention all propositions, revisions, and alterations as amendments to the District Constitution

3.06 The Ways and Means Committee shall be formed on an as-needed basis determined by the Western District President under the advisement of the Western District Secretary/Treasurer for the purpose of handling discrepancies or financing special projects.

#### **Article IV – Delegates and Proxies**

4.01 The active members of the Chapter shall elect its delegates at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Chapter.

4.02 Chapters unable to attend convention may designate another chapter as their proxy delegate.

4.03 All seats of chapters in good standing that are vacant after the seating of delegates and designated proxies shall be filled alphabetically with Proxies from the chapters present. This shall be done according to the alphabetical listing of the chapters in the District, beginning with the next chapter after the last one seated at the prior Convention.

#### **Article V – Nominations and Elections**

5.01 Elections shall be held annually at the District Convention.

5.02 Each name slated by the Nominations Committee shall be considered nominated.

5.03 After the slate has been read, nominations from the floor shall be accepted.

5.03.01 After being nominated, a potential candidate may either accept or decline the nomination.

5.03.02 Nominees from the floor must meet the requirements for running for District Office in Section 2.01, unless waived by the Nominations Committee as described in 3.02.03.

5.04 Upon closure of nominations, candidates shall be asked to leave the session and shall individually be brought back to give a speech and participate in a question and answer session.

5.05 A majority of all votes shall be necessary for election.

5.05.01 If no candidate receives a simple majority vote, a run-off election shall commence between the two candidates with the most votes.

5.05.02 In the event that a tie cannot be broken, the office shall remain vacant.

5.06 The procedure for selection of Honorary members of the Western District of Tau Beta Sigma shall be as follows:

5.06.01 Nominations from any member of the Western District shall be sent to the Western District President to be unanimously approved by the Western District Council.

## **Article VI – Awards**

### 6.01 The Distinguished Sister Award:

6.01.01 This award shall be presented in recognition of strong Active or Associate members of the Western District who exemplify our Purposes, Five Qualities, and Eight Essential Factors through their attitude, involvement, participation, leadership, and inspiration. This shall be displayed through Tau Beta Sigma and their respective band programs. Three (3) winners shall be decided by the Western District Council annually by October 15, January 15, and March 15.

### 6.02 The Tau Beta Sigma Tiger Award:

6.02.01 This award may be presented in recognition of the chapter that exudes the most spirit and participation at Western District events. The winner shall be decided by the Programs Committee.

### 6.03 The Outstanding Graduating Senior Award:

6.03.01 This award may be presented to a graduating member of Tau Beta Sigma in recognition of their dedication to the Ideals of the Sorority, academic achievement, and leaving a lasting impact on their chapter. The winner shall be decided by the Programs Committee.

### 6.04 The Kris Wright Award:

6.04.01 This award may be presented to one member of Tau Beta Sigma who has demonstrated outstanding and continued service to the Sorority's Western District. Nominees must be life, honorary, or alumni members of Tau Beta Sigma. Recipients shall be selected by the Western District Council, and applications will be due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Nominees must have attained an accumulation of Life, Honorary, or Alumni Status of five (5) years after completing their education or terminating their affiliation with their college or university.

## **Article VII – Amendments**

7.01 Individuals or committees may submit proposed amendments to the Jurisdiction Committee to be considered for inclusion in the District Constitution.

7.02 Any part of this Constitution may be amended at any time by a simple majority of all eligible voting chapters of the district.

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## Tau Beta Sigma Western District Convention Session Minutes Portland, Oregon

### Session 1: Opening Session March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Call to order: 5:01PM

- I. Welcome!
- II. Seating of the Delegates
  - A. Omicron: Annette Bowman, filling in for Joshlyn Carmona
  - B. Omega: Tran Thai
  - C. Alpha Chi: Jenna Goldman
  - D. Epsilon Kappa: Rachel Goldman
  - E. Zeta Xi: Lisa Fleck
  - F. Eta Omega: Regina Harris
  - G. Theta Delta: Jess Christensen
  - H. Theta Eta: Amanda Dixon
- III. Introduction of Tau Beta Sigma Western District Council
  - A. President: Ryan Carle, Alpha Chi
  - B. Vice President of Membership: Eva Neves, Omicron
  - C. Vice President of Special Projects: Helen Cordova, Epsilon Kappa
  - D. Secretary-Treasurer: Chelsea Cohen, Omega
  - E. Parliamentarian: Erik Wieben, Omicron
  - F. Counselor: Trevor Angood, Lambda
- IV. Introduction of National Officers
  - A. Dollie McDonald O'Neill, National President
  - B. Dawn Farmer, National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
  - C. Kathy Godwin, Past National President
  - D. Kris Wright, Past Western District Counselor
- V. Life Member Recognition
- VI. Chapter Reports
  - A. Omicron
  - B. Omega
  - C. Alpha Chi
  - D. Epsilon Kappa
  - E. Zeta Xi
  - F. Eta Omega
  - G. Theta Delta
  - H. Theta Eta
- VII. Announcements
  - A. Fundraising
  - B. Candidates for District Office
    - i. President
      1. Ashley McFadden, Epsilon Kappa
      2. Joshlyn Carmona, Omicron
    - ii. Vice President of Membership
      1. Eva Neves, Omicron
      2. Jess Christensen, Theta Delta
    - iii. Vice President of Special Projects
      1. Jake Thompson, Omega
      2. Rachel Goldman, Epsilon Kappa

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C. Schedule

D. National Announcements

- i. Strategic Planning updates
- ii. Revisited mission and vision statement. Check The Podium and the Council Connection for more information
- iii. National Convention in Colorado Springs
  1. If you have any changes, please let Dollie or another member of the National Council know
  2. Registration is \$115
  3. The National Convention Website is up and running
  4. Deadlines
    - a. NIB Auditions: April 19<sup>th</sup>
    - b. Hotel Registration: June 1<sup>st</sup>
    - c. Delegate Form: June 1<sup>st</sup>
    - d. Registration Form: June 5<sup>th</sup>
    - e. Proxy Form: July 5<sup>th</sup>
  5. First-ever Diversity Extravaganza show is planned
    - a. Talent show
    - b. Applications are on the National Convention website
  6. Ritual Moratorium
    - a. Will expire at National Convention
    - b. Any suggestions regarding amendments to the ritual should be submitted to Lisa Croston, the National Historian, at [lisa.croston@ok.state.edu](mailto:lisa.croston@ok.state.edu)
  7. Running for National Office
    - a. If you're interested, submit your campaign materials by May 1<sup>st</sup>
    - b. See the National Constitution for requirements for running
  8. NIB
    - a. Record two contrasting submissions of 5-10 minutes total
    - b. Must be postmarked by April 19<sup>th</sup>
    - c. Housing is included for Saturday and Sunday nights
    - d. Adam Gorb is the composer
    - e. Craig Kerktoff is the conductor
  9. National Convention Registration Contest
    - a. Started by National Vice President for Communication and Recognition Nicole Burdick
    - b. Follow @Taubetasigma on Twitter
    - c. Two trivia questions will be posted
    - d. Email Nicole with the answers
    - e. There will be a drawing, and the winner will get a refund of their registration fee
  10. Top Chapter Award
    - a. Congratulations to Omicron, Omega, and Epsilon Kappa for being nominated!
  11. Win/Win Membership Drive Winner: Omicron
  12. Projects
    - a. Kathryn Kelly is working on Composing Our Future Projects: Jazz it Up for Tau Beta Sigma
      - i. Whichever song wins will be added to the TBSigma song book
      - ii. Submission deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>
    - b. Scouting for Music
      - i. Trying to promote relationships between active chapters and Girl Scouts to get them involved with music.
    - c. Database Donations: Each chapter is encouraged to contribute \$35 toward keeping the history alive and renovating the database at HQ

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- d. 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Archives: Thanks to the dedication of Lisa Croston, the History and Archives committee has gotten a \$6000 preservation grant through the National Endowment for the Humanities fund.
- 13. Stay tuned for scholarship and award deadlines. Everything will have one deadline
- 14. There are four national officers who are elected and one who is appointed
  - a. The position of Vice President of Professional Relations has already been appointed to handle the NIB.
    - i. Dr. Debra Trufacanti, University of Oklahoma
- 15. Board of Trustees
  - a. There will be a new scholarship – the Wava Scholarship. More information coming soon.
  - b. Life Membership
    - i. It was voted in 2009 to go to \$350, then \$500, from the original \$250
    - ii. It will stay at \$350 for right now.
  - c. Chair: Melanie Meehan
- 16. TBS Alumni Association
  - iv. Reminders

Meeting Recessed: 5:56PM

**Session 2**  
**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

- I. Announcements
- II. Officer Reports
  - a. Chelsea Cohen, Secretary-Treasurer
  - b. Helen Cordova, Vice President of Special Projects
  - c. Eva Neves, Vice President of Membership

**Session 3: Closing Session**  
**March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Call to order: 8:03AM

- I. Officer Reports
  - A. Trevor Angood, Western District Counselor
  - B. Ryan Carle, Western District President
- II. Approval of the Budget
  - A. Ryan Carle entertains a motion to approve the 2011-2012 budget; Alpha Chi so moves; Epsilon Kappa seconds
    - i. Motion passes
  - B. Separate Committee Reports
    - i. Programs: Regina Harris, Eta Omega
    - ii. Jurisdiction: Erik Wieben, Omicron
      1. Ryan Carle entertains a motion to accept the recommended changes to 6.04.01; Zeta Xi so moves; Eta Omega seconds
        - a. Motion passes
      2. Ryan Carle entertains a motion to accept the recommended changes to 2.01.01, 2.12.02, and 5.03.02; Omega so moves; Theta Eta seconds
        - a. Motion passes
    - iii. Nominations: Lauren Buzbee, Alpha Chi
      1. Ryan Carle entertains a motion to accept the slate; Alpha Chi so moves; Omega seconds
        - a. Motion fails
    - iv. Elections
      1. President
        - a. Slate: Rachel Goldman, Epsilon Kappa
        - b. Epsilon Kappa nominates Ashley McFadden, Epsilon Kappa; Ashley accepts
        - c. Theta Delta moves to caucus for three minutes; Zeta Xi seconds
          - i. Motion passes
        - d. **President: Rachel Goldman, Epsilon Kappa**
      2. Vice President of Membership
        - a. Slate: Ashley McFadden, Epsilon Kappa
        - b. Theta Eta nominates Eva Neves, Omicron; Eva accepts
        - c. **Vice President of Membership: Ashley McFadden, Epsilon Kappa**
      3. Vice President of Special Projects
        - a. Slate: Jake Thompson, Omega
        - b. Alpha Chi moves to vote by acclamation; Omicron seconds
          - i. Motion rescinded by Alpha Chi
        - c. **Vice President of Special Projects: Jake Thompson, Omega**
      4. Secretary-Treasurer
        - a. Slate: No slate
        - b. Omicron nominates Amanda Dixon, Theta Eta; Amanda accepts
        - c. Zeta Xi nominates Eva Neves, Omicron; Eva respectfully declines
        - d. Zeta Xi nominates Jess Christensen, Theta Delta; Jess accepts
        - e. The Nominations Committee has determined that Amanda Dixon is eligible to run
        - f. Zeta Xi moves to caucus for three minutes; Theta Delta seconds
          - i. Motion passes
        - g. Omega moves to have a Q and A session with the candidates, recommending a two minute speech and a three minute Q and A; Theta Eta seconds
          - i. Motion passes

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- h. Omega moves for to caucus for two minutes; Alpha Chi seconds
- i. Motion passes
- i. **Secretary-Treasurer: Vacant**
- v. Officer Installation

Separate Meeting Adjourned: 10:15 a.m.

# **Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma**

## **Tau Beta Sigma Western District Convention Officer Reports**

### **Portland, Oregon**

#### **2010-2011 President Report**

Sisters of the Western District-

Think back to the moment you learned about Tau Beta Sigma. Think about the moment you got that invitation to join that group of people at a thing called First Degree. Think about the moment when you became an active sister. Think about your first district event. Think about all of the service projects, the socials, the bonding, the memories.

Going into college, I never thought I would ever be a member of a Greek organization, let alone a sorority. My first semester I thought Tau Beta Sigma was your typical social Greek, focused solely on partying. But then I found out it was nothing like that. I found out it was about service, about music, about building a special bond between so many amazing people. It's hard to think what life would be like if I was not given the opportunity to become a sister.

Fast forward to today, four and a half years later. Standing here in front of you all, I can only think about how amazing each and everyone one of you are. Words cannot describe how wonderful the sisters of the Western District of Tau Beta Sigma truly are. And this past year goes to show that every day you all become more amazing. Theta Delta is back on the map and making a presence again in the Western District. Theta Eta continues to promote music and sisterhood with nine new sisters. Zeta Xi continues to bring the brothers and sisters of the Western District together every summer at SD4. Alpha Chi has worked to promote women in music by starting their own Women in Music Speaker Series. Eta Omega helped organize a flawless District Leadership Conference in Fresno. We had all of paperwork turned in ON TIME this school year, with FOUR Early Bird Awards!!! And we have three chapters – Omega, Omicron, and Epsilon Kappa that are being recognized for being some of the top chapters in the nation. It just goes to show that the Best are truly in the West!

As this year's Tau Beta Sigma Western District Council began working together, we created the vision "To develop and provide the skills necessary in leadership and musicianship for the active membership of the Western District through innovative communication and resources, while building a council that acts as a beneficial asset to the active membership through dependability, innovation, and the advancement of strong relations with both brothers and sisters in the Western District." With this vision in mind, new programs were started this year to help promote sisterhood, like the Pen-Pal Program and History Saturdays. We worked to develop musicianship by providing you all the opportunity to conduct and participate in this year's Reading Band. The focus of DLC was brought back to service and leadership by providing times to create a plan of action for members to take back to their chapters. And we continued the Focus Chapter program, and worked to revamp The Accent and the Western District Website to keep you better informed. In the end, we all came together as a district to help ensure the success of each of our chapters.

But with the end of District Season, it does not mean that our work is over. Here are my charges and challenges for all of you for the next year:

To the Chapter Presidents

- Set the standard for your chapter. Don't just talk the talk, but walk the walk, and be the best sister and leader that you can be.
- Take note of all of your resources – connect with other Chapter Presidents in the Western District and across the nation. Stay in touch with your District Council. Don't be afraid to ask questions or ask for help.
- Be a servant leader – Envision, Enlist, Embody, Empower, Evaluate, and Encourage your chapter.

To the 2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Council

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- Create a vision together to set goals and have a true purpose for what you will be doing throughout your term
- Work to create new resources and ways to reach out to the brothers and sisters of the Western District. Think outside of the box. Don't be afraid to try something new – if it fails, learn from it, and make it better!
- Communicate, communicate, communicate – with the council, your counterpart, and each of the brothers and sisters of the Western District. Don't be afraid to make a phone call. Check your e-mail as much as you can. Chat with a new sister on Facebook!

To the 2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma Western District President

- Work to always stay as connected and as close with each Chapter and Chapter President. Try to be involved as much as you can with every chapter.
- Make yourself as readily available as much as you can. Be there for the sisters throughout the entire Western District.
- Work with the entire Western District to promote the Western District Challenge to ensure that all paperwork is completed and turned in ON TIME, 100% of the time.
- Don't be afraid to step outside of your comfort zone. Travel as much as you can. Meet as many sisters as you can. The more you put into the position, the more you will get out of it as a sister and as an individual.
- Don't get discouraged – although it may seem like so many things need to get done, remember why you are doing what you are doing. Remember why you are a sister.
- Have fun! Being the District President is pretty awesome!

To the Sisters of the Western District

- Stay informed and stay involved. Live up to the Western District Challenge knowing that doing the most is the least you can do.
- Attend District Events. Attend National Convention. Just do it!
- Be proactive! Don't just sit back and wait for things to happen. DO IT NOW!
- Truly embrace our purposes, the 5 and 8, and just being the best sister that you can be!

Finally, this year would not have been at all possible without the following people

- To all of the chapter presidents who have served over the past year – Joshlyn Carmona, Holly Wilberger (Vlieg), Erika Barrett, Jackie Paul, Kati Routh, Sarah Young, Rachel Goldman, Ashley Presley, Lisa Fleck, Ashlea Sheridan, Katie Segura, Megan Patino, Alex McElroy, Jess Christensen, Sherstin Hamblin, and Amanda Dixon. Thanks for putting up with the countless e-mails and continue to remain the strong sisters and leaders you all are.
- To Scotty Phillips – Plain and simple, if it wasn't for you, I would not be where I am at today. Thanks for always being there as a friend and brother, pushing me to always do my best.
- To Rachel Goldman – You are such an inspiration for me. Your hard work and dedication through all you do is astounding. Thanks for letting me crash at your place time after time, for cheesecake, and grocery shopping at 1am.
- To Lauren Buzbee – My GFF, the better half of Jose and the B. It's hard to believe that it was four years ago that I sent you that message on Facebook welcoming you to the clarinet section of the Lumberjack Marching Band. Thank you for always being there for me to talk, for being such a great sister, for being there for me when we are 65 and single.
- To the Tau Beta Sigma National Council – thank you all for your hard work to Tau Beta Sigma
  - Kathryn for working so hard and diligently
  - Nicole for all of your hard work to bring all of the sisters nationally, closer together
  - Dawn for always having the passion for greater bands and being the best birthday buddy ever and e
  - Dollie for being such an inspiration to all sisters and being a great convention mom
- To Sean for being our MAXRail poster boy, Jess for letting us stay at her mansion, and Dan for being such a great little brother – Thank you for all of your hard work on council and for being such amazing brothers.

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- To Tanya and Brad – thank you for all of your suggestions and guiding input through all that we have done
- To the AMAZING 2010-2011 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Council who has far surpassed any of my expectations this year
  - Chel'sea – 'Sa's apo'strophe 's – Even though you never did come out of the clo'set, it wa's `so great to have you on Council. You have done `such a great job reaching out to the di'strict with new project's and idea's, and have definitely filled the `shoe's that were left for you. GO CAT'S!
  - Helen – Our very own Special Project! You truly have taken your office to new heights. Your insight, love, and dedication are so evident in all that you do. Thanks for always being there and for being so amazing!
  - Eva – Death Gasp - It has been wonderful working with you over the past three months on council. You always seem to have a smile that brightens the room. And of course our unspoken moments together, like on the phone Wednesday, will always be remembered.
- To Trevor Angood – Thank you for always being there as a mentor, a sister, and a friend. You have done such a great job as Counselor this year, even when I just had to tell you NO! It was great to be your first...Western District President.
- To Jon Saturay – From having lunch the first day after convention last year, to making shirts for National DLC, and decorating Dawn Farmer's door with a rainbow array of post-it notes, I could not have asked for a more amazing, hardworking, dedicated counterpart.
- To Gamma Kappa and my little brothers, Grant, Erica, Dan, Erika, and Bryan and to my home chapter, Alpha Chi, and my little sisters Carrie and Lisa – Even though I moved to California this semester, you all have remained so close to my heart. Thank you so much for always being there with love, support, and understanding. For when I wander from home, you all have truly given me the courage so I don't feel alone.
- And finally to all of you – the sisters of the Western District. Thank you for the laughs, the tears, the hard work, and the memories.

It has been such an honor serving as your Tau Beta Sigma Western District President this year. Continue to show that the Best are in the West, For Greater Bands!

Respectfully Submitted In the Most Amazing Bond,  
 Ryan "BoyRRD" Carle  
 2010-2011 Western District President  
 Alpha Chi Chapter – Northern Arizona University  
 Tau Beta Sigma

## **2010-2011 Vice President of Membership Report**

To my dear Sisters,

I have LOVED getting to serve as your Vice President of Membership for the past three months. It has been an exciting challenge that I would not have traded for anything. From the Skype meetings at weird times to staying up late at District Events, every moment has been a blast!

My main goal during my term was to gather the Membership Education Programs from every Chapter in the Western District. I am happy to say that nearly all the Chapters have submitted their Programs and they look great! I have studied them and started to compare them to the National Guide for Membership Education. It was exciting to see how strong all the Programs are, even with their differences.

My other focus was to stay in continuous and consistent contact with Sisters and Brothers across the District. This was a much more daunting task than I first thought. While I did a good job, I have also learned more tools for communication that will help me in the future.

I have been truly blessed to get to know so many of you. Being part of this organization is like being sucked into a GIANT family! I love knowing that no matter what the reason might be; to talk, to vent, to bounce around ideas, or to hang out, I can always call one of my Sisters or Brothers. The Western District Bond is strong and I know that it will only get stronger as time goes on. Serving in this position has only solidified my opinion that the Best really are in the West!

Charges:

To the incoming Vice President of Membership:

- Continue to look over the chapter Membership Education Programs and compare them with each other and the National Guide. Then make basic guidelines for a District Guide to Membership Education.
- Look into Vanessa's Chapter outreach Program, review it, and implement it if possible.
- Be in continuous and consistent contact with your Focus Chapters, VPMs, and your council.
- Get outside your comfort zone! This is the best way meet them and make personal and lasting relationships.
- Do not procrastinate! Getting it done earlier is better, I promise.
- Remember that this is supposed to be fun! There will be hard times, but the rewards are worth it!

To the Tau Beta Sigma Western District Officers:

- Remember to love each other. Skype often, text often, and call each other.
- Do not be afraid to ask for help.
- Give each other silly nicknames. ☺

To the Sisters of the Western District:

- Use your DOs! We love helping you!
- Enjoy every moment of TBS. When you take the time to truly enjoy it, amazing things can happen.
- Continue to live up to the Western District Challenge
- Don't be stupid
- Love your Sisters and Brothers.

Lastly, I would like to thank people who made this office fun and possible to hold.

- Western District. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to serve!
- Iota Kappa. Thank you for being my amazing "Brother" chapter. I love you guys!
- Omicron. I could not ask for a better chapter. You have helped me through so many things, I would not be standing here if it weren't for you. Especially Annette, thank you for being such a great Big! You have taught me so much and are always there for me.

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- Kappa Kappa Psi Council. You all were so much fun to hang out with and learn from. I love you all! I especially loved watching the English muffins get rejected at Franz Bakery.
- Sean Hunter. Thank you for being such a great counterpart. We had some "way cray" times, but you always have fun and look on the bright side of life.
- Joshlyn Carmona. You are a tremendous example to me. Thanks for all the late night chats, the Coke Zero, and the movies. I love you!!!
- Trevor Angood. You are always so much fun! Thank you for always being so positive and for helping me so much this term. I hope you got some nice pictures of the river. ☺
- Chel'sea Cohen. Sas's! I am 'so glad that I got to meet you and know you. You are amazingly funny and I love that I am always able to have fun around you, even in the middle of the night when we procrastinated. P'S.... 's
- Helen Cordova. Special! Bed Buddy! I love you. From DLC 2010 to now I have always been able to count on you. Thank you for your hard work, sense of humor, your help, and of course for finding the Taking Tree.
- Ryan Carle. TBD! You are amazing! Thank you for all your hard work and your patience with me when I was starting. You are such a great friend and I am so glad I got to serve with you. On the phone and in real life, I LOVE our moments. Life really wouldn't be the same.

Respectfully submitted with MUCH love in the Bond,

Eva Neves  
 Western District Vice President of Membership 2011  
 Tau Beta Sigma Omicron  
 University of Utah

GO UTES!!!

## **2010-2011 Vice President of Special Project Report**

Dearest Sisters of the Western District,

The person who coined the phrase "Time Flies" was NOT joking! It's incredible to think that a whole year has passed by. A year ago, I walked away from convention ready to say good-bye to TBS and my sisters. I was ready to take on my role as an alumnus from Epsilon Kappa and a Life Member of TBS. Boy did life throw me a curve ball that I will forever be grateful for.

My term began with looking at the current projects under my office and finding ways to improve upon them. My first plan was to promote the DSA as much as I possibly could. Though this resulted in MANY emails from me (I'm sorry), which resulted in record number of submissions for the award. It was awesome to see sisters AND brothers recognize those sisters within their chapter who really went above and beyond to serve the bands and their chapter. Next, was the Focus Chapter Program. My goal was to create a relationship with my chapters. I really wanted to become friends with my focus chapter presidents. In order to achieve this, I decided that a semi consistent phone call would be the best way to really become friends with the presidents. I am so happy to have gotten the opportunity to speak with Theta Eta's Amanda Dixon and Alpha Chi's Jackie Paul and Kati Routh. Thank you guys for being such amazing leaders for your chapters. It truly was an honor to speak to you on a daily basis and hear how your chapter was doing. Next, on my agenda was WD Day of Music. Jess and I discussed various ways to make this day more exciting and enticing. We came up with the concept of putting on some sort of performance for the district. With the help of the ever-innovative Marlee Newman, we were able to present a "How to Celebrate WD Day of Music Video." If the video wasn't helpful at least it brought a good laugh. Lastly, was Sisterhood Week. This year I wanted to make sure sisterhood week was something more than just a week that happened to occur before convention. I sent out a survey early in the year to gain an understanding of what YOU as sisters of the Western District wanted to see in our Sisterhood Week. I decided to revamp Sisterhood Week and make it during a time different than National Sisterhood Week. I was happy with the result but still felt that more could be done to improve upon this week.

The one thing that really drew me to this office was the flexibility it offered me as an individual to create projects to better serve the district. As a result I took this flexibility and went with it. This year saw the introduction of History Saturdays. This was meant to be a way to gain some insight on our district history. I got some pretty positive response to the concept and thus deemed it as a successful project. I wish to see it continued and would love to see more chapter participation. The next major item for my time in office was the WD Guide to Special Projects. This perhaps was by biggest goal in office. I wanted to create a source of new ideas relating to sisterhood, service, and alumni relations for all chapters. My vision for this guide is that 5 years from now a chapter who is looking for new ways to improve the sisterhood can look to this guide for new ideas. I am proud to say that I was able to present a first installment of the guide as planned. I received quite a few submissions from chapters and hope that in the future more chapters submit their ideas.

As I look back at my term, I am pleased with what I accomplished. Besides the tangible accomplishments, there were some intangible accomplishments I was able to achieve. First, I believe I was able to make the office more present within the district. Second, I was able to provide further clarity on the role of the office and the all the possibilities it holds. Lastly, serving in this office has allowed me to realize just how amazing our district is! The Best is truly in the West.

Now for my charges:

To the 2011-2012 Western District Vice-President of Special Projects:

1. Remember that your sisters have entrusted you with this office because they truly believe in your capabilities as an officer. So with this in mind do not be afraid to try new things and make this office your own.

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2. Communication! It really can't be stressed enough as to how important it is to be in constant communication with the council, your counterpart, your focus chapter, and the rest of the district.

3. Get to know your counterpart! Take time to bond and really become friends, in doing so, the demands of the office will become easier and in the end you will walk away with a new friend.

4. Buddy Chapters! Brainstorm ways to improve this program. I wasn't able to dedicate enough time to this project, but I trust that you will be able to. Talk to chapters to get an idea of what they would like to see from this program.

5. Promote the DSA! I can't tell you enough about the power of emails reminding the district about the DSA. Sure people will know you as the DO who sends too many emails, but if the end people are submitting nominations then it is all worth it!

6. Continue with History Saturdays. I really believe this is a fun program that interests many people. Find ways to get submission from chapter historians.

7. Continue to promote the WD Guide to Special Projects. If continued, this guide can really serve as a source of ideas for all chapters. Find ways to get more chapter submissions. Also, work with the Webmaster to find better ways of publishing the guide on the website.

8. Continue the physical scrapbook. In a few years it will be an awesome experience to see how our district has evolved through the years.

9. Set goals and deadlines for yourself. But aside from setting goals and deadlines, make them PUBLIC! This is the perfect way to hold yourself accountable for what YOU promise the district.

10. Have fun! Being a DO is truly one of the most rewarding experiences as a sister. You get the chance to meet some pretty amazing people all while serving the district!

My thank yous, I promise not to be a hot mess and get through them with minimal tears.

**Trevor Angood:** CONGRATS on your first year as WD TBS Counselor! Kris Wright left some ridiculously large shoes to fill and you have done as any true queen would do: gotten your own shoes to fill. You are an awesome sister, counselor and friend. Thanks for always being a go to person and being so willing to be our momma counselor.

**Ryan Carle:** I love you! You have done an amazing job as president. Thank you for being such an awesome sister and always so supportive of all our ideas! You are an inspiration for the district and your chapter. Kthxlubvbye

**Eva Neves:** EEEEEVVVAAAA! ☺ Your time on council was too short, but I am grateful for the time we got to spend together. Thank you for being the voice of reason during SO many awkward moments. And thanks for letting me share a bed with you!

**Chelsea Cohen:** 's. LOVE YOU! Just so you know I've purposely misused grammar in my entire report. Thank you for letting all of us pick on you! By the way you punch like a 4 year old.

**Jess Schlosser:** Now I know you won't hear this and I remember saying that it's dumb to acknowledge people who won't even hear it. HOWEVER, I have changed my ways. Jess I couldn't have asked for a better counterpart. This year has been a blast from start to finish. Thank you for being such an awesome friend and brother.

**Jonski, Seanski, and Danski:** Thank you for so many wonderful funny moments this year! It has been so much fun serving on council with you this year! You all are such wonderful brothers.



**To Epsilon Kappa!** Thank you for being such a wonderful chapter! You inspire me with your never-ending resilience and passion for TBS. Each and everyone of you are incredible sisters. You make me **SO** proud to call you my home chapter.

**To Katie Hanna, Rachel Goldman, and Angela Chin:** Thank you for being my constant source of encouragement! I couldn't have asked for better friends. Thank so much for always being there to offer me advice, support, or a laugh. I love you all SO SO SO very much and I can't wait to see what the future holds for us.

Thank You Sisters of the Western District for a wonderful year. It truly has been an honor to serve!

Respectfully Submitted  
Helen Cordova  
WD Vice President of Special Projects 2010-2011  
Epsilon Kappa Chapter - University of California, Los Angeles  
Tau Beta Sigma  
GO BRUINS!

## **2010-2011 Secretary-Treasurer Report**

Sisters of the Western District,

I always thought that being a district officer would be cool, but I never really thought it was something I could do. It wasn't until last year at DLC that I started to think that maybe I should give it a shot after all. There was never really a moment when I officially decided I was going to do it – there just wasn't a moment where I decided I wasn't. And I, for one, am glad that that moment never came.

Over the past year, I was able to both continue some things that have been done before and to try and start some new things of my own. I maintained the WD Guide to Fundraising and also created a Guide to Being a Secretary with helpful tips and tricks for present and future secretaries. I continued TBS Tuesdays for the secretaries and treasurers of the district and also kept publishing the DO Digest so the rest of the Western District could see what we've been doing. I also held another Western District Month of Fundraising, which this year was won by Epsilon Kappa.

One project I tried that wasn't so successful was Wally the Wallaby. For those of you who never got to meet Wally (which is everyone not in Theta Delta or Omicron), he was a stuffed wallaby who was supposed to travel the district and eventually be auctioned off at convention. However, he was unfortunately lost in the mail somewhere between Omicron and Theta Eta and remains lost to this day. I fully expect him to turn up at Theta Eta in about four years to a group of very confused sisters who wonder why exactly Omicron sent them a stuffed wallaby.

Probably my favorite thing I got to do this year was create the penpal program. It had been an idea of mine ever since I went to my first district event and realized I didn't really know anyone outside my own chapter. I kept it going every month for a while until I realized that people were getting burnt out. When I brought it back at the beginning of this month, I tried to pair people based on survey results, and I hope it turned out well for those of you who participated.

In addition, I've kept selling the normal merchandise. I looked at perhaps ordering something else but instead decided to try and get rid of what we have now before adding more stuff to the collection. If you'd like to help me in this endeavor, the shirts are \$10 and everything else is \$5.

I also helped promote the new, online version of The Accent, to which you should all submit something. Omega, you can also submit to The Leaky Bugle.

I charge the following to the 2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Secretary-Treasurer:

1. Evaluate the penpal program and decide if you want to change it, keep it, or transform it into something else
2. Try to come up with a way to send something around the district and keep everyone connected without it getting lost in the mail
3. Keep records of everything you do
4. Work with your counterpart to evaluate merchandise sales
5. Keep communication with the secretaries and treasurers around the district
6. Re-evaluate the WD Month of Fundraising and determine the best possible way to help both the district and the individual chapters
7. Maintain and update both the WD Guide to Fundraising and the WD Guide to Being a Secretary
8. Work with the budget that has been laid out for you.
9. Don't be afraid to ask for help.
10. Work with both your separate council and the joint council to serve the district to the best of your abilities.

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And now, some acknowledgments:

Sisters of the Western District: Thank you for putting me here and allowing me to serve in this office. The best truly are in the west.

Eta Omega and Zeta Xi, my Focus Chapters: Thanks for being so awesome and on top of everything this year

Eva, aka Deathgasp: You've only been on the council for three months, but it feels like longer. Thanks for being so great to work with. You should stay away from those particular candidates.

Helen, aka Special. You're special. But you brought into my life the gloriousness of The Taking Tree, and for that I will always be grateful. Thanks for the awesome job you've done.

Ryan: You're so mean to me, but I'm going to be nice to you. Thanks for all the hard work you put in as President . (No apostrophe "s"s to be found) You've really done a great job this year.

Trevor: You're also a jerk. But thank you for putting up with all of our antics, even though you were a part of a lot of them.

Dan: Thank you for being an awesome counterpart! I've really enjoyed getting to work with you this year, even if you make me feel really, really short.

Jon, Sean, and Jess: Thanks for being a great council to work with. I'm really glad I got to hang out with you all at DLC (well, except Sean), PreCon, and now here.

To all the secretaries and treasurers I got to work with this year (there's about 32 of you, so I won't list you all): Thank you so much for working with me. You guys have been awesome!

Garrett Matlick: You're in Cambodia right now, but I don't care. Two years ago, I sat next to you while you wrote your DO report, and you had no idea what to put in it, so I told you to put me in it and you did, even though I wasn't even at that convention. So now I'm returning the favor. You are the best grandmother anyone could have asked for. You are the best by test, the best in the West.

Caitlin Milder: You've been in Japan for the past six months, but now you're in Tucson, which is sad because I'm in Portland. You are truly the best possible mother I could have asked for and a huge part of the reason I joined TBS in the first place. We're two halves of the same person. Unicorn?

Catherine, Jordan, Arielle, and Drew: I'm apparently thanking the rest of my family, so I might as well throw my kids in here, too. You're all special in your own unique ways, and that's why I love you. But this incest has seriously gotten out of control.

Omega Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi: I love having you guys as my brother chapter. We would not be able to do half the things we do without you guys there.

And finally, to the Omega Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma: Thank you all for your incredible support. I am so thankful to be your sister. Even though I'm graduating and going out into the world in just a month and a half, I know you guys will always be there if I need anything. I'm so proud of who we are and what we become. Keep up the great work. I would love to see a huge Omegan population at district events in the future.

Respectfully submitted in the bond and Go Cats!,  
Chelsea Cohen  
Tau Beta Sigma Western District Secretary-Treasurer, 2010-2011  
Omega Chapter, University of Arizona

## 2010-2011 Counselor Report

Sisters,

I have the best job ever. Sorry Kris, I stole your first line from last year...consider that payback from being on kleenex duty in Tucson.

Since my announcement to become Counselor prior to DLC at UCLA last year and my start of term at the conclusion of Convention in Tucson, this year and a half has been a whirlwind. Last winter was not only my transition into being counselor, but getting to know a district that does things differently than my home district of North Central. I remember after singing to close out banquet in Tucson looking over to Dawn Farmer and simply saying, "Brainwash complete :)" I could not have asked for a better district to work with and am extremely honored to be your counselor.

Since being picked as counselor, I've had the opportunity to work with 8 other sisters who hold or have held the same title as me. They have been an ever present source of guidance, support and a darn good time, even if by conference call. Because of that, I owe heart felt gratitude and much love to Tom Franklin, Renee Cartee, Crystal Wright, Erika Pope, Adrienne Rall, Carolyn McCambridge, Wendy McCann and especially my predecessor, Kris Wright.

Kris, thank you for the hour long phone chats over the past year when I was not sure about policy, procedures, or what exactly to do with these four. You are an asset to this organization and I am so glad that you are here and are able to enjoy being in the back of the room! While you are not off the hook yet for phone chats or e-mails, the training wheels are definitely off and I'm screaming down the hill.

Dolly, Dawn, Kathryn, and Nicole: Thank you for the words of encouragement, the support as counselor and the years of friendship while I have been a member of this organization. I am extremely honored and grateful to be in this position and will be forever indebted for serving in the best job of Tau Beta Sigma. Dawn and Dolly, I am glad you are here and that you are now honoraries of the "Best in the West" Western District. My greatest memory is being interviewed for this position with both of you on the line and I was in a constant state of fear and worry that I would miss something because of Dollie's Arkansas accent with a cold and Dawn having a ring side seat to listen.

I am proud to say that I have visited 6 out of the 8 chapters of TBS in the Western District in some capacity, whether it be degrees, recitals, district events or football games (Go Cougs!). Sorry Utah and Utah State, I do really want to come visit, I promise!!! What is interesting is that while visiting the chapters and getting to know actives and alumni from each chapter, I have found that we are all here with a guide that progresses us further year after year; a single unifying mindset that we are always trying to improve and become champions of, and that is: a hatred towards the University of Southern California. And you thought I was going to say something thought provoking and profound...HA!

Continuing on... Time to get to the thank yous and when others might start to cry.

Jon, Sean, Jess and Dan: The brothers have much to be thankful for and owe a great debt of gratitude because of your leadership in the district and your service for Kappa Kappa Psi and for the Western District. You will surely be missed in the conference calls and meetings as well as in the outside stuff, like exploring the fine city of Portland, watching English muffins get rejected and sampling the wide array of water fountains throughout the city.

Tanya and Brad: Thank you for allowing me to grow into this role and asking questions along the way to gain a better understanding of the Western District council and district as a whole. I am extremely grateful to be working with such great assets to the fraternity and look forward to continuing our work together to deal with these chitlins.

Now, probably the hardest part of my report. First a bit of background. Growing up as a military brat, you never said goodbye to someone when moving away or to dad when he shipped out. There was a permanence to saying good bye; it was always "see you later." This past year I've had a council to guide that any counselor would be lucky to have, but luckily for me, they were mine; they were my first....council. They were and are both assets to their chapters of Omega, Epsilon Kappa, Omicron and Alpha Chi as well as the western district. So, with these following words, it is not a goodbye, but a see you later.

Chelsea-- Chelsea, Chelsea, Chelsea. I have never met someone with a tenacity for and enslavement to the English language...apostrophe s. In all seriousness, while you might have been the quietest one of the

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bunch, well at the start of your term...you attacked your projects, new and continuing, head on and were quick to make adjustments if necessary. I will always remember the first day you launched the pen-pal program and I had woken up that morning to see 86 e-mails in my inbox because, even though it's a requirement for the DOs to CC me on all e-mails, I didn't need to see the same e-mail 86 times with simple name changes. You came to the council "table" having great ideas and spot on analysis of the "goings on" of the council. [www.diddukewin.com](http://www.diddukewin.com)? NO! Go Cats!

Helen -- Our Special Project. You have no idea how excited I was to swear you in, in the middle of a park in Santa Monica even though Danaë told me to "hit the deck" to hide behind a car because I showed up a bit too early before my call time and had to meet my guide for the day, Sarah at a coffee house near by. Throughout your term, you have always impressed me with your tenacity and extreme dedication to your current projects as well as your fostering the continued growth of new projects. Over all, I will always strive to live up to the 8 and 5 that you best exemplify: "generosity of mind, heart, and hand." Go Bruins!

Eva -- Eeeevvvaaaaaaa: While you have only been on the council for three months, you hit the ground running, stepping in to finish out this term. I've been extremely impressed with having you serve on council and fulfilling the duties of this office. You have been a bright, shiny face and a great smile to have...however the constant fear of your death from your laughing, yea...won't miss that terribly. Go Utes!

Ryan -- One of the things I was most worried about becoming counselor was having a brand new council, coming into a new district and not knowing how this "beast" known as the Western District works; it's ins and outs. You have been extremely flexible with me getting to know the WD as well as allowing me to bring in my ideas from other districts and chapters to help with the Western District...and then saying no, or allowing me to say the "oh yea....new to the WD" excuse. I could not have asked for a better president to start of my time here in the WD and I for one will miss the constant skype, facebook, text message and e-mails from you about all of this, plus Glee and the Real Housewives. OH MY GOD, KURT AND BLAINE KISSED!!! Did you see how crazy Nene was?! Go Jacks!

To wrap this all up: I have one charge for everyone here and everyone in the Western District of Tau Beta Sigma. GO TO NATIONAL CONVENTION!!!

And I know I can hear it from your internal monologue in the backs of your head collectively, "But it's REALLY expensive..." Maybe, but there is the potential to get some or all of the money covered by your university. An example comes to mind from the Zeta Alpha chapter at Illinois State University, who received in the ball park \$6,000, which will cover everything for 12 members of their chapter except food and souvenirs. This is will be from scholarships and grants through their Students Involvement Office because of their chapter's stats as a "Registered Student Organization" on campus. So...go seek out your equivalent student life/student organizations office and ask. The worse they will say is no.

So with all of that being said, please NEVER hesitate to drop me a line saying hi or with a question or concern, whether it be by facebook, e-mail, text message, or phone call!! And if it seems like I might be blanking on your name when you see me and say hi, please feel free to drop your name at some point in the conversation, or just say, "Hi, I'm Ryan Carle!"

Your turn Ryan....

Your Mama Counselor <3s you all!

Respectfully Submitted and with much love in the Bond,

Go Blue!

Trevor S. Angood

Tau Beta Sigma - Western District Counselor

Life Member - Lambda Chapter

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**Portland, Oregon**

**2010-2011 Omicron Chapter Report**

Sisters of the Western District,

The Omicron Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma is pleased to report that this year has been most fruitful.

Our chapter goals for this year were to continue prompt communication with district officers, retain our new membership, simplify meetings, and keep going to district events. We are happy to report that we have been successful at most of these goals.

The contact with district officers was great from most of our executive board and recently, it has been most excellent. We feel happy that we are staying in contact with the district officers.

Since last convention, one of our sisters left for France serving an LDS mission and two have gone alumni making 90% retention of all our membership this year.

Since last convention we have had 19 new members go through third. Six in the 2010 spring class, 10 candidates during our 2010 fall class and three in our 2011 spring class. . We began the school year with 18 sisters and we are now at 30 for a growth of 27% for this school year. We are so lucky to have such quality members. We are also so pleased that we are working hard to keep the membership interested and happy in Tau Beta Sigma.

We have been able to boost our participation at the district level as well. We had 6 sisters at DLC, the majority of our membership at State Days because we hosted it, and 11 here at WD Convention. We hope to have more and more participation in the years to come.

We kicked off our semester with a gigantic summer band barbecue. It was a great chance for our members to meet all the rookie marchers and to bond as a band in general. We had a great marching season providing granola bars and water for the band. There was never a dull moment with last minute uniform packing for the Notre Dame game and making snack bags for the Las Vegas bowl.

Our community service projects included the watering the bands at the Days of '47 parade, Utah vs. BYU food drive, a Band Thanksgiving Dinner for band members who couldn't go home during the holiday, caroling at primary children's hospital, and helping band students at Northwest Middle School.

We had great service projects such as Cookie Dough Party, writing missionaries, helping with High school recruitment day on ESPN Game Day, decorating for the Halloween concert and providing receptions.

Our fundraisers included band penny wars, car wash, Lincoln for Lincoln, valentine's bake sale, and profit shares at California Pizza Kitchen and Panda Express.

Our favorite sisterhood activities include, laser tag at BYU, white elephant Christmas party, Chapter Retreats, Movie nights and eating together after degrees.

Omicron chapter would like to acknowledge the loss of Wally the Wallaby. His departure from Salt Lake City was filled with warm good byes. We didn't know that his leaving was also his leaving of this life. He was declared MIA a few weeks after his departure to visit the sisters of Theta Eta. He was a fluffy member of our organization and his loss was felt over the whole Western District.

We are so happy to have had great success this year and hope to do more in the years to come. This is only the beginning of a great tradition of excellence.

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MLITB and Go Utes!

Joshlyn "zapastrella" Carmona  
President 2010-2011  
Tau Beta Sigma  
University of Utah

## **2010-2011 Omega Chapter Report**

During this time of the semester last year, Omega was fine tuning the details of Western District Convention and finding larger service projects to undertake within our School of Music. Currently, Omega is finding the balance between the new and the old, following the ideals of our Sorority in new directions, undertaking new service projects on a large scale, and continually striving to have our chapter operate at a level of excellence. Recently, Omega was nominated as a finalist for the Grace & A. Frank Martin award. We were very humbled by all of the years of work our chapter has put in and we are excitedly working on the presentation for National Convention this summer.

Omega has had a long tradition of excellent service projects; this year was no exception. We started off the school year over the summer, volunteering at the International Tuba Euphonium Convention which our School of Music hosted this past year. Last fall we continued our traditional service to the University of Arizona bands with concert receptions for the wind ensembles and field assistance for the Pride of Arizona Marching Band, while also continuing to publish *The Leaky Bugle*, our joint publication for the marching band with our brothers of the Omega Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi. Alongside our brothers, we also ran the University of Arizona Band Day, a huge outreach event for dozens of Arizona and New Mexico high school marching bands that additionally serves as recruitment for the university.

In the past year we have aided Lineweaver Elementary providing music lessons to their students. Our work with Lineweaver Elementary will summate into a concert at the end of their spring semester in which members of the Joint Omega chapters will help prepare the students with challenging pieces for their grade level. Another project we have continued is cleaning and re-organizing the Frank Simon Library in the School of Music. Every week, members of the joint chapters help by sorting and labeling the historic pieces of music found in this library. We have found original drill from the 1968 Sun Bowl during our last excursion into the library. We are looking forward to our Girl Scout service project later this month in which we will help the girls obtain their music badge through teaching them about song and dance.

We have initiated eight lovely candidates since the last District Convention and currently have four candidates whose love of music and service has shown our chapter what joining this Sorority was all about. To strengthen our bonds, early in the semester Kris Wright led a Sisterhood Retreat speaking about sisterhood, secrecy, and the importance of rituals. We have been incorporating these ideas into our sisterhood to better strengthen our foundation.

As we look towards the future, we hope to strengthen our foundation by following the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma, sticking true to our traditions while incorporating innovative ideas, and learning to stay efficient while remaining close. I look with excitement towards our future and hope to see many of you at National Convention this summer!

Respectfully submitted in the bond,  
Erika Barrett  
2011 President  
Omega Chapter, Tau Beta Sigma  
University of Arizona



## **2010-2011 Alpha Chi Chapter Report**

Alpha Chi started off the Fall 2010 semester by organizing Band Camp for the NAU Lumberjack Marching Band with our Brothers of Gamma Kappa. Throughout the semester, Alpha Chi also served our Marching Band in a number of ways, including the hemming, distribution, and collection of marching uniforms, cleaning of the NAU School of Music locker room, as well as passing out water and plumes at football games.

One of our largest events of the fall is NAU Band Day, which we help to host annually with Gamma Kappa. NAU Band Day requires extensive planning and manpower since our Skydome hosts over 30 bands each year.

Other service projects for the fall included the organization of the annual NAU Marching Band Banquet jointly with Gamma Kappa. This year's dinner, hosted at Black Bart's Steakhouse and Saloon, attracted the largest percentage of the band we've seen so far, with over 100 members in attendance.

Our newest project for Fall was our Women in Music Speaker Series. Our first theme, "Women Composers," connected female speakers to NAU students and Flagstaff community members. Our speaker series included three highly-esteemed women in the music profession: Elizabeth Shultze, conductor of the Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra; Dr. Julie Brown, professor of musicology at NAU, including a women in music history class; and Dr. Judith Cloud, professor of voice at NAU and composer of choral arrangements.

Our chapter welcomed six new sisters into our Bond with the Beta Mu class of Fall 2010: Katie "Boo Boo" Bossaller, Annamarie "Lady Lark" Carlson, Bianca "Hedwig" Espana, Will "Bleeker" Ramsey, Sherri "Mam(d)a Koopa" Shriver, and Victoria "Evangeline" Woods. The Beta Mu class increased Alpha Chi's total membership by almost 40%. Alpha Chi also welcomed Kyle "Rac.c.ilon" McFeely, a sister from Omega who transferred to NAU.

Alpha Chi certainly hit the ground running with the election of all-new officers at the end of the fall semester. Already our chapter has participated in large-scale projects, such as the hosting of NAU Jazz Festival and Arizona State Days with Gamma Kappa.

We are truly excited to announce Alpha Chi's intent to bid to host Western District Convention with the Brothers of Gamma Kappa in Flagstaff, Arizona. Our committee has been working hard for months to plan and organize an outstanding bid packet and presentation to the Brothers and Sisters of the Western District.

Alpha Chi has truly worked hard this year to embrace the ideals of the national Mission and Vision Statement of Tau Beta Sigma. Our Sisters have demonstrated a commitment to "Greater Bands" and promoting women in music by our many large-scale projects we have successfully executed this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kati "Pepper" Routh  
President, Alpha Chi Chapter  
Northern Arizona University

## **2010-2011 Epsilon Kappa Chapter Report**

Hello Western District!

Epsilon Kappa has had a unique opportunity this year. Our graduating class last year held a majority of the officer positions and had been the leaders of our Chapter for two years, which makes this a bit of a transition year. We have been finding ways to use this to our best advantage as a way for new leaders to step forward and shine, to come up with new ideas and see them through completion. Of our ten officers, three of us have been officers before this year; each of the new officers has had to dive in head first and see what they can accomplish, they have been doing a great job.

We have taken all this change in stride. We updated our Vision Statement to better reflect the growth we've made and the direction we hope to progress in; you can see it on our website. We had a ton of great band camp activities, all of them had a good turn-out of band members too. Our third annual Hemming Party went off without a hitch. At Band Alumni Reunion we were able to hand out Passion Buckets (Coach Neuheisel's gimmick this year, ours were full of candy and a band gram) to our alumni—we even gave Coach Neuheisel his first Passion Bucket! While it was difficult for us to find a date for our Spaghetti Dinner, when we actually had it it was wonderful! We had a smaller turnout, but the people who came were there to learn about EK, not just have free spaghetti. Fundraisers, a big focus of ours this year, have been extremely successful as well. During Winter Quarter we had our annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week, complete with a new B/S Ceremony; it was wonderful spending time appreciating our relationship with Psi. This week we also had our biannual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Camping Trip in Morro Bay! Upcoming events include our Sisterhood Retreat, which will kick off our Sisterhood Week, a few more profitable fundraisers, our annual Girl Scout Project and many more new ideas.

On a District level we had seven Sisters of EK at Eta Omega and Iota Alpha's DLC to learn some new skills which we have implemented. After that, we hosted CA State Days! It was such a blast! Somewhere around 100 Brothers and Sisters came to LA for a gorgeous Valentine's Day weekend full of fun and games. While all of that was happening we were also putting a Candidate Class of 17 through, and now that Alpha Omicron is Active Epsilon Kappa has 2 Conditional and 30 Active Sisters! Now, here we are at Western District Convention 2011 in Portland!! It's far away, but it has been an excellent opportunity to see the Northern part of the District. We have been nominated for the Grace and A. Frank Martin Chapter Leadership Award and are so excited for National Convention in Colorado Springs!!! 2010-2011 has been a magnificent year for Epsilon Kappa, we look forward to ending on a high note and seeing you all at Nationals! Go Bruins!

Respectfully submitted with much love in the bond,  
Rachel Goldman  
Epsilon Kappa President 2010-2011  
University of California, Los Angeles

## **2010-2011 Eta Omega Chapter Report**

Hello Western District!

Eta Omega has had a busy and exciting year. We hosted the District Leadership Convention this year and have been hard at work to improve our bond as sisters, through service and music. This fall semester we initiated a total of six new sisters, which increased our chapter by fifty percent! I am pleased to introduce: Ariell "kneEOn!" Nichols, Ashley "EQUINOzX" Goosic, Brittany "JingLE" Chandler, Emily "jADe" Henderson, Julianna "LarcHSpuR" Mester, and Sian "SharPBee" Mcmillen.

The beginning of this semester brought a of couple changes in officers and committee chairs. Ariell "kneEon" Nichols became the music chair, Brittany "JingLE" Chandler became the service chair, and I, Megan "padmaee" Patino, became president. This spring, we have two promising candidates: Amy Muhleck and Aleksis Pettineli. I am also happy to say that our chapter has no sisters on academic probation and that we will have five sisters graduating this spring!

We have continued our traditional service projects to the Music Department, such as hosting concert receptions, repairing music stands and lending a hand when needed. This fall semester some of our service projects included making inspiration CDs for Sisterhood of Survivors, a cancer support group, bell-ringing and singing Christmas carols for the Salvation Army. This semester we look forward to hosting the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lawrence R. Sutherland Intercollegiate Festival and participating in Relay for Life.

Eta Omega is currently working with our brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi to organize a joint music recital, which give our members the opportunity to display their own unique musical talents. This fall, our joint chapters played a game called iTunes identity, as a way of getting to know each other better and exposing each other to new music.

Fresno State is currently celebrating its centennial year, which has given us many new service opportunities, music opportunities and chances to reach out to the local community. Many of our large ensembles, which include the majority of our chapter, have participated in special Centennial performances, such as the Gala Centennial Concert, a collaboration with a fifteen trumpet, alumni ensemble and a collaboration with the Dance Department. This year at Fresno State's annual student-planned celebration, Vintage Days, the sisters of our chapter will be giving tours of our music department to the public and hosting a musical petting zoo for children, in addition to working our food booth, which one of our most successful fundraisers.

Eta Omega looks forward to the rest of the semester and wishes the best of luck to all graduating sisters, including our own!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Megan "padmaee" Patino  
President- Eta Omega  
CSU, Fresno

## **2010-2011 Zeta Xi Chapter Report**

It's been a wonderful year for Zeta Xi! We kept busy in the fall with all the usual projects and fundraisers, and some new ones as well. We kicked off the year by facilitating a new project for the band called "Marching for Hope". Similar to collecting donations for a walk/bowl/skate-athon, we collected donations for performing one of our half time shows. The money went to the ALS Association, which provides services and support to San Diegans with Lou Gehrig's Disease. We also connected more with our Wind Symphony by providing meals and snacks for them. We had one new member go through in the fall, Laura "NARISSA" Bollbach. We also made two very valued long time members of our pep band honorary sisters. Sarah Eishen, who has been with the bands since the 80s, and Mark "Alpha" Newton John, a founding brother of Eta Mu, and a member of the bands since the 70s.

The spring has brought us two amazing membership candidates, and we are all pleased to have them. As our pep band has travelled around with our pep band, we've sent goodie bags along for band members. Just as we started to feel that distance between the sisters without seeing each other 4 or 5 times a week for marching band, we kicked it into high gear with sisterhood activities. Because of university conflicts, we scheduled our own Sisterhood Week, and have had plenty of bonding activities. We plan on participating in the Relay for Life soon, as well as providing meals for our Winter Guard as they head off to competitions. We look forward to initiating our candidates in May, and of course, SD4! If you haven't been yet, it's something every sister and brother needs to experience! ☺

## **2010-2011 Theta Delta Chapter Report**

This year has been an eventful year for Theta Delta. We started the year off with only 3 members. But by the beginning of March we have tripled and now have 9 members within our chapter. So needless to say membership has been our focus this past year. In the fall we worked jointly with our brothers of Iota Gamma to put on a swing dance called Big Band Bash. This was a successful fundraiser for both chapters. This spring we serviced the Lionel Hampton Jazz festival by adopting a site with our brothers. This is a big Jazz festival that is held at the University of Idaho every year.

## **2010-2011 Theta Eta Chapter Report**

As a chapter we jumped right into things. During fundamentals week for our marching band we had a different activity every day to help everyone get to know each other more within our band. We gave campus tours, made breakfast one morning, had an ice cream social, and a hemming party. We finished off the week with our annual BBQ. We played games and ended with the sections being able to buy pies to pie leadership with.

We had nine wonderful girls join our chapter this fall which more than doubled our membership. To help pay for dues we started fundraising right away. We held two car washes in September, continued to sell snacks from Sherstin's Café, sold car stickers with the band logo on them, and held our annual Mr. and Miss USU Bands to name a few.

Since our membership increased so much in the fall one thing we've really been working at is sisterhood. We started the year off with a get to know you bonfire. Throughout the membership classes we planned fun activities for both candidates and active members to participate in like a picture taking event and jeopardy. To increase our joint relations with our brother chapter Iota Iota, we held our third degrees at one of our brother's cabin at Bear Lake. It was over Halloween weekend so we all dressed up and had a blast getting to know each other. We also had a Thanksgiving dinner with them and our sponsor. Over the semester we had a sleepover with just us girls and a Christmas dinner and gift exchange.

Throughout marching band season we supplied water, apples, and hot chocolate at the games and took care of cleaning up garbage and plumes for our band. After every wind orchestra and symphonic band concert we provided a reception with cookies and colored water. Something new we did this year was to make gift baskets for the entire band faculty. Included in the baskets were cookies, chocolates, thank you notes from all of us, and a letter explaining what TBS is and that we are here to help with whatever they need. We also helped with the Tri-State Band Symposium that our music department puts on every year. Plus, we helped with scholarship auditions for our band department. In addition to serving our band, we also worked with a local elementary school to put on a music literacy night. We helped teachers show parents ways to use music to help with children with reading and math skills.

As the spring semester keeps moving along we've stayed as busy as ever. We started the semester off with rush week; we went bowling, had a movie night, "cleaned the sink", and had a brunch for all the girls involved in the band program. We are currently putting through three new candidates and two honoraries. Something new that we've started this semester is having the executive council plan an activity for everyone in band once a month. So far we've had a hot chocolate and donuts nights and a movie night. We are working to show our music department what TBS is and to let them know that we are here for them. We have a bunch of great activities planned for the rest of the year like singing at a retirement home, having a mocktails and bingo night with our brothers, a solo/small ensemble competition for our band, and an end of the semester retreat at Bear Lake.

Throughout the year our chapter has grown so much. I'm proud of everything that we have accomplished this year. I hope that in the future we continue to grow and stay a strong chapter as we work to serve the band.

Respectfully Submitted in the Bond,  
Amanda Dixon  
President 2010-2011  
Theta Eta Chapter, Tau Beta Sigma  
Utah State University

# **Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma**

## **Tau Beta Sigma Western District Convention Committee Reports 2011** **Portland, Oregon**

### **2011 Tau Beta Sigma Programs Committee Report**

Chair: Regina Harris, Eta Omega Chapter

Advisor : Helen Cordova, Vice President of Special Projects

#### **The Tau Beta Sigma Programs Committee Shall:**

1. Review the 2010 Programs Committee Report.
2. Determine the Tau Beta Sigma Tiger Award winner based on submissions and guidelines.
3. Determine the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award winner based on submissions and guidelines.
4. Review all Tau Beta Sigma Programs Committee related jurisdictional charges in the supplementary document prepared by the Tau Beta Sigma Western District Council.

#### **The Tau Beta Sigma Programs Committee is Charged to:**

1. Submit any proposed changes to the bylaws to the Jurisdiction committee by the end of the first session.
2. Review the 2010 Programs Committee Report.
3. Review the applications and select a recipient of the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award.
4. Select chapter in attendance at Convention as recipient for TBS Tiger Award based on criteria determined by the committee.
5. Review all programs committee related jurisdictional charges in the supplementary charges document prepared by the TBS Western District Council and comments to the Jurisdiction committee by the end of the first session.

#### **THIS IS A CLOSED COMMITTEE.**

#### **According to the Tau Beta Sigma Western District Constitution:**

- 3.04 The Programs Committee shall:
- 3.04.01 Meet separately to decide the winner of the Tau Beta Sigma Tiger Award and the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award.
- 6.02 The Tau Beta Sigma Tiger Award:
- 6.02.01 This award may be presented in recognition of the chapter that exudes the most spirit and participation at Western District events. The winner shall be decided by the Programs Committee.
- 6.03 The Outstanding Graduating Senior Award:
- 6.03.01 This award may be presented to a graduating member of Tau Beta Sigma in recognition of their dedication to the Ideals of the Sorority, academic achievement, and leaving a lasting impact on their chapter. The winner shall be decided by the Programs Committee.

#### **Discussion:**

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As a committee we read the guidelines on how to determine a winner for the Outstanding Graduating Senior award. We narrowed our list of applicants to three and discussed the pros and cons of each applicant. We then voted by secret ballot which determined a winner.

As a committee we discussed many candidates for the TBS Tiger Award. There were a couple of chapters that stood out to us so we discussed them and voted on the one we felt most exemplified the qualities needed to be worthy of the TBS Tiger Award.

**Charges:**

The committee charges the Western District to create an application for TBS Tiger award. Create an application encompasses what the chapter has done in terms of projects from the end of Convention to the this point

Charge to the Western District to observe chapters in order to nominate other chapters

**Charging the 2011-2012 WD VPSP:**

Create an application for chapters to nominate other chapters for the TBS Tiger award.

Compile the chapter reports and send them to the TBS Separate Committee a week prior to convention

Compile the OSGA and TBS Tiger applications and send them to the committee a week prior to convention

**Recommendations:**

Keep reminding chapters to send in nominations

Look at what makes the applicant stand out

Look for the person who goes above and beyond

Keep being awesome!

**Award Recipients:**

**Outstanding Graduating Senior:** Rachel Goldman

**TBS Tiger Award:** Epsilon Kappa

**Acknowledgements:**

Thank you to my wonderful committee members for a wonderful committee this weekend.

Thank you to Helen for being an awesome advisor and for all your help and guidance.

Thank you to the TBS Western District council for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Harris  
Eta Omega  
Tau Beta Sigma

**2011 Tau Beta Sigma Programs Committee Members:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Jason Weimer	Omicron
Marlee Newman	Epsilon Kappa
Emily Henderson	Eta Omega
Amanda Carol	Theta Delta
Natalie Behl	Theta Eta



## **2011 Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction Committee Report**

Chair: Erik Wieben, Omicron Chapter

Advisor: Kathy Godwin, Past National President

### **The Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction Committee Shall:**

- Review the 2010 Tau Beta Sigma Separate Jurisdiction Committee Report.
- Review the entire document for redundancy, spelling, grammar, and style.
- Continue to work with Kappa Kappa Psi Jurisdiction Committee to factor out similar clauses in the Joint Constitution.
- Examine all suggested changes to the separate Constitution in terms of language and constitutionality.
- Funnel all suggested changes to the separate Constitution through any committees it may affect.
- Review all charges in the supplementary charges document prepared by the TBS Western District Council.

### **The 2011 Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction Committee is Charged to:**

- Have fun because jurisdiction IS fun!
  - Finish all separate bylaw matters in less than our, record-setting time of 39 minutes.
  - Bring up the placement of zeros in the bylaws multiple times, in keeping with tradition.
1. Continue to gather repeatedly outside of scheduled meeting times to discuss more jurisdiction – because it's that fun - and to maintain Jurisdiction Hype through hi-fives, cheers, and hug circles.
  2. Come up with at least one (1) new ridiculous charge for the 2011 Jurisdiction Committee.

### **According to the Tau Beta Sigma Western District Constitution:**

1. The Jurisdiction Committee shall:
2. Examine, recommend, and submit to the Convention all propositions, revisions, and alterations as amendment to the District Constitution

### **Discussion:**

Discussion in the 2011 Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction Committee covered recommendations from Tau Beta Sigma District officers, Nominations Committee and suggestions from Jurisdiction Committee members. There were very few points of contention as nearly all of our recommendations simply clarify or clean up errors in existing policy. Several points that were unclear in the current constitution have been charged to appropriate persons.

The 2011 Jurisdiction Committee broke tradition by not discussing the placement of zeros in the formatting of the District Constitution, nor was the Committee required to meet outside of scheduled meeting times. However, the Committee very consciously continued the tradition Jurisdiction Hug Circles.

## **Charges from the 2011 Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction Committee:**

### ***To the 2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma District Officers-***

2. Re-instate the Membership Committee at the 2012 Western District Convention.
3. Although this committee has been inactive for four years, Membership is a standing committee prescribed by the National Constitution and, as such, cannot be eliminated. We suggest the involvement of the Western District Vice President of Membership in the Membership Committee.

### ***To the 2012 Tau Beta Sigma Parliamentarian-***

4. Provide physical copies of all amendments brought before the jurisdiction committee to all committee members.
5. Provide physical copies of all committee recommendations to convention delegates.
6. Create a slide show presentation of all committee recommendations so that they may be observed by all members in attendance.
7. You will likely write your committee report at 2:00 am, make sure you have some one proof read the report before you sent it off.
8. Have fun chairing the jurisdiction committee- if you have a good time (or at least act like you are) your committee members will have a good time too.

### ***To the 2012 Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction Committee-***

9. Define the terms *calendar year*, *district year* and *academic year* and consider the application of these terms throughout the Tau Beta Sigma District Constitution.
10. Consider punctuation in the sub-articles of 2.01. The current use of periods is grammatically inappropriate; in this case commas or semicolons would be more correct.
11. Keep in mind the size of the Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction Committee, zealous use of parliamentary procedure will likely hinder your productivity. Consider the application of informal parliamentary procedure, "Bob's Rules."
12. Maintain jurisdiction traditions of having a good time in committee sessions and hug circles.
13. In the absence of a volunteer for committee secretary, elect the committee secretary by use of "nose goes" or similar procedure.

### ***To the 2012 Tau Beta Sigma Programs Committee-***

14. Clarify who is eligible for the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award outlined in 6.03. Specifically, when does a sister have to graduate by to be eligible?

## **Recommendations to the 2011 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Convention:**

***Recognizing*** the final sentence of 6.04.01 was created to make it possible to give the Kris Wright award to Kris Wright at last year's Convention and it is now obsolete, we recommend:

Striking-out the final sentence of 6.04.01, "The inaugural award shall be presented to Kris Wright at the 2010 Western District Convention." The amended article will read:

*6.04.01 This award may be presented to one member of Tau Beta Sigma who has demonstrated outstanding and continued service to the Sorority's Western District. Nominees must be life, honorary, or alumni members of Tau Beta Sigma. Recipients shall be selected by the Western District Council, and applications will be due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Nominees must have attained an accumulation of Life, Honorary, or Alumni Status of five (5) years after completing their education or terminating their affiliation with their college or university.*

***Acknowledging*** the rights of associate members. We recommend:

Adding "or associate" after "active" in 2.01.01. The amended article will read:

*2.01.01 Be an active or associate member in good standing of the Sorority.*

***Desiring*** clarity, we recommend:

Adding "(2 weeks)" after "fortnight" both times it appears in 2.12.02. The amended article will read:

*2.12.02 The District President and the District Counselor have up to a fortnight (2 weeks) in which to contact the officer in question and contact the chapter(s) involved. If the officer in question is the District President, then the District Counselor and the Vice President of Membership have up to a fortnight (2 weeks) to follow the above procedures.*

***Observing*** an error referencing an article that does not exist, we recommend:

Replacing "3.02.04" with "3.02.03" in 5.03.02. The amended article will read:

*5.03.02 Nominees from the floor must meet the requirements for running for District Office in Section 2.01, unless waived by the Nominations Committee as described in 3.02.03*

**Acknowledgments:**

Kelsey Reilly, thank you for your service as the 2011 Jurisdiction Committee Secretary. In spite of your unexpected election you did an excellent job.

Kathy "Keg" Godwin, thank you for advising the 2011 Jurisdiction Committee. Your continual insight, advise and humor was invaluable.

Katie Mendonca, happy birthday!

Ryan Carle and all district officers, thank you for your suggestions and guidance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erik Wieben  
Western District Parliamentarian  
Omicron Chapter  
Tau Beta Sigma

**2011 Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction Committee Members:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Chris Dokos	Omicron
Kelsey Reilly	Omega
Theresa Chidester	Alpha Chi
Lauren McWorter	Epsilon Kappa
Rakan Abu-Rahma	Zeta Xi
Katie Mendonca	Eta Omega
Devon Harris	Theta Delta
Kamari Hale	Theta Eta

## **2011 Tau Beta Sigma Nominations Committee Report**

Chair: Lauren Buzbee, Alpha Chi

Advisor: Trevor Angood, Western District Counselor

### **The Tau Beta Sigma Nominations Committee Shall:**

8. Review the 2010 Tau Beta Sigma Nominations Committee Report.
9. Review all District Officer Packets and Interview Candidates running for the 2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Council.
10. Determine each Candidates' eligibility.
11. Prepare a list of questions to ask the Candidates during their Interviews.
12. Set up times for Candidates to interview.
13. Prepare a Slate for the 2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Council.
14. Review all charges in the supplementary charges document prepared by the TBS Western District Council.

### **The Tau Beta Sigma Nominations Committee is Charged to:**

1. Provide each committee member with copies of:
  - a. The 2011 Charges
  - b. The Tau Beta Sigma Constitution
  - c. The National requirements for each office
  - d. The District requirements for each office
  - e. The 2010 committee report
  - f. One copy per candidate to each member of the Officer Candidate Checklist
  - g. List of questions asked of each candidate
2. Exchange phone and room numbers at the first session.
3. Submit any proposed changes to the Constitution to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first session.
4. Discuss the effects of releasing the slate early, and whether it should be continued.
5. Review the Tau Beta Sigma Officer Candidate Checklist, and submit a soft copy Report.
6. Review the 2010 Nominations Committee Report.
7. Review the set of questions from last year and prepare a set of questions to ask the candidates.
8. Schedule meeting times to interview each candidate.
9. Assist with the candidate presentation on Friday evening.
10. Remind the chapters that the purpose of Friday night caucus is for chapters to meet the candidates due to their being no other time for this sort of interaction
11. Set the slate for the 2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Council

### **THIS IS A CLOSED COMMITTEE.**

### **According to the Tau Beta Sigma Western District Constitution:**

- 3.02 The Nominations Committee shall:
- 3.02.01 Investigate the eligibility of and interview candidates for District Office according to the requirements set forth by the National and District Constitutions.
  - 3.02.02 Slate up to one (1) member for each office and shall present those names to the Convention the night prior to closing session.
  - 3.02.03 Have the authority to waive any requirement stated in 2.01 except 2.01.01, 2.01.02, and 2.01.06 for a candidate running off the floor provided the requirements are fulfilled within thirty days of election, if elected. Failure to meet the requirements results in a vacant office to be filled per 2.09.

**Discussion:**

We met on Friday night to distribute candidate packets. One change was suggested to be sent to the Jurisdiction committee, to add "or associate" to 2.01.01 in order to facilitate alignment with the National Constitution. We also decided to release the slate on Saturday night, after the conclusion of Banquet and the Talent Show. Additionally, we set up interview times for each of the candidates.

Saturday morning met and carried out the interviews with each candidate. Each candidate was given a thirty minute time slot. After completion of the interviews, we discussed and nominated candidates for each office. A list of the questions asked of the candidates is included in the end of the official report, minor alterations to the previously provided list of questions were made.

**Charges:****The Tau Beta Sigma Nominations Committee is Charged to:**

1. Verify the accuracy of the requirements listed in the officer candidate checklist.
2. Submit any proposed changes to the Constitution to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first session.
3. Decide during the first session when the slate will be released.
4. Schedule meeting times to interview each candidate.
5. Assist with the candidate presentation on Friday evening.
6. Nominate a slate for the 2012-2013 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Council.

**Recommendations:**

- During the Friday night session, the committee should:
  - Exchange contact information
  - Review and revise (if necessary) the standardized list of candidate questions.
  - Review the prior year's Nominations Committee report.
  - Ensure sufficient copies of the officer candidate checklist and the list of questions are available for all members of the committee.

**Slate for Tau Beta Sigma Western District Council 2011-2012:**

President: Rachel Goldman

Vice President of Membership: Ashley McFadden

Vice President of Special Projects: Jake Thompson

Secretary-Treasurer: No Slate

**Acknowledgements:**

*First and foremost, I would like to thank my committee and all of their hard work. I can't stress enough how appreciative I am for your amazing ability to be impartial and make tough decisions. I would like specifically to thank JC for his secretarial skills after being "voluntold" to be our minute-keeper and for helping me to write this report. Many thanks to Trevor for diving headfirst into both of our first experiences on the Nominations committee, for putting up with my inquisitiveness at the beginning of convention, and effectively guiding us through seven hours of committee meeting on Saturday morning. In case I didn't say it enough, thank you, thank you to my committee for putting in the necessary work outside of meetings so we could streamline our time together, which was fleeting but productive! This has been a wonderful experience.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Buzbee  
Alpha Chi Chapter  
Tau Beta Sigma

**2011 Tau Beta Sigma Nominations Committee Members:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>
Tran Thai	Omega
Alli Gill	Epsilon Kappa
JC Cleaver	Zeta Xi
Kimberly Hopkins	Theta Delta
Kate Stone	Omicron
Katie Segura	Eta Omega

### **Questions for ALL Candidates:**

1. Are you maintaining Active status for the coming term? If yes, how will you be involved with your chapter? If no, do you understand that you must become a life member by September 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be an officer?
2. What are your top time commitments in the next year, and how do you plan on balancing them with the demands of being a district officer? Are you able to attend National Leadership Conference, District Leadership Conference, Pre-Convention Meeting, and Western District Convention?
3. Are you aware of the monetary commitment of being a district officer?
4. What do you consider to be your greatest strength and why? What do you consider to be your biggest weakness, and how would this effect your ability to be a district officer?
5. Explain a situation in which you had to put aside your personal feelings when dealing with conflict.
6. Using an illustration from your past experience, please describe your leadership style and how effective this has been.
7. What are your goals for this office? How do you plan to accomplish the goals you have set for yourself?
8. What are your current chapter leadership commitments? If none, do you plan to run within the term as Western District officer? If yes, how do you plan to balance your commitments on a both a local and district level?
9. How much communication have you had with the current Western District Council?
10. If elected, how do you plan on communicating with and supporting the District Council and your District Officer counterpart?
11. What new ideas do you have to increase communication with chapters, and increase attendance at district events?

### **Questions for Candidates for President:**

1. What do you see as the long-term vision for the Western District of Tau Beta Sigma?
2. What is your plan for communicating with chapters, and what would you do if there was a breakdown in communication?
3. What is your experience with creating agendas, being detail oriented, and keeping people on track?

### **Questions for Candidates for Vice President of Membership:**

1. What ideas do you have to share with chapters to improve their recruitment strategies?
2. What new ideas do you have for communicating with chapter Vice Presidents of Membership to enhance and support their membership education programs?
3. How would you support colonies and colonization efforts?

### **Questions for Candidates of Vice President of Special Projects:**

1. What new ideas do you have for chapters to exchange programs and service project ideas?
2. Upholding history is a charge of this office; how do you plan on implementing this?

### **Questions for Candidates for Secretary-Treasurer:**

1. Are you familiar with the Western District Challenge? How do you plan on upholding it?
2. Do you have any new ideas about increasing correspondence between chapters?
3. What new fundraising ideas or changes to current fundraising do you have for the district?

### **Final Questions:**

1. Which of the 5 qualities and 8 essential factors do you feel you best exemplify?
2. Would you be willing to accept a different office if slated? Are there any offices you would not like to hold? Why? (At this point, if candidates say yes to any offices, read down the list of questions for each office they would accept.)

# Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma

## Western District Convention 2011 Wrap-Up Sheet

### Portland, Oregon

#### **Outgoing 2010-2011 District Officers**

Kappa Kappa Psi President	Jon Saturay, Beta Omicron
Kappa Kappa Psi Vice President	Sean Hunter, Theta
Kappa Kappa Psi Secretary-Treasurer	Dan Schweichler, Gamma Kappa
Kappa Kappa Psi Member-At-Large	Jess Schlosser, Psi
Tau Beta Sigma President	Ryan Carle, Alpha Chi
Tau Beta Sigma VP of Membership	Eva Neves, Omicron
Tau Beta Sigma VP of Special Projects	Helen Cordova, Epsilon Kappa
Tau Beta Sigma Secretary-Treasurer	Chelsea Cohen, Omega

#### **Outgoing 2010 WDC Parliamentarians**

Jason Scapa, Kappa Kappa Psi, Psi  
Erik Wieben, Tau Beta Sigma, Omicron

#### **Incoming 2011-2012 District Officers**

Kappa Kappa Psi President	Charlene Ronne, Lambda Alpha
Kappa Kappa Psi Vice President	VACANT
Kappa Kappa Psi Secretary-Treasurer	Amanda Selnick, Psi
Kappa Kappa Psi Member-At-Large	Emilio Romero, Omega
Tau Beta Sigma President	Rachel Goldman, Epsilon Kappa
Tau Beta Sigma VP of Membership	Ashley McFadden, Epsilon Kappa
Tau Beta Sigma VP of Special Projects	Jake Thompson, Omega
Tau Beta Sigma Secretary-Treasurer	VACANT

#### **Outgoing 2011 District Convention Host**

Gamma, Theta, and Iota Gamma, Kappa Kappa Psi

#### **Incoming 2012 District Convention Host**

Gamma Kappa, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Alpha Chi, Tau Beta Sigma

#### **Award/Prize Winners:**

For Music's Sake	Theta Eta and Iota Iota
For Community's Sake	Omega and Omega
For Service's Sake	Mu Phi
Delegate Distance Award	Lauren Spradlin, Omega, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Tran Thai, Omega, Tau Beta Sigma
Chapter Participation Award	Lambda Alpha
Talent Show	Gamma
Penny Wars	Utaho
Best Convention Display	Gamma and Omicron
Tau Beta Sigma Tiger Award	Epsilon Kappa
Outstanding Graduating Sister Award	Rachel Goldman, Epsilon Kappa
TBS Baton:	Rachel Goldman, Epsilon Kappa
TBS Baton:	Helen Cordova, Epsilon Kappa
TBS Baton:	Ryan Carle, Alpha Chi
Most Improved Chapter:	Iota Kappa and Theta Eta
Chapter of the Year:	Iota Pi

# **Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma**

## **Western District Convention 2011 Charges Compilation**

### **Portland, OR**

#### **Western District Joint Charges**

The **2011 Joint Convention Site Committee** charges the **Western District Joint Council** with the following:

- Review the "How to Bid for District Convention" and the "Bid Selection Checklist for Western District Convention" documents to ensure consistency
- Review the "Bid Selection Checklist for Western District Convention" document for relevance, specifically pertaining to the "Itinerary" section

The **2011 Joint Convention Site Committee** charges the **Western District Presidents** with the following:

- Ensure the creation of the "How to Host District Convention" document since it was charged in 2010 but not completed
- Update the "How to Host District Convention" document to ensure consistency with any jurisdictional changes
- Provide the Convention Site Committee members with the bidding packets one week prior to Western District Convention
- Supply Convention Site Committee with a whiteboard or projector with adaptor for PC/Mac to run committee meetings efficiently
- Ensure that the "How to Bid for Convention" and the "Bid Selection Checklist for Western District Convention" documents be available on the Western District Website

The **2011 Joint Convention Site Committee** charges the **Western District Secretary-Treasurers** with the following:

- Ensure that the host chapters of this year's Western District Convention compile a "Convention Hits and Misses" document expressing what went well and what can be improved upon in terms of hosting Western District Convention
- Ensure that the previously named document is received by the host chapters of the upcoming Western District Convention by May 1<sup>st</sup>

The **2011 Joint Convention Site Committee** charges the **2012 Joint Convention Site Committee** with the following:

- Submit any recommended changes to the bylaws to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first sessions
- Review the 2011 Convention Site Committee Report
- Review all bids and interview all bidding chapters for Convention Site 2013
- Prepare a slate for the 2013 Western District Convention Host(s).
- Review the current "How to Bid for District Convention" and the "Bid Selection Checklist" documents found on the Western District Website

The **2011 Joint Jurisdiction Committee** charges the **2012 Joint Jurisdiction Committee** with the following:

- Examine the definition of the term "year" in the constitution. Discuss whether a year refers to the district year, calendar year, fiscal year, or just 365 days.



- Establish grammatical changes before starting “new business” within a recommendation. This will make the discussion run smoother by hammering out all wording and language discrepancies before the examination of the motion as a viable amendment.

The **2011 Joint Jurisdiction Committee** charges the **2011-2012 Joint Western District Council** with the following:

- Evaluate the necessity of a framework for DLC in the Joint Western District Constitution and if deemed necessary draft said framework

The **2011 Joint Programs Committee** charges the **2012 Joint Programs Committee** with the following:

- Find a way to recognize and acknowledge the scope of Service by Chapters. Consider creating an award to encompass the entirety of projects executed by a Chapter within the past year.
- Maintain neutrality in evaluating and considering all service projects, especially those from your own chapter.

The **2011 Joint Programs Committee** charges the **2011-2012 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Member-at-Large and the Tau Beta Sigma Western District Vice President of Special Projects** with the following:

- Consider how to make the For Sake Application more effective and clarify what is expected out of a For Sake application

The **2011 Joint Programs Committee** charges the **Western District** with the following:

- Ensure that your Chapter has a voice in our discussion
- Be as thorough as possible in completing applications for For Sake Awards
- Submit more applications, even if they may be done by other chapters. The awards exist to recognize all of the service done by each chapter.

The **2011 Joint Publications Committee** charges the **2012 Joint Publications Committee** with the following:

- Submit all proposed changes to the Constitution to the Joint Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first session
- Review the 2011 Publications Committee Report
- Evaluate The Accent publisher positions and their effectiveness at improving the quality of the publications
- Review all constitutional changes made at the 2011 Western District Convention

The **2011 Joint Publications Committee** charges the **Western District Webmaster** with the following:

- Consider the idea of creating a user guide to the Western District Listserv. This guide would serve as a resource to making the Listserv more efficient and effective in communication.
- Continue to innovate and try new things. The internet is constantly changing! By staying on top of the latest and greatest, you can ensure that the district utilizes technology in the most effective means possible.

The **2011 Joint Publications Committee** charges the **2011-2012 Joint Western District Council** with the following:

- We charge the council with being more aware and having better and more effective electronic communication. The council should specifically focus on elimination of emails sent out that contain repetitive and/or duplicate information previously addressed.
- Continue to publicize and encourage greater use of the Western District Website and the Western District Listserv

The **2011 Joint Publications Committee** charges the **Western District** with the following:

- We charge chapter presidents and secretaries to continue taking a more active role in using and encouraging the use of available District resources.

- We charge the Western District to keep the Western District Webmaster informed of chapter information and updates for the Western District Website
- We charge the general population of the Western District to submit quality articles to The Accent and regularly read submissions from other members

The **2010-2011 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Vice President** charges the **2011-2012 Joint Council** with the following:

- Communicate early and communicate often!]
- Set clear goals and timelines; create a schedule to keep each other on track, and follow through by checking in on project statuses
- Be approachable: let the district membership know that you are always willing to listen to and chat with them
- Set a vision for your term by defining what you want to see as end results, then determine how you would like to get there.

## **Kappa Kappa Psi Separate Charges**

The **2010-2011 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Vice President** charges the **2011-2012 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Vice President** with the following:

- Begin communications with Chapter Vice Presidents as soon as possible and follow a regular communication schedule
- Establish your vision for the Western District Website with the Joint Council and work closely with the webmaster to implement any changes
- Be sure that the district membership is aware that you want to talk with them about education and membership; always be there, with an open ear
- Communicate regularly with the Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Council about projects and objectives
- Work closely with our newest chapters to help them find their identity and set their course when it comes to recruitment and membership education

The **2010-2011 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Vice President** charges the **Brothers of the Western District** with the following:

- Approach your District Officers with questions and ideas. We love hearing from you!
- Run for office, bid for convention, attend events. Participate as much as you can, and find the way in which you can best serve your district.
- Remember to reflect on your membership in this order.

The **2010-2011 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Secretary-Treasurer** charges the **2011-2012 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Secretary-Treasurer** with the following:

- Use every form of communication possible to stay in contact with your brothers and sisters
- Brainstorm. Get feedback. Ask questions.
- You are a student first, then a brother. Don't major in Kappa Kappa Psi. Make sure that your office doesn't interfere with schoolwork.
- Become besties with your new counterpart!
- Take all of your due dates and put them in your planner, and on a calendar at home. Put them in a list and tape that list to the mirror in your bathroom. Keep on top of it!
- Keep on top of your officers when requesting information or participation in something. It may take a while to get what you want, but stay positive and persistent.

The **2010-2011 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Secretary-Treasurer** charges the **Ways and Means Committee** with the following:

- Now that it has been revamped and is easier than ever to use, utilize the Western District Marketplace for all district merchandise and individual chapter merchandise
- Sell EVERYTHING that we currently have for district merchandise, and order something that can be sold to more than just brothers. Merchandise that is targeted for a larger audience will sell quicker.
- Reconsider the prices for the current WD Merchandise to try and clean house.
- DO everything you can to raise more money for the district without using the district as the source of income. Do profit shares and advertise to university campuses, patrons in the hotels at convention, and everyone who can spend money and likes Panda Express

The **2010-2011 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Member-at-Large** charges the **2011-2012 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Member-at-Large** with the following:

- Be creative when promoting events and programs
- Don't just take your ideas with you to office, but really survey the district to see what it is they're looking for in an MAL. Get platforms from previous MALs and even people who have just run for office. The more ideas, the better foundation for planning your term in office.
- Do something creative with the history document. I came into office with this box of papers and a document on WD history but no plan on how to make it available to the district. Once again, be creative!
- Work with the information received from the historian survey to help create a new way to facilitate inter-chapter communication.

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- Expand on the MAL monthly challenge and WD Day of Music promotional ideas

The **2010-2011 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Member-at-Large** charges the **2011-2012 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Council** with the following:

- Spend the summer setting up your plans for the entire year. Things will change, but it's always nice to have roots to stem from when changing your plans.
- Start updating each other on your plans for the year as early as summer.
- Remember to stay active within your chapters while still fulfilling your duties as a district officer.
- Talk with each other all the time. Calling just to check-in will help more than you know.

The **2010-2011 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Member-at-Large** charges the **Kappa Kappa Psi Active Membership** with the following:

- Always strive to strike a balance in your chapter between types of events or between new and old ideas. Keep the purpose of an event or project in mind while planning it.
- When looking for new projects, keep For Sake awards in mind.
- Respond to the District Officer emails. It makes our jobs easier and will help the council put something together that will eventually make your chapter or district a better place.
- Don't be afraid to challenge yourselves. You can do more than you think, especially with the help and support of your brothers and sisters

The **2011 Kappa Kappa Psi Jurisdiction Committee** charges the **2012 Kappa Kappa Psi Jurisdiction Committee** with the following:

- Evaluate the capitalization of "Office"/"Officer" throughout Constitution (i.e. 2.8, 2.8.4 compared to 3.1.3) to determine if specific designation is necessary.
- Comb through the Constitution for phrases that can be made more clear and concise.

The **2011 Kappa Kappa Psi Jurisdiction Committee** charges the **2011-2012 Kappa Kappa Psi Secretary-Treasurer** with the following:

- Ensure that the Constitution has the CORRECT DATE at the top to reflect the recent revisions. This will avoid confusion over the current edition of the Constitution.

## **Tau Beta Sigma Separate Charges**

The **2010-2011 Tau Beta Sigma Western District President** charges the **Tau Beta Sigma Western District Chapter Presidents** with the following:

- Set the standard for your chapter. Don't just talk the talk, but walk the walk, and be the best sister and leader that you can be.
- Take note of all of your resources – connect with other Chapter Presidents in the Western District and across the nation. Stay in touch with your District Council. Don't be afraid to ask questions or ask for help.
- Be a servant leader – Envision, Enlist, Embody, Empower, Evaluate, and Encourage your chapter.

The **2010-2011 Tau Beta Sigma Western District President** charges the **2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Council** with the following:

- Create a vision together to set goals and have a true purpose for what you will be doing throughout your term
- Work to create new resources and ways to reach out to the brothers and sisters of the Western District. Think outside of the box. Don't be afraid to try something new – if it fails, learn from it, and make it better!
- Communicate, communicate, communicate – with the council, your counterpart, and each of the brothers and sisters of the Western District. Don't be afraid to make a phone call. Check your e-mail as much as you can. Chat with a new sister on Facebook!

The **2010-2011 Tau Beta Sigma Western District President** charges the **2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma Western District President** with the following:

- Work to always stay as connected and as close with each Chapter and Chapter President. Try to be involved as much as you can with every chapter.
- Make yourself as readily available as much as you can. Be there for the sisters throughout the entire Western District.
- Work with the entire Western District to promote the Western District Challenge to ensure that all paperwork is completed and turned in ON TIME, 100% of the time.
- Don't be afraid to step outside of your comfort zone. Travel as much as you can. Meet as many sisters as you can. The more you put into the position, the more you will get out of it as a sister and as an individual.
- Don't get discouraged – although it may seem like so many things need to get done, remember why you are doing what you are doing. Remember why you are a sister.
- Have fun! Being the District President is pretty awesome!

The **2010-2011 Tau Beta Sigma Western District President** charges the **Sisters of the Western District** with the following:

- Stay informed and stay involved. Live up to the Western District Challenge knowing that doing the most is the least you can do.
- Attend District Events. Attend National Convention. Just do it!
- Be proactive! Don't just sit back and wait for things to happen. DO IT NOW!
- Truly embrace our purposes, the 5 and 8, and just being the best sister that you can be!

The **2010-2011 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Vice President of Membership** charges the **2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Vice President of Membership** with the following:

- Continue to look over the chapter Membership Education Programs and compare them with each other and the National Guide. Then make basic guidelines for a District Guide to Membership Education.
- Look into Vanessa's Chapter outreach Program, review it, and implement it if possible.
- Be in continuous and consistent contact with your Focus Chapters, VPMs, and your council.
- Get outside your comfort zone! This is the best way meet them and make personal and lasting relationships.
- Do not procrastinate! Getting it done earlier is better, I promise.

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- Remember that this is supposed to be fun! There will be hard times, but the rewards are worth it!

The **2010-2011 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Vice President of Membership** charges the **2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Officers** with the following:

- Remember to love each other. Skpe often, text often, and call each other.
- Do not be afraid to ask for help.
- Give each other silly nicknames. ☺

The **2010-2011 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Vice President of Membership** charges the **Sisters of the Western District** with the following:

- Use your DOs! We love helping you!
- Enjoy every moment of TBS. When you take the time to truly enjoy it, amazing things can happen.
- Continue to live up to the Western District Challenge
- Don't be stupid
- Love your Sisters and Brothers.

The **2010-2011 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Vice President of Special Projects** charges the **2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Vice President of Special Projects** with the following:

- Remember that your sisters have entrusted you with this office because they truly believe in your capabilities as an officer. So with this in mind do not be afraid to try new things and make this office your own.
- Communication! It really can't be stressed enough as to how important it is to be in constant communication with the council, your counterpart, your focus chapter, and the rest of the district.
- Get to know your counterpart! Take time to bond and really become friends, in doing so, the demands of the office will become easier and in the end you will walk away with a new friend.
- Buddy Chapters! Brainstorm ways to improve this program. I wasn't able to dedicate enough time to this project, but I trust that you will be able to. Talk to chapters to get an idea of what they would like to see from this program.
- Promote the DSA! I can't tell you enough about the power of emails reminding the district about the DSA. Sure people will know you as the DO who sends too many emails, but if the end people are submitting nominations then it is all worth it!
- Continue with History Saturdays. I really believe this is a fun program that interests many people. Find ways to get submission from chapter historians.
- Continue to promote the WD Guide to Special Projects. If continued, this guide can really serve as a source of ideas for all chapters. Find ways to get more chapter submissions. Also, work with the Webmaster to find better ways of publishing the guide on the website.
- Continue the physical scrapbook. In a few years it will be an awesome experience to see how our district has evolved through the years.
- Set goals and deadlines for yourself. But aside from setting goals and deadlines, make them PUBLIC! This is the perfect way to hold yourself accountable for what YOU promise the district.
- Have fun! Being a DO is truly one of the most rewarding experiences as a sister. You get the chance to meet some pretty amazing people all while serving the district!

The **2010-2011 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Secretary-Treasurer** charges the **2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Secretary-Treasurer** with the following:

- Evaluate the penpal program and decide if you want to change it, keep it, or transform it into something else
- Try to come up with a way to send something around the district and keep everyone connected without it getting lost in the mail
- Keep records of everything you do
- Work with your counterpart to evaluate merchandise sales
- Keep communication with the secretaries and treasurers around the district
- Re-evaluate the WD Month of Fundraising and determine the best possible way to help both the District and the individual chapters

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- Maintain and update both the WD Guide to Fundraising and the WD Guide to Being a Secretary
- Work with the budget that has been laid out for you.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.
- Work with both your separate council and the joint council to serve the district to the best of your abilities.

The **2011 Tau Beta Sigma Programs Committee** charges the **Sisters of the Western District** with the following:

- Create an application for the TBS Tiger award. Create an application that encompasses what the chapter has done in terms of projects from the end of Convention to this point.
- Observe other chapters in order to nominate other chapters

The **2011 Tau Beta Sigma Programs Committee** charges the **2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Vice President of Special Projects** with the following:

- Create an application for chapters to nominate other chapters for the TBS Tiger award.
- Compile the chapter reports and send them to the TBS Separate Committee a week prior to convention
- Compile the OSGA and TBS Tiger applications and send them to the committee a week prior to convention

The **2011 Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction Committee** charges the **2011-2012 Tau Beta Sigma District Council** with the following:

- Re-instate the Membership Committee at the 2012 Western District Convention.
- Although this committee has been inactive for four years, Membership is a standing committee prescribed by the National Constitution and, as such, cannot be eliminated. We suggest the involvement of the Western District Vice President of Membership in the Membership Committee.

The **2011 Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction Committee** charges the **2012 Tau Beta Sigma Parliamentarian** with the following:

- Provide physical copies of all amendments brought before the jurisdiction committee to all committee members.
- Provide physical copies of all committee recommendations to convention delegates.
- Create a slide show presentation of all committee recommendations so that they may be observed by all members in attendance.
- You will likely write your committee report at 2:00 am, make sure you have someone proof read the report before you sent it off.
- Have fun chairing the jurisdiction committee- if you have a good time (or at least act like you are) your committee members will have a good time too.

The **2011 Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction Committee** charges the **2012 Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction Committee** with the following:

- Define the terms *calendar year*, *district year* and *academic year* and consider the application of these terms throughout the Tau Beta Sigma District Constitution.
- Consider punctuation in the sub-articles of 2.01. The current use of periods is grammatically inappropriate; in this case commas or semicolons would be more correct.
- Keep in mind the size of the Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction Committee, zealous use of parliamentary procedure will likely hinder your productivity. Consider the application of informal parliamentary procedure, "Bob's Rules."
- Maintain jurisdiction traditions of having a good time in committee sessions and hug circles.
- In the absence of a volunteer for committee secretary, elect the committee secretary by use of "nose goes" or similar procedure.

The **2011 Tau Beta Sigma Jurisdiction Committee** charges the **2012 Tau Beta Sigma Programs Committee** with the following:

- Clarify who is eligible for the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award outlined in 6.03. Specifically, when does a sister have to graduate by to be eligible?

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The **2011 Tau Beta Sigma Nominations Committee** charges the **2012 Tau Beta Sigma Nominations Committee** with the following:

- Verify the accuracy of the requirements listed in the officer candidate checklist.
- Submit any proposed changes to the Constitution to the Jurisdiction Committee by the end of the first session.
- Decide during the first session when the slate will be released.
- Schedule meeting times to interview each candidate.
- Assist with the candidate presentation on Friday evening.
- Nominate a slate for the 2012-2013 Tau Beta Sigma Western District Council.



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