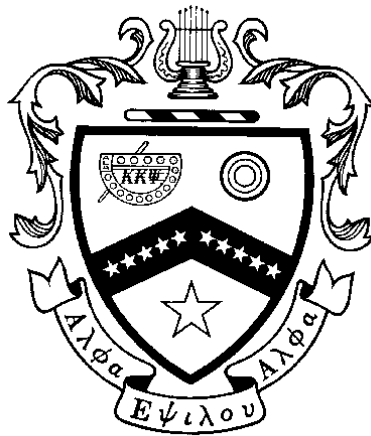


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Opening Joint Session

Friday, March 5th, 2010

Call to Order at 8:33 am

Slideshow of Joint Districts

Welcome from Bret Zawilski and Nicole Kemp, Joint District Presidents

Introductions of Kappa Kappa Psi Northeast District Officers

Bret Zawilski – President
 Benjamin Soltoff – Secretary/Treasurer
 Alice Gomez – Member-at-Large
 Meghan Polis – Historical Archivist and Alumni Liason
 Marie Burleigh – Governor
 Dr. Hubert Toney – Governor

Introductions of Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Officers

Nicole Kemp – President
 Kat Tribulski – Treasurer
 Stephanie Vinci – Vice President of Special Projects
 Matt Albert – Alumni Secretary
 Tom Franklin – Counselor

Introductions of Parliamentarians for District Convention

Travis Wolfel (KKΨ)
 Andrew Landry (TBS)

Introductions of Kappa Kappa Psi Dignitaries

Adam Cantley – National Vice President for Colonization and Membership
 Jack Lee – National Vice President for Student Affairs
 Malinda Matney – Immediate Past National President
 Mike Osborn – Chair, Board of Trustees
 Adam Bates – Chapter Field Representative
 Marcus Wyche – NEDAA President

Past District Officers

Heather Gilman – Member-at-Large
 Brian O'Connell – Vice President
 Matt Parent – President
 Eric Paradis – Secretary/Treasurer
 Ed Savoy – The Man, the Myth, the Legend, Past NED President and Secretary/Treasurer
 Marco Krctovich – Past NCD President

Introductions of Tau Beta Sigma Dignitaries

Kathryn Kelly, MD – National Vice President for Special Projects
 Nicole Burdick – Vice President for Communication and Recognition
 Patsy Hal – Board of Trustees
 Carly Robertson – Board of Trustees
 Sue Carr – National Alumni Association

Past District Officers

Amy Bovin – President and Secretary
 Jessica Crone-Smith – Secretary
 Christine Franklin – Vice President for Special Projects
 Danielle Marrone – Alumni Secretary

Call for Bids for the Publication of the 2010-2011 Edition of the Northeast Notes
 HΦ and HA (TBΣ) at Syracuse University

Call for Bids for Host Chapters for the 2011 Northeast District Convention
 HO and HP (TBΣ) at James Madison University

Call for Bids for 2011 Central Precinct Meeting
 ΑΩ and ΓΩ (TBΣ) at University of Pittsburgh
 O at West Virginia University
 HA and ΘΥ (TBΣ) at Lock Haven University

Call for Bids for 2011 Southern Precinct Meeting
 ZO (TBΣ) at Virginia Tech

Announcements from Host Chapters

Welcome from EY Sponsor, Curvin Farnham

Introduction of Marcus Wyche, Northeast District Alumni Association President

Keynote Speech by Kat Tribulski, ZΥ–TBΣ (See **Error! Reference source not found.**)

General announcements from the floor

Joint Presidents recess at 9:04 am

Opening Separate Session

Call to Order at 9:25 am

Reading of the Preamble to the National Constitution by Immediate Past National President Malinda Matney

Final call for packets for Brothers wishing to run for District Council

Call for Service Showcase applications
 ME at East Stroudsburg University

Seating of Delegates (See Appendix 18)

Accept 2009 Northeast District Convention Minutes
 Motion to accept by EN
 Second by ΑΔ
 Opposed by ΚΓ
 Abstention by KE
 Motion Passes

Call for Final Reports of Northeast District Officers

Final Report by Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison, Meghan Polis (See **Error! Reference source not found.**)

Motion to accept the report as read by ΔN
 Second by ME
 Motion Passes (unanimously)

Final Report by Member-At-Large, Alice Gomez (Appendix 3)

Motion to accept the report as read by ΘB
 Second by ΔO
 Motion Passes (unanimously)

Final Report by Secretary/Treasurer, Benjamin Soltoff (Appendix 4)

Motion to accept the report as read by HO
 Second by BX
 Abstentions by EN, EY, KH
 Motion Passes

National Council Town Hall Meeting

Run by Adam Cantley, Jack Lee, Malinda Matney, Mike Osborn, Adam Bates

Committee Chair Announcements

Alumni/Historical Affairs – Steven Colella (HO) (Advised by Marci Jones)
 Awards – Bailey Awkard (MO) (Advised by Mike Osborn)
 Convention Site and Publication – Krystal Dullas (KΨ) (Advised by Heather Gilman)
 Finance – Mande Logan (HP) (Advised by Ed Savoy and Eric Paradis)
 Jurisdiction – Steve Briden (IΦ) (Advised by Jack Lee)
 Membership Education – Mike Leonas (HΦ) (Advised by Chris Pratt and Adam Cantley)
 Nominations – Chris Carpenter (O) (Advised by Malinda Matney and Marco Krcatovich)

Meeting recesses at 11:04 am

Second Separate Session

Reconvened at 2:06 pm

Reseating of delegates

IΞ has its delegate seated

Call for Preliminary Reports

Awards – Bailey Awkard
 6:15 – O
 6:25 – HB
 6:35 – HΦ
 6:45 – HΨ
 6:55 – IΞ

Nominations – Chris Carpenter

All packets constitutionally complete
 6:15pm – Bret Zawilski
 6:25pm – Kayla Sherry
 6:35pm – Anthony Marino

6:45pm – Rachel Dashnaw
 7:45am – Meghan Bowers
 7:55am – Monique Murphy
 8:05am – MariAnne Sullivan
 8:15am – Mandee Logan

Announcements from President

Presentation of Candidacy Speeches

President

Bret Zawilski (HO)

Q: What has been your biggest challenge and how will you address it?

A: Getting out and connecting with other chapters. Too afraid to be forceful in getting in contact with chapters. Getting better at reaching out to chapters.

Vice President

Kayla Sherry (ME)

Q: What qualifies you most for this position?

A: Currently VPM for her chapter. Developed new educational tools for the MCs.

Q: You have background in treasurer. Why not run for Secretary/Treasurer?

A: Always interested in VPM. Treasurer was a good jumping-off point.

Q: Chapters always are on different membership education schedules. How do you prevent information leaking on an MC listserv to people farther behind the schedule?

A: Honor system and moderating posts.

Anthony Marino (ΘΥ)

Q: How did you want to extend the position beyond colonization and membership?

A: Look more at PIE.

Rachel Dashaw (KI)

Q: How do you plan to make MCs feel more comfortable during the membership education process?

A: Get MCs to attend more district functions, get outside of their chapter bubble.

Secretary/Treasurer

Mandee Logan (HP)

No questions

Member-At-Large

MariAnne Sullivan (KI)

No questions

Monique Murphy (AΩ)

Q: Would each chapter add their own events, or send them to you to be updated?

A: Both. Chapters could add their own or send them to her to add.

Q: Was there anything you left out of your speech?

A: No, just nervous.

Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison

Meghan Bowers (LJ)

Q: Why do you feel you are ready for this position after being initiated only last semester?

A: Can bring fresh ideas to the office. Researched the position thoroughly.

Q: What have you done so far in your own chapter?

A: Talked to alumni.

General announcements

Meeting recesses at 2:57 pm

Second Joint Session

Reconvened at 3:58 PM

Preliminary Report for Joint Committee on Convention Site and Publications

6:15pm – Syracuse (Northeast Notes)

6:30pm – James Madison (District Convention)

NEDAA Final Report by Marcus Wyche (See Appendix 5)

Motion to accept report by EN (KKΨ)

Second by ΔΔ (TBΣ)

Abstentions by ΓΞ, EY, KE, KH, ΘΥ (KKΨ); ΓΚ (TBΣ)

Motion Passes

General announcements

Meeting recesses at 4:08 pm

Closing Joint Session

Saturday, March 6th, 2010

Reconvened at 1:39 pm

Roll Call KKΨ

HX present and delegate is seated

MO not present

Roll Call TBΣ

Final Report of the Joint Convention Site and Publication Committee (See Appendix 6)

HΦ and HA (TBΣ) slated for 2010-2011 Northeast Notes

HO and HP (TBΣ) slated for 2011 District Convention

Motion to accept report by HA (TBΣ)

Second by ΔO (KKΨ)

Opposed by KΨ (KKΨ)

Abstentions by HO, ΘΥ (KKΨ); ΓΚ (TBΣ)

Motion Passes

Presentation of 2011 District Convention Bids

HO and HP (TBΣ) at James Madison University

Select HO and HP (TBΣ) at James Madison University for 2011 District Convention site

Motion to accept by HO (KKΨ)

Second by HX (TBΣ)

Abstentions by HΨ, ΘΥ, KH (KKΨ); ΓΚ (TBΣ)

Motion Passes

HO and HP (TBΣ) at James Madison University will host the 2011 District Convention

Presentation of 2010-2011 Northeast Notes Bids

HΦ and HA (TBΣ) at Syracuse University

Select HΦ and HA (TBΣ) at Syracuse University for publication of the 2010-2011 Northeast Notes

Motion to accept by IA (TBΣ)

Second by KH (KKΨ)

Opposed by KE (KKΨ)

Abstentions by HA (TBΣ)

Motion Passes

HΦ and HA (TBΣ) at Syracuse University will publish the 2010-2011 Northeast Notes

District Daze Presentations

Yogi Bear's (Elmer, NJ)

Holly Shores Campground (Cape May, NJ) *****Recommended site*****

Select Holly Shores Campground as location of District Daze

Motion to accept by IΞ (KKΨ)

Second by ZO (TBΣ)

Opposed by HX, HΨ, KY (KKΨ); ΗΣ (TBΣ)

Abstentions by EΥ, EΦ, HB, ΗΓ, ΘΥ, ΚΨ, ΜΟ (KKΨ); EP, ΗΔ (TBΣ)

Motion Passes

The site of District Daze will be Holly Shores Campground

Final Report of the Joint Presidents (See Appendix 7)

Motion to accept by HA (KKΨ)

Second by ΖΥ (TBΣ)

Opposed by ΚΓ (KKΨ)

Abstentions by HΨ (KKΨ); ΓΚ (TBΣ)

Motion Passes

Announcements from the host chapters

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by EΩ – TBΣ

Second by EΥ – KKΨ

Opposed by ΖΨ, KE, KH, ΚΨ, ΙΔ (KKΨ); ΓΚ (TBΣ)

Abstentions by HΨ, ΚΓ (KKΨ); ΗΣ (TBΣ)

Motion Passes

Meeting adjourns at 2:30 PM

Closing Separate Session

Reconvened at 3:12 PM

Final Report of the Alumni Affairs Committee (See Brothers and Sisters of the Northeast District,

As Presidents of the Northeast District, we want to thank all of you for your attendance at this convention and for all the support you have provided us in our efforts over the past year. It's strange to think that our time together is coming to a close so soon, but we've had an amazing time serving the District and we hope that you've enjoyed the ride as well. We certainly couldn't have succeeded in any of this without your help and participation.

The year began in Phoenix, Arizona this past summer, where we finally had a chance to meet and set plans for our term. It was at National Convention that we sat with our officers, governors and counselor and decided that we wanted to work towards setting goals to further our joint organization. We wanted an action plan that we could rely upon to bring us closer as Brothers and Sisters and further emphasize the joint bond among our District.

We brainstormed several specific projects, and though not all of them were great successes, they started us in a wonderful direction for the year. We created a Joint Celebration Week in which we asked chapters to highlight joint relations by working together on a project, or simply making a nice gift for their corresponding sister or brother chapters. Overall, it was a great success, with many chapters posting pictures of their events online in a digital album.

But the most exciting projects we decided to undertake were the District Jazz Band and the Reading Band's Student Conductor's Workshop. Each of these ideas served to foster more appreciation for Music within the span of our District Convention. It is our sincere wish to see both of these programs succeed in future years, and though there were a few bumps along the way, all indications suggest we'll be seeing them return next year.

Yet planning these events was only one small part of what we learned this year while working together. We came into our term without a solid idea of where to go. By the end of Nationals we fully intended to work closely at emphasizing the joint bond between our organizations, and I would hope that anyone that saw us work together would agree that we made great partners. Though we might not have always agreed on specific details, we always maintained a deep respect for one another in order to work for what best served the District.

Furthermore, we developed a wonderful friendship through the course of our term and had some great times over the past few months. This helped us immensely in our preparations for many events, such as the annual Precinct Meetings and District Convention. We would like to think that in light of the past month and our current time together here in Maine, we have been greatly successful in all our joint endeavors. Not everything went as planned, but regardless, we always did our utmost to make the year exciting and fun.

Though our time working together is at an end, the bonds we have formed as a joint council will endure long beyond our terms in office. It has been a great pleasure to serve the Northeast District over the past year, and we will always treasure the experience. Let all of our successes carry forth into the new year and see a further strengthening of the joint bond that holds Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma so tightly woven in the pursuit of promoting Music and College Bands.

Respectfully submitted,

Bret J. Zawilski

Nicole Kemp

HO – James Madison University
 KKΨ Northeast District President 2009-2010
 Appendix 8)

Motion to accept the report by HP
 Second by ME
 Abstentions by BX, HO
 Motion Passes

ZY – West Chester University
 TBΣ Northeast District President 2009-2010

Final Report of the Membership Education Committee (See Appendix 9)

Motion to accept the report by HΦ
 Second by HX
 Abstention by ΔO
 Motion Passes

Final Report of the Finance Committee (See Appendix 10)

Motion to accept the report by HA
 Second by ZM
 Abstention by HX
 Motion Passes

Motion to accept the budget proposed by the Secretary/Treasurer as amended by the Finance
 Committee by ME (See Appendix 11)

Second by KP
 Opposed by ΚΓ, KE
 Abstentions by ΘΓ, ΛΦ
 Motion Passes

Final Report of the Awards Committee (See Appendix 12)

Motion to accept report by MO
 Second by O
 Abstentions by EY, HX, HΨ
 Motion Passes

Announcement of Governor's Cup Nominees by Marie Burleigh

HB – Virginia Tech
 HΓ – Morgan State University
 ΙΔ – Towson University
 ΙΞ – Norfolk State University
 ΚΨ – Virginia Commonwealth University
 ΘΒ – Boston University

Final Report of the Jurisdiction Committee (See Appendix 13)

Motion to accept the report by ΙΦ
 Second by EI
 Abstentions by ΘΥ, ΙΦ
 Motion Passes

Motion to accept the amendments as reported by KP

Second by ΛΔ
 Opposed by ΚΨ
 Abstentions by HX
 Motion Passes

Ed Savoy and Marci Jones discuss the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association

Final Report by Governor Hubert Toney, Jr. (See Appendix 14)

Motion to accept the report by HX
 Second by HB
 Opposed by KI
 Abstentions by HΨ, HΩ, KH
 Motion Passes

Final Report by Governor Marie Burleigh (See Appendix 15)

Motion to accept the report by O
 Second by ΔO
 Abstention by EY
 Motion Passes

Final Report by the Nominations Committee (See Appendix 16)

Eligible:

Bret Zawilski
 Kayla Sherry
 Anthony Marino
 Rachel Dashnaw
 Meghan Bowers
 Monique Murphy
 MariAnne Sullivan
 Mande Logan

Slated:

President – Bret Zawilski
 Vice President – Rachel Dashnaw
 Secretary/Treasurer – No one slated
 Member-at-Large – MariAnne Sullivan
 Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison – Meghan Bowers

Motion to accept the report by O
 Second by HI
 Opposed by EY
 Motion Passes

Motion to open floor for nominations for President by KI

Second by HO
 Motion Does Not Pass

Ballots distributed for the election of President

The new President is Bret Zawilski

While votes are taking place, district awards are given to recipients by Alice Gomez

Motion to open floor for nominations for Vice President by IΦ

Second by ΘΥ
 Motion Does Not Pass

Ballots distributed for the election of Vice President

The new Vice President is Rachel Dashnaw

Motion to open floor for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer by HP
Second by ΘΓ
Motion Passes

HP nominates Mandee Logan (Accepts)

KΓ nominates Kayla Sherry (Respectfully declines)

Motion to close floor for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer by EY
Second by AN
Opposed by MO
Motion Passes

Ballots distributed for the election of Secretary/Treasurer
The office of Secretary/Treasurer will remain vacant

Motion to open floor for nominations for Member-at-Large by ΘΓ
Second by KH
Motion does not pass

Ballots distributed for the election of Member-at-Large
The new Member-at-Large is MariAnne Sullivan

Motion to open floor for nominations for Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison by ΛΦ
Second by ME
Motion does not pass

Ballots distributed for the election of Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison
The new Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison is Meghan Bowers

Final Report by President, Bret Zawilski (See Appendix 17)
Motion to accept by HO
Second by HA
Motion Passes

District Slideshow

Officer Installation

Motion to adjourn by EY
Second by HO
Motion Passes

Adjourn at 5:44 pm

Appendix 1 – Keynote Speech – Kat Tribulski, ZY (TBS)

Standing here as an officer and it as my last active year draws to a close feels like standing on a precipice. As I teeter on the edge of active and of alumni, I have to wonder what will my alumni life be like? When I was first initiated into Tau Beta Sigma, I remember looking at old composites and scrapbooks thinking, I want to get all I can out of this experience. By looking at our traditions and history, I've excelled to leadership roles in the organization, but more importantly have overall become a better person. But does being an alumnus mean the end of the road? At least I don't think so. Alumni are one of the biggest resources to the active members of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. As an active member you monitor your chapter, bring in membership classes and continue legacies of excellence. Consider though what it took to get you there. What happens when an MC asks why certain things are? What happens when your parliamentarian doesn't know why something is in the constitution? What if your chapter is low on members? The answer to all of these questions is simple your alumni network and your history as a chapter. Alumni hold the history and ability to answer what has been done, what worked, and what didn't. They are a living textbook so if you don't know the answers do not hesitate to look it up. However, just like a textbook they supply you with knowledge, but as an active you need to apply that knowledge in the most efficient way possible. The history, alumni and actives of a chapter and as a district must create and maintain a symbiotic relationship to continue to grow.

In the past few years excellent projects have emerged to create more documented histories for the fraternity and the sorority, by having documentation and preservation of documents on a district and national level, we have a firm foundation on which to stand. These projects are excellent, but do not always take into account little things that keep these great organizations great. For example: family. Many of the preservation projects deal with keeping our charters and founding member and dates in order. In Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma I've found the warmth and duty of family, which cannot be contained in paperwork. Not every chapter participates in family lines and that is fine, but we as organizations are truly brothers and sisters. I would stop anything to help a fellow sister and brother and that is a feeling I do not feel with fade with my transition into alumni. This feeling is something that actives and alumnus's need to focus on and strive to maintain. On a district level we try to foster that feeling and make it grow. Through the chants cheers and songs we remember our roots as actives and alumni at conventions and at precinct meetings, every time I hear the hymn I am renewed with a sense of awe at the huge impact our organizations have made in past years. We've even grown as an organization by developing a Tau Beta Sigma Alumni/Historian position which furthers our documentation and organization of history. That is not enough though, as a district we only see each other a few times a year, what about the rest of the time? I feel that's where as individual chapters we must step up and fill in the gaps. I feel it is extremely important to appoint an alumni and a historian position in a chapter. Not only can this sister or brother communicate effectively with their respective district positions, but it opens more lines to alumni. It can be encompassed in one position, but by having this we can continue our legacies of excellence and keep documented history of individual chapters, and what is a district or a national without each individual.

As an active sister, I feel that I'm extremely linked to my current sisters, but I hold curiosities as to my chapter founders and my organizations founders. I cannot explain the pride joy and excitement as to meeting Wava this past national convention. To me she is a celebrity, I think alumni don't necessarily need to be treated as celebrities, but with respect for the service they've done. As an active I wish I reached out to my older family members more. To my great great great granbig, to my family line founder to my big brother's family line, imagine what they would think knowing there is one of their own now a district officer standing before you. I feel like it would be so satisfying to know that my family line and work is excelling and continuing. While things are definitely different now compared to when my chapter started one can grow so much more when they know what they've come from. As the current liaison to the colony at Lincoln University, I have become more knowledgeable as to the work and effort put in to create a chapter and admire how beautifully it is being done. It baffles me as to how with school work, jobs and lives, the sisters and brothers before me had and yet they created each chapter I see before me. How much heartache and

sweat went into us standing here today. I'm proud to see any alumni and thank them for this great thing they've created. I'm a part of something great and it is because of them that I stand here.

Each chapter and district is a living breathing organism. With constant change and growth, but I charge every sister and brother to look toward the future and continue to grow; however, there cannot be a future without a past. So if your chapter does not have an alumni or historian position, make one. If you do not talk to alumni often, send a simple e-mail, do what you can to reach out. As an active member document your journey through the sisterhood so when you leave others can share in your success. Take pictures; write notes leave a legacy. For those of you that are alumni, go back see where your work has lead. I do ask alumni though to remember that things do change over time and like a sibling you need to let your younger sisters and brothers make their own mistakes, but you can be there to help them and encourage them. Answer their questions; be a resource not a dictator. As I am making my transition to alumni I have all these thoughts and fears, but I know my sisters and brothers are by my side. I ask you though, don't let me die, don't let the history or legacy of this organization die. Keep up your hard word, keep up your effort, and keep up your enthusiasm I promise you when you stand before your fellow sisters and brothers it's worth it. Every minute in this organization is worth it, so keep up the glory, record the history and let future generations of brothers and sisters know what an amazing place this is to be how great this district can be, but more importantly be a little selfish and let future brother and sisters know how great YOU can be in these organizations.

Appendix 2 – Final Report of the District Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison, Meghan Polis

Brothers of the Northeast District,

When I came into the position of Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison in June of last year, I didn't realize how quickly the time would fly by. Another year in history gone by and successfully documented by your chapter historians and passed on to me. The strength of our District history has doubled and all of your service, social and musical activities have been noted in more ways than one.

This year's scrapbook, was one way I wanted to give each of you a little more recognition for all of the hard work each of your chapter's put in to helping your band programs. The events that you guys hosted this year ranged from brotherhood retreats, to alumni brunches, to holiday caroling and to strengthening joint relations.

Through my quest to strengthen the District history, I stumbled across many new things that I would have never known before. Read the information that has been compiled and expanded on by previous Alumni Relations Officers and myself. Many times a picture is worth a thousand words, but a thousand words can explain a chapter's history. There are many pictures and histories on the discs you will be receiving from me. Share them with your chapter and enjoy. The Northeast District has the richest history and has continued to maintain our status as the Nation's Elite District.

Being a District Officer isn't only about the listed and charged duties, it's also about the ability to take on other tasks and try to better the District in ways that you think are beneficial. I spent my time divided between many activities, including updating the website and helping to organize the District Jazz Band that we will be enjoying at the opening of the Banquet. These other ways that I helped, only strengthened my love for my position, my own personal musicianship, and most of all, for my fellow Brothers. Though the ideas and plans I had that focused more on the alumni aspect of my position ran into problems and did not occur, does not mean I have not given my all or strived for the highest. I learned a great deal through this experience and can't wait to see what is in store for next year.

The charges I received from Nichole Ludwig, last year's Alumni Relations Officer, and last year's Alumni Affairs Committee were carried out to the best of my ability. I've taken this position, after last year's revisions

and refocusing, and tried to steer it in a way that I see it benefiting the District to the fullest extent of its potential. With that, I will continue to encourage the growth and strengthening of the Districts history and alumni relations as the new Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison comes into office. I, therefore, charge next year's HAAL to the following:

- Continue to strengthen our relations with the officers of NEDAA;
- Promote Life Membership and encourage participation in local alumni associations;
- Organize an Alumni/Active Brother gathering that can benefit both parties with the issues most important in their lives;
- Create a form to update each chapter's written history on an annual basis;
- Work with National Headquarters to make sure all Northeast District chapters have updated histories on national and district record;
- Compile photos for the Northeast District slideshow to be presented at District Convention;
- Pending the approval of the alumni affairs and jurisdiction committees, execute all new charges to the fullest extent.
- Personalize and make this position your own, constantly searching for new ways to document District history and improve Alumni relations.

My experience at last year's Northern Precinct Meeting and District Convention sparked a level of appreciation and love for this organization that I didn't think was possible, but I have been pleasantly surprised, yet again. This position has continued to change me in ways I never thought possible and, if I had the time in my college career, would gladly give it another go.

With that, I'd like to thank:

- My fellow council members: Bret, your leadership, encouraging words and steadfast loyalty to our organization has helped inspire my strengthened desire to continue to strive for the highest in everything I do. Ben, your constant sarcasm and reimbursement-question patience has, believe it or not, helped me become richer in ways I could have never known before. Alice, I don't even know where to start—we are always thinking the same things and since you probably already know what I'm thinking, don't need me to tell me how wonderful it has been to get to know you and that I can't imagine how I'll survive not traveling with you like every weekend!
- Marie: Your guidance and leadership has helped turned me into who I am today. From the first day I met you I knew that you were a force to be reckoned with and you have personally inspired me to look into running for a opportunities beyond the local level.
- Dr. Toney: Your involvement in organizing the District Jazz Band has helped me learn another way to organize successful event.
- NEDAA: Your work with the Northeast District's Alumni has continued to be a success.
- My Chapter, AN: I don't know what I would have done without you. The support and dedication to my duties have helped make this year a success.
- District: Without you, there'd be no history. You have hosted numerous events and activities that have kept this district strong. Thanks.

It has been an excellent year and has been one of best experiences of my life—it's been a true joy to be your HAAL and to be a part of this council.

I am and always will be, fraternally yours,

Meghan Polis
Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison 2009-2010

Appendix 3 – Final Report of the District Member-at-Large, Alice Gomez

Brothers of the Northeast District,

It has been an absolute honor to serve as your District Member-at-Large. From its nerve-racking beginnings to now, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you, discussing your concerns, and celebrating your accomplishments. So thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve you because it has certainly been a humbling experience.

As suspected, this year flew by. My term in office started off with visits to UNH for their battle of the bands competition, URI for third degree, Maine for their chapter retreat, and Towson and UMass to celebrate their 20th and 40th respective anniversaries.

With summer came District Daze and National Convention where I had the pleasure of meeting many of you and discussing what creative and innovative ways you provide service to your bands.

In the fall I was unfortunately unable to visit as many chapters as I wanted. Nonetheless, I was able to arrange a visit with the brothers and sisters from Syracuse for Music Appreciation Month, as well as with a few brothers from UConn, URI, and UMass for degrees and Sacred Heart during a band competition. However, as I stated in my platform this time last year, the position of Member-at-Large often goes unnoticed, and since then I have tried to look for new ways to enhance the office and provide something long-lasting and tangible for the District to look back on at the end of my term.

In addition to my constitutional obligations and duties I have been busy doing the following:

1. Created a forum through Wiggio for the offices of President, VP Presidents of Service/Membership, Treasurers and Secretaries. This forum was interactive and allowed a place for both the council and its members to directly upload documents, send reminders about upcoming events, like paperwork, and provided a vehicle for dialogue between officers that hasn't been done before. The group also ensured that all chapters (regardless of if they accepted the invitation) were guaranteed to receive reminders of District and National deadlines, something that is not always guaranteed when sending emails to the District or National listserv as not everyone is subscribed.
2. Contacted other District's MALs and discussed and brainstormed what ways to enhance the office.
3. Created a Council Evaluations form which was attached to the Chapter Evaluation Report. Feedback from the evals gave the Council an idea of our progress, and what we can do to improve in the remaining term of our office. It additionally gave us ideas of workshops for precinct meetings.
4. Created a flier encouraging chapters to submit bids to host precinct meetings and District Convention for 2011
5. Created a Council Newsletter and sent it to chapter presidents and secretaries to generate to their chapter. My hope was that this would allow the district to see the face of the council, and exactly what it is we do in our time before traveling season.
6. Created web-forms to get quick, and effect feedback for both district daze and the talent showcase.

This is by no means an exhaustive list, and there are plenty of ways the office could be better enhanced and utilize. Therefore, my charges for the next MAL include:

1. Continue to use the Wiggio groups, or something comparable, to provide the executive board officers the tools and resources to exchange ideas, as well as to ensure that these officers are receiving important reminders
2. If Wiggio is used, encourage council members to take ownership of the respective groups to generate discussion.
3. Continue to look for ways to increase attendance at District Daze
4. Continue to find ways to increase inter-chapter interaction.

5. Spread awareness, and encourage subscription to the District listserv.
6. Find ways to encourage chapters to submit bids to host precinct meetings
7. Make this office your own, and constantly search for new, and better ways improve chapter relations.

Thank You:

- Meghan – You’ve been my travel buddy through precinct meetings, and I must say, you and I are more alike than I ever thought. Your sense of humor and passion are contagious, and between the two of us, we somehow managed to keep Bret and Ben in line.
- Ben – You really are Bret’s other half. Your positive attitude and love for pillows has kept the mood of the council light, and I’m so glad that I’ve gotten the opportunity to travel and know you better.
- BreT – I don’t even know where to begin. We left last year as a council of two, neither of us quite sure of each other, nor what the following year was to bring, but I don’t think I could have done this without you. Thank you for keeping me sane, answering my random phone calls, emails, and texts, and generally just being supportive of the vision I had for this office.
- Marie – I can’t begin to thank you enough. I’ve grown so much as a person this past year and through your guidance I have learned so many valuable life lessons. I don’t think a simple blurb can begin to describe my gratitude for having the honor of working with you.
- Marco – You not only act as an advisor of my chapter, but have been my own personal advisor and role model. You daily show me how to be a good band member, a good chapter member, and good brother.
- Theta Beta – You can’t be here today, but that’s okay, because you’re off doing what we solely exist for: participating and serving college bands. Thank you for constantly challenging me and pushing me to be a better Brother.
- To the Northeast District – I can’t say it enough, but thank you for this wonderful opportunity. Serving as a District officer is one of the best decisions I have made in my college career, and I look forward to seeing what strides the district continues to make in the future.

Fraternity Submitted,

Alice M. Gomez
2009-2010 NED Member-at-Large
Theta Beta – Kappa Kappa Psi

Appendix 4 – Final Report of the District Secretary/Treasurer, Benjamin Soltoff

Brothers of the Northeast,

I have greatly enjoyed the honor of serving you as an officer on District Council this past year. I feel like my time has been well-spent, and that I have personally lived up to our motto, while enabling all of you to continue striving for the highest. Reviewing my duties for this past year, I feel I was strong in some aspects, while I could have done more with other responsibilities of the office.

National convention was one of the best experiences of my life. I finally got to meet all the other members of the council, and was immediately excited to spend the next year working with such outstanding brothers. While meetings were tedious and business was business, I used this opportunity to get to know brothers from all around the nation and draw ideas from them that I could implement at my chapter and in the district. If you ever have the chance to travel to nationals, I strongly encourage you to take it, because every time will be a memorable experience.

As the school year started, my goal of having every chapter in the district submit their membership dues on time did not occur. While only 3 chapters were late in submitting their dues, this cost the district over 150 dollars from our fall allocation and prevented these chapters from being considered for annual awards. Paperwork is a silly thing to get in trouble over. Just do it.

One of the most important goals I set out to fulfill was the archival of our past district convention minutes and constitutions. I have digitized almost every previous convention minutes and district constitutions in my possession, dating back to 1991. This alone will help preserve our history for future brothers, and I hope the next council will find a way to share some of these memories with the district through our current web site.

The past month has been the highlight of my tenure on district council. Because of my participation in marching band during the fall semester, I was unable to travel and visit other chapters as much as I wanted. During February, I met many brothers from around the district who have exposed me to new ideas and ways of doing things. I have heard good feedback from my workshop, and I hope it serves useful to brothers looking for a way to improve their chapter's operations.

I want to take some time to address the state of the district's budget. Frankly, we are in excellent shape. We should start the next term with over 18,000 dollars. This is an astounding source of funding that has gone underutilized the past few years. There is no reason we should be sitting on this much money year after year. This year, the council unanimously agreed to raise the Chapter Travel Funds an extra 1,000 dollars because of increased travel costs for chapters traveling to district convention. If you have ideas of how the district could better use its funds, talk to the next Sec/Treas about including programs in future budgets. My proposed budget for next year will call for increased spending on new service projects and grants, but it still does not come close to tapping the full amount. While I do not suggest draining our account to the last penny, I do think we can find ways to use our money to support the fraternity and college bands.

To the next Secretary/Treasurer, I charge the following:

1. Continue transitioning to a digital format for all paperwork. You don't need a huge storage bin full of old, useless papers. Get a flash drive, scan papers as they come in, and it will be much easier to transport your officer materials.
2. Look for new, worthwhile projects the district should consider funding. We have a vast amount of resources that could potentially be tapped. Talk with your fellow council members and brothers in the district to generate ideas that could come to fruition.
3. Focus on supporting fundraising efforts for chapters in the district. This is an area I have little experience in, and regrettably did not do much with this year. Alice has started a great communication forum in Wiggio, and I strongly encourage you to use it to spread ideas among fundraising heads throughout the district.

To the 2010-2011 District Council, I charge you with brainstorming projects and grants the district could support in the furtherance of our five purposes.

I'll try to keep my thanks you relatively brief:

- First, to Rebecca Ledebuhr, past Eta Omicron president. Thank you for talking with me and encouraging me to apply for this position after convention last year. I've always respected you as a leader and brother, and it makes me happy to know that you believed and trusted in me as well.
- To Bret, for appointing me to this position and supporting me every step of the way. Our road trips these past few months have been awesome, and I wish you the best of luck in your future fraternal endeavors.
- To Marie and the entire district council, this year has been a blast. It's been great getting to know all of you through our wacky trips and stays in sketchy motels with the creepy innkeeper next door. All

of you are shining examples of those who strive for the highest and are role-models for me and brothers throughout the district.

- To the brothers of Eta Omicron. Thanks for making my time as a student at JMU so memorable. I'm going to miss so many of you next year, but I'll treasure my memories of our experiences forever. We may be a quirky bunch of misfits, but we will always be HOs.
- To my fiancée, Amanda. As a sister of Tau Beta Sigma, we have worked closely together since arriving at JMU from high school. You have been my support and my best friend these past 4-and-a-half years. We've both dealt with drama in our respective organizations, but beyond that, we still have a common passion for music, service, and brother and sisterhood. Thank you for all that you have done for me, and will do as we continue our journey in life together.
- To the NED, it has been an honor to be selected to serve this fine district. I look back on my time with happiness, and will continue to serve the district and the fraternity as I transition into alumni status.

Respectfully and AEA,

Benjamin Soltoff
2009-2010 NED Secretary/Treasurer
Eta Omicron – James Madison University

Appendix 5 – Final Report of the Northeast District Alumni Association – Marcus Wyche, President

This past year has seen the Northeast District Alumni Association (NEDAA) continue with our regular services and activities, while trying to expand our reach. For last year's National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, we awarded three \$115 grants, two for delegates from the Northeast District, and one for an NIB participant from the Northeast District. At this year's Precinct meetings, we offered a workshop on preparing Precinct, District and Northeast Notes bids. And here at District Convention, we continue our mainstay services with the Keynote Speaker contest, Senior Luncheon, workshops on facets of the "real world," and providing carnations and roses for the awards banquet.

In addition to what we usually do around "convention season," we are trying to branch out into new things, new areas of exposure. We had a table at last year's Allentown Band Festival, and we hope to do something similar for the coming year, perhaps at a Drum Corps International (DCI) event or again in Allentown. We're looking to have our website, www.nedaa.org, continue to be an online resource for joining NEDAA, obtaining information about our offerings, and providing networking opportunities for Alumni. And we're considering ways to keep you, the Active membership, regularly up to date on what we're doing, offer our help and guidance where appropriate, and strengthen the links and bonds with Alumni across the District. We solicit your ideas on how best to serve you, and how to help make NEDAA what you want it to be.

Although NEDAA has membership spread across the Northeast District, we are just one of the growing list of local alumni associations officially recognized by either the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association and/or Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association. We have the Baltimore-Washington Alumni Association, Epsilon Phi Alumni Association in Clarion, Greater Charlottesville Alumni Association in Virginia, Greater Pittsburgh Alumni Association, Alumni Association of Virginia Tech, Omicron Alumni Association in West Virginia, Theta Beta Alumni Association in Boston, and last (but certainly not least) the Epsilon Upsilon Alumni Association right here in Maine.

One conclusion I draw from this growing list is that, even with the occasional story you hear about Alumni who still get in their chapter's business after graduation, there are many of us striving to serve and fellowship

in our own unique ways, to remain involved but with the particular perspective and skills Alumni can bring to the table. Local alumni associations may or may not be for your chapter's Alumni, but I encourage you to at least consider the possibility and, more broadly, how Alumni play a role working with—or as an extension of—the chapter membership.

Everyone says Alumni are important to their chapters, and to the Fraternity and Sorority. It's almost become a stock answer. But are Alumni truly important? There may be more than one answer to this, but hopefully it's more than just a rhetorical question.

Internally, there's always room for improvement and over the next year, NEDAA will continually work to improve our operations. In this, and in going forward in NEDAA's work, here are the NEDAA officers for 2010-2011:

- Your new 2010-2011 Treasurer is Steven Hrabak (Eta Omicron, KKΨ, James Madison University)
- Returning as Secretary is Jess Smith (Epsilon Epsilon, TBΣ, and Zeta Mu Honorary, KKΨ, Kutztown University)
- Your new 2010-2011 Vice President for Tau Beta Sigma is Amy Bovin (Gamma Kappa, TBΣ, University of Connecticut)
- Returning as Vice President for Kappa Kappa Psi is Erica Abbey (Iota Delta, KKΨ, Towson University)
- Returning as NEDAA President is Marcus Wyche (Gamma Xi, KKΨ, and Beta Eta Honorary, TBΣ, University of Maryland)

Many thanks to this past year's NEDAA officers for their service, and to you all for your support! Also, heartfelt thanks to the District Councils for their input and help, especially Matt Albert and Meghan Polis in their respective Alumni positions. We welcome your questions and input, and continue to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus Wyche
President, 2009-2010
Northeast District Alumni Association

Appendix 6 – Final Report of the Joint Convention Site and Publication Committee

To the sisters and brothers of the NED,

The Joint Convention and Publication Committee met regarding Northeast Notes, 2011 District Convention and District Daze. We discussed two possible sites for District Daze, one bid for Northeast Notes, and one bid for the 2011 Northeast District Convention.

As for District Daze, the committee recommends Holly Shores Campground in Cape May, NJ, for June 18 & 19 2010. This location has been successful in past, and with the addition of attending a free drum corp show this year, we feel that it will attract more participation within the district.

As for Northeast Notes, we recommend the Eta Phi chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Eta Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma of Syracuse University to publish the 2010- 2011 edition of Northeast Notes.

As for the 2011 Northeast District Convention, the committee recommends the Eta Omicron chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Eta Rho Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma of James Madison University to host this convention.

We are confident that these chapters will go above and beyond our expectations for this coming year. We would like to thank the chapters for their time and effort into putting together outstanding bids, and thank you to Alice Gomez for her hard work in finding suitable locations for District Daze.

For the 2011 Joint Convention and Publication Committee we have the following charges:

1. Review all complete bids for district convention and recommend one site for the 2012 NED Convention
2. Review all complete bids for the publishing of Northeast Notes and recommend one host chapter for the publication
3. Review sites for District Daze
4. Review the Northeast District Constitution as it pertains to convention sites and publications.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystle Dullas
Co-Chair KKΨ
KΨ Chapter

Sally Clouse
Co-Chair TBΣ
ΔΔ Chapter

Appendix 7 – Final Report of the Joint District Presidents, Bret Zawilski and Nicole Kemp

Brothers and Sisters of the Northeast District,

As Presidents of the Northeast District, we want to thank all of you for your attendance at this convention and for all the support you have provided us in our efforts over the past year. It's strange to think that our time together is coming to a close so soon, but we've had an amazing time serving the District and we hope that you've enjoyed the ride as well. We certainly couldn't have succeeded in any of this without your help and participation.

The year began in Phoenix, Arizona this past summer, where we finally had a chance to meet and set plans for our term. It was at National Convention that we sat with our officers, governors and counselor and decided that we wanted to work towards setting goals to further our joint organization. We wanted an action plan that we could rely upon to bring us closer as Brothers and Sisters and further emphasize the joint bond among our District.

We brainstormed several specific projects, and though not all of them were great successes, they started us in a wonderful direction for the year. We created a Joint Celebration Week in which we asked chapters to highlight joint relations by working together on a project, or simply making a nice gift for their corresponding sister or brother chapters. Overall, it was a great success, with many chapters posting pictures of their events online in a digital album.

But the most exciting projects we decided to undertake were the District Jazz Band and the Reading Band's Student Conductor's Workshop. Each of these ideas served to foster more appreciation for Music within the span of our District Convention. It is our sincere wish to see both of these programs succeed in future years, and though there were a few bumps along the way, all indications suggest we'll be seeing them return next year.

Yet planning these events was only one small part of what we learned this year while working together. We came into our term without a solid idea of where to go. By the end of Nationals we fully intended to work closely at emphasizing the joint bond between our organizations, and I would hope that anyone that saw us work together would agree that we made great partners. Though we might not have always agreed on specific details, we always maintained a deep respect for one another in order to work for what best served the District.

Furthermore, we developed a wonderful friendship through the course of our term and had some great times over the past few months. This helped us immensely in our preparations for many events, such as the annual Precinct Meetings and District Convention. We would like to think that in light of the past month and our current time together here in Maine, we have been greatly successful in all our joint endeavors. Not everything went as planned, but regardless, we always did our utmost to make the year exciting and fun.

Though our time working together is at an end, the bonds we have formed as a joint council will endure long beyond our terms in office. It has been a great pleasure to serve the Northeast District over the past year, and we will always treasure the experience. Let all of our successes carry forth into the new year and see a further strengthening of the joint bond that holds Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma so tightly woven in the pursuit of promoting Music and College Bands.

Respectfully submitted,

Bret J. Zawilski
HO – James Madison University
KKΨ Northeast District President 2009-2010

Nicole Kemp
ZY – West Chester University
TBΣ Northeast District President 2009-2010

Appendix 8 – Final Report of the Alumni Affairs Committee

Dearest Brothers of the Nation's Elite District,

Over the past two days, the Committee on Alumni and Historical Affairs has worked diligently to fulfill the responsibilities charged to us by the 2009 committee, as well as the standing duties of the committee as set forth in the Northeast District constitution. These charges included the following:

1. Update language in the District Constitution to cover “documented history” as opposed to “written history”
2. Review the format of documented history and make appropriate changes.
3. Update the charges as appropriate to the functions of the committee.

In addition to these charges and our constitutional duties, we were also asked to review the role of the district Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison.

After a long discussion over the responsibilities of this newly created position, numerous options to improve upon the current duties of the office, and the insight of the first ever district HAAL, Meghan Polis, the committee has come to the conclusion that at this time it is not prudent to make any significant changes to the duties of the position. While we believe that in the future, there will be many opportunities for the office of HAAL to be re-examined, at this time it is the position of the committee that the next officer should take a full term in the position before next year's committee re-evaluates the office as a whole.

In order to meet the constitutional requirements of the committee, we focused on the committee's responsibility of, “Examining, recommending, and submitting to the District Convention all policy regarding expansion of Life and Alumni Association membership.” This may seem an odd charge to tackle since, at

present, there is no concrete policy specific to the Northeast District regarding the activities of alumni and life members. However, in order to promote continued participation in the fraternity, and to encourage the District to recognize outstanding alumni, the committee would like to present for consideration a Life Membership Incentive.

The committee believes, especially with the endorsement offered by the Northeast District Alumni Association, that this incentive could be a unique opportunity for the Northeast District to encourage the positive participation of alumni members, as well as to recognize outstanding individuals who continue to contribute to the fraternity after their time as an active member is over. However, after submission to the Committee on Jurisdictions, we have agreed that it will be the most effective course of action to pass responsibility for a proposal for this incentive on to the next District Council to be reviewed at the 2011 NED convention.

Overall, the committee believes that we have reached a laudable point in both our relations with alumni, and the preservation of the history of the District and its chapters. However, in keeping with the fraternity's ideals to constantly strive for the highest, we believe it is important to issue a set of charges that encourage continued improvement in these fields.

As such, we charge the 2010-2011 Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison with the following:

1. Compile a detailed report of all historical and alumni-related activities over the course of the next year, to be presented to the next Committee on Alumni and Historical Affairs.
2. Act as a resource to all alumni/historian officers in the Northeast District.
 - a. Encourage active communication between these officers to foster new ideas in regards to our historical preservation and our alumni relations.
3. Work with the officers of the Northeast District Alumni Association to further the working relationship between NEDAA and the active District.
 - a. Explore new and innovative ways to encourage active members to transition to participation as an alumnus/alumna.
4. Continue to actively promote involvement in the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association, the Northeast District Alumni Association, and available Local Alumni Associations.
5. Be open and receptive to new ideas, and split your time evenly between your duties to our documented history and your role as a link to our alumni.

We charge the 2011 Committee on Alumni and Historical Affairs with the following:

1. Review the activities of the next Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison and suggest any necessary revisions.
2. Brainstorm new ideas to promote a healthy transition from active membership to alumni status, and to encourage individuals to keep contributing to the fraternity after graduating.
3. Continue to evaluate and renovate the format of our documented history.
4. Review the District Council's proposal for a Life Membership incentive program.
5. Update the charges for the next Committee to reflect the needs of the District.

Finally, in conjunction with the Jurisdictions Committee, we charge the 2010-2011 District Council with the following:

1. Pursue the aforementioned incentive on Life Memberships, culminating in a proposal to be given at the next District Convention.
 - a. Work with the representatives of NEDAA to put together an innovative packet of materials to encourage chapters to nominate outstanding individuals for this honor.

I would like to thank the members of my committee and our wonderful adviser, Marci Jones for all of your input and ideas. Also, I would like to give special thanks to Marcus Wyche, Michael Blander, Jess Smith, Steve

Hrabak, Ed Savoy and the rest of NEDAA for your contributions. Your insight on the alumni perspective is invaluable to the development of practical and realistic policy. Also, a big thank you to my chapter. Without your loyalty and support, I would not be anywhere close to where I am today – literally and figuratively. And finally, a huge thank you to the Nation's Elite District for always striving for the highest.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Colella
Kappa Kappa Psi – HO
NED Alumni & Historical Affairs Chair 2010

Appendix 9 – Final Report of the Membership Education Committee

Brothers of the Nation's Elite District,

The Membership Education Committee was charged with continuing to look at the role of Brotherhood and Big Brothers as advisors toward Membership Candidates, discuss problems that occur within the Membership Candidate Process and Chapters, discuss ways that Chapters can increase membership and campus awareness, and review the PIE program as established by the District's next Vice-President of Colonization and Membership.

We began by discussing the role of Big Brothers as mentors to the membership candidates. We first discussed where the line should be drawn for a Big Brother to be an advisor and when to be a friend. The committee felt that it is important to separate professionalism and personal matters when the Big Brothers interacted with their Little Brothers. This was directly connected to the idea of how Big Brothers should conduct themselves. If a Membership Candidate observes a Brother acting in a certain way, then it must be ok for him/her to do as well. When discussing how the Big Brother should conduct himself in front of the Membership Candidates, it was simply stated that he or she should read the Big Brother Oath. S/he should break down the structure and grammar to interpret the meaning of the oath and decide how s/he should conduct him or herself as his/her Brother's Keeper.

There were also issues that occur in within the Membership Candidate process and Chapters. A crucial point that was discussed was the Membership Candidate's attitude towards the Process and to the Brotherhood. Brothers from the floor believed that MCs begin to show disrespect and become too comfortable throughout the candidacy process. To avoid this problem, the floor agreed that the line of authority should be drawn right from the start. This is up to the Brotherhood to set the expectations up front which will allow no room for questioning.

There were a plethora of ideas from the floor and committee on how to raise awareness of Kappa Kappa Psi in your band program and campus. Some of the ideas include: establishing a band buddy system for incoming freshmen, host social events in the bands that include Brothers and band members, and strive to become a student recognized organization at your University or College. These ideas will create awareness not only in the band program, but on campus as well.

When closing the meeting with the PIE Program, it was evident from the floor and committee that it was a topic not so appealing to them and even to the District. It is important to review the purposes, history, and ritual after initiation because we are still learning about the Fraternity and even ourselves. However, each Chapter has their own personalized version of PIE that is attempted. The Chapters in this District are very diverse, each possessing a distinct personality. We agreed that there shouldn't be a universal program; rather allow the Chapters to do their own program.

Overall, the committee agreed that all of the issues in the room that were discussed are directed to this main idea: The role of the Big Brother needs to be defined and he or she should be aware of how he or she is conducting him or herself in front of the Membership Candidates. As for the PIE program, the District Council should allow access for each Chapter to view each others' PIE and MEP programs.

Charges for next year's committee are as follows:

1. Charge the District Vice President to establish a system to allow chapters to view PIE and MEP programs from the NED.
2. Discuss traveling etiquette for Membership Candidates and Brothers regarding secrecy, respect towards the other Chapters, and sensitivity to Chapters' ways when participating in Precinct Meetings and District Convention.
3. Have Brothers review and discuss the Big Brother Oath.
4. Charge the District Vice President to communicate with the National Council to revamp the national forums that currently exist, which will allow Brothers to discuss ideas that involve campus awareness and membership education.
5. Charge the District President to distribute delegates from different backgrounds to the Membership Education Committee to allow diverse views and opinions in the room.
6. Charge the District President to have the Membership Education Committee to be a closed committee for Brothers only.
7. Create charges that are specific for the 2012 Membership Education to avoid the room becoming an open vent session.

Thank you to my committee, Vincent Augustus Skovira from Eta Phi acting as my committee secretary, and my advisors, Chris Pratt and Adam Cantley.

Fraternally Submitted,

Michael J. Leonas
Kappa Kappa Psi – Eta Phi

Appendix 10 – Final Report of the Finance Committee

Brothers of the Northeast District,

This year's Committee on Finance was charged with the following:

1. Review the performance of the District over the preceding operating year against the budget approved at the preceding District Convention, including the performance of District Council members against the budgeted allowance for items such as travel and communication, and reporting this performance to the current Convention.
2. Compare the current working budget with the budget approved by the previous year's Committee on Finance. Any variation between these two budgets shall be examined and taken into consideration when determining the following year's budget.
3. Review the budget for the next operating year as presented by the District Secretary/Treasurer, submitting additions, deletions, and modifications as necessary, and then presenting this budget to the current Convention.
4. Review the guidelines for the Colony Gift and make any changes if necessary.
5. Review the guidelines of the Chapter Precinct Travel Grant and the Chapter District Travel Grant and make any changes if necessary.

6. Discuss adding the Chapter Precinct Travel Grant and the Chapter District Travel Grant programs into the 2010-2011 Northeast District Constitution, including the possibility of having unused funds roll over to the following year's budget.
7. Discuss adding a travel grant for future National Conventions.
8. Brainstorm other possible worthwhile projects for the District fund.
9. Look into adding information regarding the District Travel Grant and its implementation.

Working with these charges, our session Friday afternoon was focused in going through the budget obligations on the committee. The hope was to leave as much time as possible Friday evening to discuss, create, and improve upon programs that can be of benefit to the Brothers of the Northeast District. Some of the programs we discussed include the District Late Due Fee, Chapter Travel Reimbursement (formally grant), District Host Travel Reimbursement, District Convention Fund, and the NIB Composition Promotion.

District Late Due Fee:

Each year the District receives an allocation that comes from a portion of the dues that we all pay to Nationals. This new policy will state that Chapters that didn't pay their dues on time will be required to reimburse the Northeast District for the allocations that the NED won't be receiving. The cost, when broken down, is estimated to be no more than a few dollars per Brother.

Chapter Travel Reimbursement:

This program was formerly known as the Chapter Precinct Travel Grant and the Chapter District Travel Grant. The committee decided that it would be more efficient to combine the two programs into a single program for the convention season. The committee also thought it best to re-title the program as a reimbursement since that's what it does. We also discussed updating the guidelines to this program. The guidelines for the Chapter Travel Reimbursement are as follows...

1. This reimbursement is for chapters only, not for reimbursement of individual Brothers.
2. To apply, a chapter must submit the appropriate application postmarked no later than December 1st.
3. The District Council and Governors will collectively decide who gets a grant and for how much using any combination of the following criteria.
 - a. Chapter's distance from the convention site
 - b. The number of Brothers planning to attend
 - i. Does more attendance warrant more money?
 - ii. Does less attendance warrant less money?
 - c. Chapter financials (budget for the year)
 - d. Does the chapter subsidize travel?
 - e. Chapter's attendance history
 - f. Can they send a delegate without this funding?
 - g. Should newer chapters get more assistance?
 - h. Are there any extenuating circumstances?
4. No more than 15 chapters will receive travel reimbursement.
5. Colonies may be considered for this reimbursement if the District Council and Governors deem it appropriate.
6. The reimbursement awards will be decided in the Council's January meeting and announced immediately thereafter.
7. Chapters will be notified by the Secretary/Treasurer as to the allocation of funds.
8. No less than \$50 and no more than \$200 will be reimbursed to any chapter, the total not exceeding the allocated budget for the operating year.
9. After the close of District Convention, the receiving chapter has 30 days to submit receipts of all chapter convention costs to the NED Secretary/Treasurer.

It is our hope as a committee, that the District Council and Governors will use any combination of the above criteria and considerations for determining eligibility for reimbursement and update the application accordingly.

District Host Travel Reimbursement:

This is a new program to reimburse the chapter hosting District Convention for the cost of traveling to precinct meetings other than their own.

District Convention Fund:

The monies allocated in this fund are to be used for enhancing District Convention through the pursuance of our purposes. If approved by this delegation, the guidelines will be as follows.

1. The District Convention Fund is only to pay for items that cannot be paid for through registration fees as stated in the Northeast District Constitution.
2. The District Convention Fund cannot be used to cover any financial losses by the host chapter that can be budgeted under registration fees.
3. The District Council shall work with the host chapter to find suitable performers, speakers, clinicians, etc. that are consistent with the purposes of Kappa Kappa Psi.

NIB Composition Promotion:

For each National Convention, Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma commission one work for the National Intercollegiate Band. It is the committee's feeling that these commissioned works aren't performed often enough by other groups. This program is to assist chapters in purchasing these works for performance at their own college or university. The guidelines for this reimbursement, upon approval, will be as follows.

1. This reimbursement will be only for works commissioned by Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma for the National Intercollegiate Band.
2. Chapters may apply on a first-come, first-serve basis until the allocated funds are exhausted.
3. Chapters may only receive reimbursement once per academic year.
4. The reimbursement rate shall be 50% of the total cost of the piece or \$50, whichever is less.
5. A signed letter from the Director of Bands, stating that the piece is intended to be performed by a university ensemble in the next year is required along with the chapter's application and the receipt of purchase.
6. The standard District Fund Requisition form shall be used to request reimbursement.
7. Once the piece is performed, the chapter is required to send the NED Secretary/Treasurer a copy of the performance program.
8. Recordings of the performance are encouraged and appreciated but not required.

With these programs in place, we hope to further the purposes of Kappa Kappa Psi and encourage attendance at convention.

We charge next year's Committee on Finance with the following:

1. Review the performance of the District over the preceding operating year against the budget approved at the preceding District Convention, including the performance of District Council members against the budgeted allowance for items such as travel and communication, and reporting this performance to the current Convention.
2. Compare the current working budget with the budget approved by the previous year's Committee on Finance. Any variation between these two budgets shall be examined and taken into consideration when determining the following year's budget.

3. Review the budget for the next operating year as presented by the District Secretary/Treasurer, submitting additions, deletions, and modifications as necessary, and then presenting this budget to the current Convention.
4. Review the guidelines the Council chose for the Chapter Travel Reimbursement program and develop concrete guidelines to be used early.
5. Before any other business, discuss adding the Chapter Travel reimbursement to the Northeast District constitution.
6. Discuss adding a travel reimbursement program for National Convention.
7. Discuss the effectiveness of new District Late Due Fee, District Host Travel Reimbursement, and the NIB Composition Promotion.
8. Brainstorm other worthwhile programs for the district to fund, like a scholarship for Brothers participating in DCI or DCA drum corps.
9. Brainstorm fundraisers possible for the district that have the ability to help replenish funds from our newer program.

We charge next year's Secretary/Treasurer with the following:

1. Promote the use of the Northeast District's new reimbursement programs, and doing your best to insure that the funds reach the Brothers that need them.
2. Create a list of possible Northeast District fundraisers, and set fundraising goals to offset the cost of the newer programs.
3. Update the Chapter District Travel Reimbursement application to reflect the changes approved at the 2010 District convention.
4. Make all applications and information on the above programs available for download on the NED website.
5. Create a long term financial plan, suggested minimum of 5 years, for the District to be sure that we will remain in good financial standing for years to come.

We charge net year's District Council and our stellar Governors with the following:

1. Do your best to promote the Northeast District's assistance programs.
2. Award the Chapter Travel Reimbursement using the recommended guidelines in the way you would be fair, objective, and beneficial.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the chance to serve the chair of the Northeast District's Committee on Finance. It was great to be able to work with the Brothers on not only the programs, but the budgets as well (since we had one from this year haha). I would also like to thank the Brothers who helped to make these programs the best they can be for all of you. These Brothers include Shannon Donnell from Theta Upsilon, Brittany Gross from Eta Rho, Dave Hamler from Kappa Eta, Franklin Nesmith from Eta Omega and our awesome advisors Eric Paradis and Ed Savoy. Also I'd like to say thank you to Ben Soltoff for all of his hard work this year and for the guidance and support he provided to the Committee on Finance. Finally, I'd like to thank the Brothers of Eta Rho. It has been a wonder to watch you all grow and develop as Brothers and I don't know where I'd be without you.

With Love and AEA Always,

Mandee Logan
Kappa Kappa Psi
Eta Rho – Spring 2005

Appendix 11 – Proposed 2010-2011 District Budget

	Starting Balance	\$19,064.85
Income	Fall Allocation	\$2,200.00
	Spring Allocation	\$400.00
	Delegate Fees	\$820.00
	Interest	\$200.00
	Convention Refunds	\$500.00
	Total Income	\$4,120.00
Expenses	Officer Expenses	
	President	\$100.00
	Vice President	\$100.00
	Secretary/Treasurer	\$100.00
	MAL	\$100.00
	HAAL	\$100.00
	District Officer Travel Fund	\$2,500.00
	District Publications	
	Northeast Notes	\$50.00
	NED Website	\$100.00
	Awards	
	Music Education Award Plaque	\$50.00
	Certificates	\$50.00
	Other Plaques	\$100.00
	Other Expenses	
	National Commissioning Project	\$250.00
	Colony Gift	\$300.00
	Chapter Travel Grant	\$2,000.00
	District Convention Fund	\$1,000.00
	Commissioned Works Grants	\$500.00
	Discretionary Council Fund	\$1,000.00
	District Host Travel Reimbursement	\$100.00
	Total Expenses	\$8,500.00
	Total Balance	\$14,684.85

Appendix 12 – Final Report of the Awards Committee

The Awards Committee has reviewed all the applications and have deemed them constitutionally sound.

Northeast District Outstanding Sponsor Award Nominees:

- **Dr. Mark W. Phillips: Zeta Psi: Virginia State University ***winner*****
- Justin J. Mertz: Eta Phi: Syracuse University

Music Awareness Nominees:

- **Zeta Psi: Virginia State University ***winner*****

Top Chapter Nominees:

- Omicron: West Virginia University
- Eta Beta: Virginia Tech
- **Eta Phi: Syracuse University ***winner*****
- Eta Psi: Delaware State University
- Iota Xi: Norfolk State University

Transactions:

- Overview all five presentations
- The Committee voted on the top three chapters determined by point value on a scale of 5-1, 5 being the top choice, 1 being the last choice.
- The Committee reviewed the top three choices; we discussed and debated our top three choices and then voted for the top two chapters
- Because of the overall vote of the top three chapters, it was deemed by the committee that there was no need to vote further. All committee members were pleased with the selection.

The committee chair would like to thank Mr. Osborn for acting as our committee advisor. His guidance was helpful and insightful during the process. Also, thank you to all the delegates who served on this particular committee, your insight was valuable and your company pleasant.

Submitted by:

Bailey D. Awkard

Appendix 13 – Final Report of the Jurisdiction Committee

The Jurisdiction Committee was charged with:

1. Complete Constitutional guidelines as set forth by section 9.07
2. Review the creation of a webmaster bid to the Constitution, per the recommendation of the District Council and the Finance Committee.
3. Review section 7.07 to look at matching with the rest of the Constitution.
4. Review section 8 and dues vs. fees for consistency for seating delegates.
5. Review section 11 to look at changing references of “chapter” to chapter(s) to match references in 11.09

Proposed Changes:

Current:

7.10 During his or her entire term of office, each District Officer shall:

- c. Be enrolled in a college or university full-time, undergraduate or graduate degree program within the boundaries of the district.

Revised:

7.10 During his or her entire term of office, each District Officer shall:

- c. Be active and enrolled in a college or university full-time, undergraduate or graduate degree program within the boundaries of the district.

Rationale: If your school considers you an active brother, than Kappa Kappa Psi National Chapter also recognizes you as an active brother, and we should on the District Level as well.

Current:

- 9.05 The Committee on Expansion shall be charged with:
- a. Examining, recommending, and submitting to the District Convention all policy regarding expansion within the district.
 - b. Meeting with all current colonies and all Chapters installed since the last Convention present at Convention to discuss their status in the colonization process.
- 9.01 The Committees of the District shall be the following: Alumni and Historical Affairs, Awards, Expansion, Finance, Jurisdiction, Membership Education, and Nominations, which shall meet separately. Convention Site and Publications shall meet jointly with Tau Beta Sigma.
- 7.03 The District Vice President's duties shall be:
- c. Serving as a member ex-officio of the Committee on Expansion.

Amended:

~~9.05—The Committee on Expansion shall be charged with:~~

- ~~a.—Examining, recommending, and submitting to the District Convention all policy regarding expansion within the district.~~
- ~~b.—Meeting with all current colonies and all Chapters installed since the last Convention present at Convention to discuss their status in the colonization process.~~

9.01 The Committees of the District shall be the following: Alumni and Historical Affairs, Awards, ~~Expansion~~, Finance, Jurisdiction, Membership Education, and Nominations, which shall meet separately. Convention Site and Publications shall meet jointly with Tau Beta Sigma.

7.03 The District Vice President's duties shall be:

- ~~c.—Serving as a member ex-officio of the Committee on Expansion.~~

Rationale: The committee never has any charges, and frankly there is little for this committee to do. As such, it does not make sense to continue to include it in our Constitution. If a strong need for an expansion meeting were to exist at a particular convention, the district president has the power to create one.

Current:

- 15.02 The District Alumnus-at-Large must be recognized by the National Office as a Life or Alumni member in good standing.

Amended:

15.02 The District Alumnus-at-Large must be recognized by the National Office as a Life or Alumni [Association](#) member in good standing.

Rationale: Reflects current practice.

Current:

6.01 The Northeast District strictly forbids members and Chapters from using banquet fees, Chapter fees, registration fees, or any similarly labeled monies for purchasing alcoholic beverages at District functions.

New:

6.01 The Northeast District strictly forbids members and Chapters from using banquet fees, Chapter fees, registration fees, or any similarly labeled monies for purchasing alcoholic beverages at District functions. [The possession, sale, use, or consumption of alcoholic beverages at District functions shall comply with the Kappa Kappa Psi Policy on Alcohol and Controlled Substances.](#)

Rationale: This brings the current policy more closely in line with our current risk management policy at the national level.

Current:

7.07 Potential candidates for district office are required to submit by opening gavel of first separate session: five (5) packets of a cover letter, resume, list of goals and plans to meet them, recommendation letter from sponsor, recommendation letter from the Director of Bands, recommendation letter from his/her Chapter, any other supporting documents, and one copy of his/her official transcripts to the District Secretary/Treasurer. The transcript must reflect a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on the 4.0 scale and/or a C+ on the letter grade scale as well as current enrollment in a declared or undeclared full-time degree program. The District Secretary/Treasurer shall then distribute these materials to the chair of the Nominations committee. Potential candidates for District Office who are unable to meet this deadline may petition the District Governor(s) for exemption.

Amended:

7.07 Potential candidates for district office are required to submit by opening gavel of first separate session: five (5) packets of a cover letter, resume, list of goals and plans to meet them, recommendation letter from sponsor, recommendation letter from the Director of Bands, recommendation letter from his/her Chapter, [proof of Active or Associate membership in good standing](#), any other supporting documents, and one copy of his/her official transcripts to the District Secretary/Treasurer. The transcript must reflect a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on the 4.0 scale and/or a C+ on the letter grade scale as well as current enrollment in a declared or undeclared full-time degree program. The District Secretary/Treasurer shall then distribute these materials to the chair of the Nominations committee. Potential candidates for District Office who are unable to meet this deadline may petition the District Governor(s) for exemption.

Rationale: Ensures all candidates for district office are eligible at time of election.

Current: None

Amended:

8.05 Every Chapter that fails to submit their annual national membership fees to the National Headquarters by the deadline stated in 6.304 of the National Constitution shall reimburse the District for income lost because of the Chapter's tardiness. The reimbursement amount shall be equal to the amount of income lost from the district's fall allocation caused by the Chapter as determined by the District Secretary/Treasurer. This reimbursement shall be sent to the District Secretary/Treasurer prior to District Convention. A Chapter will not be permitted to seat a delegate or proxy until all fees have been paid.

Rationale: A major source of revenue for the district is the fall allocation. The allocation amount is based upon the number of members paying dues from chapters within the district. Chapters who do not submit their Chapter Personnel Reports on-time in the fall are excluded from this count. Roughly \$3.00 per member is returned to the district. When even a few chapters are late submitting their dues, the district loses hundreds of dollars. To counteract this loss, as well as provide an additional incentive to submit dues promptly, the amendment would require chapters to pay the district an amount equal to the revenue that was lost because of their tardiness. This would not impose a significant burden on chapters, who could choose to require each member to pay their share or take the money from their operating funds, while sending the message that paying dues late doesn't just affect the chapter and its members. The fraternity has already taken the carrot approach to get dues submitted in a timely manner, including the Early Bird Award and having district officers personally contact chapters to make sure they are aware of the deadline and are working to get their paperwork submitted on-time. In order to prevent the district from being penalized for individual chapters' mistakes, a stick in the form of this amendment is also appropriate.

Current: None

New:

12.02 A revised budget for district convention must be submitted to the District Secretary/Treasurer sixty (60) days prior to the convention.

Rationale: Allows the district council to review the budget for convention with reasonable time to implement any needed changes. Precinct meeting host chapters are already required to submit a budget before the meeting.

Current:

11.02 Any Chapter wishing to submit a bid for District Convention shall send written letters of intent to each member of the Joint District Council, the District Governor(s), and the District Counselor, no later than December 1, prior to the upcoming District Convention. Any Chapter wishing to submit a bid must also send a written letter of recommendation from its Director of Bands to each member of the Joint District Council, the District Governor(s), and the District Counselor.

New:

~~11.02 Any Chapter wishing to submit a bid for District Convention shall send written letters of intent to each member of the Joint District Council, the District Governor(s), and the District Counselor, no later than December 1, prior to the upcoming District Convention. Any Chapter wishing to submit a~~

~~bid must also send a written letter of recommendation from its Director of Bands to each member of the Joint District Council, the District Governor(s), and the District Counselor.~~

Rationale: We were approached by the District to examine the procedure for submitting letters of intent for Districts, Precincts, and Northeast Notes. There was a very clear, but largely ignored policy in place in our Constitution requiring a letter of intent by December 1st. We were asked to consider making that date a recommendation, instead of a requirement as it now stands, but it was the opinion of the committee that we couldn't insert a recommendation without causing problems with consistency and interpretation. By removing this clause, we would bring the Constitution more closely in line with current practice for this year. We are charging next year's District Council and Jurisdiction committee with evaluating this again, and seeing if they can come up with a way to work the recommendations in more fluidly.

Current:

- 14.03 Any Chapter wishing to submit a bid for the District Publication shall notify each member of the joint District Council, the District Governor(s), and the District Counselor by February 15. In the event that no bids are recommended by the Committee on Convention Site and Publication, the District Council shall appoint a Chapter to publish the District Publication within thirty (30) days after the District Convention.
- 14.05 In the absence of the selection of a Chapter to publish the District Publication at the preceding Convention, the District Council shall select a Chapter within thirty (30) days after that Convention. The District Council shall then notify all Chapters and colonies within the District of this selection, along with the address and telephone number of the new publisher contact.

New:

- 14.03 ~~Any Chapter wishing to submit a bid for the District Publication shall notify each member of the joint District Council, the District Governor(s), and the District Counselor by February 15.~~ In the event that no bids are recommended by the Committee on Convention Site and Publication, the District ~~Council~~ Governor(s) and District Counselor shall appoint a Chapter to publish the District Publication within thirty (30) days after the District Convention.
- 14.05 In the absence of the selection of a Chapter to publish the District Publication at the preceding Convention, the District ~~Council~~ Governor(s) and District Counselor shall select a Chapter within thirty (30) days after that Convention. The District Council shall then notify all Chapters and colonies within the District of this selection, along with the address and telephone number of the new publisher contact.

Rationale: Removing the first clause is in line with what we did in the section about Districts. The latter two modifications were recommended by the district council, as it confirms to the current practice that is already in place.

Current:

- 7.06 The District Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison's duties shall be:
- h. Continue compiling an ongoing written history of the Northeast District, to include Convention Minutes and the District Constitution as well as other pertinent additions. Have a copy of the

updated version on a CD to be passed out to the delegation, District Officers, and National Officers at District Convention.

- j. Presenting an update of the written history project at District Convention.

New:

7.06 The District Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison's duties shall be:

- h. Continue compiling an ongoing ~~written~~-documented history of the Northeast District, to include Convention Minutes and the District Constitution as well as other pertinent additions. Have a copy of the updated version on a CD to be passed out to the delegation, District Officers, and National Officers at District Convention.
- j. Presenting an update of the ~~written~~-documented history project at District Convention.

Rationale: This was recommended by the Alumni Affairs committee. It is mostly a change based on the definition of the word written, and the possible implication that history should be purely textual.

Charges for the 2010-2011 District Council

1. Continue to examine the letters of intent for Districts, Precincts, and Northeast Notes.
2. Evaluate the success of the district fine for late payment (if it passes) and consider an extension towards late filing of new initiate fees.
3. Evaluate how to best secure the continuity and continual growth of the website, and submit a proposal to the 2010-2011 Jurisdiction Committee.

Charges for the 2010-2011 Jurisdiction Committee

1. Complete the Constitutional Guidelines as set forth by section 9.07
2. Work with the district council to more closely define the role of webmaster.
3. Work with the district council to create policy on letters of intent for Districts, Precincts, and Northeast Notes.
4. Review 7.07 and reorganize it to keep it more in line with the rest of the Constitution.

It was an honor to be selected to serve as your Jurisdiction Committee Chair for the spring 2010 District Convention. I would like to thank all of the members of my committee as well as our Epsilon Upsilon brothers who offered their insight, as well as their technical expertise in connecting to the UMaine network, without which, I never would have been able to thrill you with Jurisdictional excitement. Extra thanks to Meghan Bowers who took notes for the committee, and made this report much easier to write.

Special thanks to Jack Lee, our advisor, whose opinions and common sense were invaluable.

Fraternally Submitted,

Steven Briden
Kappa Kappa Psi- Jurisdiction Chair
Iota Phi Chapter, Alumni Secretary
University of New Hampshire

Appendix 14 – Final Report of the District Governor, Dr. Hubert Toney Jr.

Dear Brothers of the Northeast District:

I am enjoying serving you in the capacity of District Governor. It has been great to work with district officers and our other District Governor and Counselor to prepare for this convention. They have made the experience pleasurable. I am looking forward to next year and assisting in making the 2011 convention a great success.

Striving for the Highest,

Dr. Hubert Toney, Jr.
Northeast District Governor

Appendix 15 – Final Report of the District Governor, Marie Burleigh

Brothers of the Northeast District and Guests,

While Governor Reports are traditionally done on the first day of convention, I'm glad to be going at this point in the proceedings this year because this has been a very re-invigorating weekend for me.

Parts of this year have been very difficult. Disciplinary visits started in early April. There was another in June. Most recently, we hit a record high by suspending two NED chapters in 15 days for hazing. Both of those suspensions were driven by Stupid Alumni Tricks.

One of those had to do with branding. As I said at Southern Precinct Meeting, branding is a clear violation of our Risk Management Policy. We're not going after people who already have them – the past is past. But the practice doesn't have a place in today's fraternity.

I had planned to talk about this at length, but something great happened this morning. Marci Jones facilitated a discussion during the second workshop period. In preparation, she was trying to procure a good picture of a brand. She approached several brothers from chapters that had a tradition of branding from back in the day, and none of those individuals had brands. They explained it was something the old guys had done, but that they had chosen not to. (I literally did a happy dance when Marci told me about it. It made my day!)

I'd been dealing with so many problems, I almost forgot that most of you are doing the right thing and making significant differences in your band programs.

My thanks for the reminder.

True Confession time: when Drs. Toney, Kelly and I were discussing the location for this convention, I did not vote to come to Maine the first weekend in March. I'm extremely pleased that I was outvoted!

This is my 25th consecutive convention in this District. When I graduated, I was away from the fraternity for five years. In 1986, one of my pledge brothers convinced me both to go to convention, and to drive. That convention was here in Maine. I give Deb Eakins credit for getting me re-involved, and Delta Omicron alum Rick Albani credit for making sure I felt I had a place and a reason to stay. And the rest, as they say, is history.

The little things you do make a difference, and always have. From Deb hustling me into driving to Maine 24 years ago, to current brothers who decided they had too much self esteem to allow themselves to be branded like cattle, thank you for the examples you provide.

While I'm thanking people, kudos to our precinct host chapters and Northeast Notes publisher on jobs well done. Big shout out to the chapters here at Maine who have thrown an amazing convention, complete with warm weather!

Turning to the District Council, once again this year had difficult patches. You'll notice we only have four officers up here. Suffice it to say that you must be active to serve on the council, you must be in band to be active, and you must be in school to be in the band. Stuff happens.

The four individuals you see up here have worked very hard and very well for the district this year. They made my job as governor much easier. I value the opportunity I've had to work with each of you. Don't be strangers.

I can't say this enough: what you say and do matters. Make good choices. Preserve the honor, preserve the organization.

Finally my thanks to National President Derrick Mills for giving me the opportunity to serve another term as governor, and to all "The Folks In The Back Of The Room" – both literally and figuratively. I couldn't do this without you!

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Burleigh
Northeast District Governor

Appendix 16 – Final Report of the Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee met on Friday evening to conduct interviews with the candidates for President and Vice President. After conducting interviews for the offices of Secretary/Treasurer, Member-at-Large, and the Historical Archivist/Alumni Liaison (HAAL) Saturday morning, the Committee found the following fit for office by constitutional standards:

- Bret Zawilski
- Kayla Sherry
- Anthony Marino
- Rachel Dashnaw
- Mande Logan
- Monique Murphy
- MariAnne Sullivan
- Meghan Bowers

Five minutes were allowed for interviews in a Q&A format. After five minutes, the candidate left the room and the Committee discussed the delegates' general impressions of the candidate. This debate allowed members to share their immediate first impressions and led to excellent conversation and debate later on. I would like to thank the following committee members for their time, effort, and insights in formulating the slate:

- Liz Snyder, (ZM)
- James Fields, (ZΨ)
- Kevin Leonardi, (HΦ)
- Jammie Dickens, (HΨ)
- Yvonne Daye, (KΨ)
- Chelsea Rees, (ΛN)
- Ryan McGowan, (ΛΔ)

- Also, the proxies that served for a short time.

Based on the deliberations of the committee, we have selected the following slate of officers:

- **President: Bret Zawilski** – Based on his immediate experience as NED President and his plans for improvement both personally and in fulfilling the duties of the office of President.
- **Vice President: Rachel Dashnaw** – The Committee felt that both Rachel Dashnaw and MariAnne Sullivan are excellent candidates for the office of Vice President. We considered the office each ran for in building our slate.
- **Secretary/Treasurer:** The Committee did not find any candidate suitable for the office of Secretary/Treasurer.
- **Member-at-Large: MariAnne Sullivan** – Again, we felt that both MariAnne Sullivan and Rachel Dashnaw are very qualified for this office and considered the candidates' choices of office in making our final decision.
- **Historical Archivist and Alumni Liaison: Meghan Bowers** – Meghan Bowers demonstrated knowledge of the requirements of the HAAL office and presented interesting and ambitious ideas for combining the two roles of the office.

We feel that each of the remaining candidates demonstrated their high quality, but that each has room for improvement. In the future, we suggest that candidates for District office demonstrate a clear understanding of the goals and guidelines of the office and present well-defined plans for the execution of the office.

Creating the slate for this year was a long process that required difficult deliberation. All candidates were very impressive and we feel that the best four officers for their respective positions are represented by our slate. This speaks very highly of the quality of brothers in our District and we hope to see many more of you running for office next year!

Thank you to the District Council and Governors for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Nominations Chair and to my advisors, Dr. Malinda Matney and Marco Krcatovich for providing invaluable guidance through the course of this weekend. Also, thanks to the Omicron chapter at WVU; I wouldn't be where I am without your love and support that I have come to rely so heavily on. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to all of you, the brothers of the NED, for everything you do for the District, your chapters, and your bands.

For the 2010-2011 NED Convention, I charge the Nominations Committee with the following:

- Fulfill the constitutional duties of this committee.
- Select one question for each office to be asked of all candidates for that office that is tailored to specific concerns of the committee.
- Recommend one candidate for each office from those candidates the committee feels are qualified.
- Make recommendations as necessary for the modification of District officer job descriptions.
- Record video of the individual interviews to allow for a larger dissemination of information on the candidates. Being able to post these videos in an easily-accessible (yet private to the District) online location mid-convention would allow anyone unable to attend the open interview sessions the chance to make an informed decision about the candidate(s).

Fraternally submitted,

Chris Carpenter
Chair, NED Committee on Nominations, 2010
Vice-President of Service

Omicron Chapter, KΚΨ, West Virginia University

Appendix 17 – Final Report of the District President, Bret Zawilski

My Brothers,

Let me begin by saying that it has truly been an honor to serve the Northeast District over the course of past year. When I first stepped into this role, I couldn't have imagined what would follow. I guess it's fair to say that we started with some less than ideal circumstances. Three vacant offices. Two precincts without a meeting location. No Northeast Notes publisher. And no host for District Convention. As you can imagine, I was only a little terrified. Yet, what followed rose above all my expectations. Holding this office has forever changed my view of the fraternity, and it has been an experience that I will always treasure.

Our year began with National Convention. It was the first time we were able to meet as a full Council, and I don't know if we would have become so close if not for that week in Arizona. To be a President in a Convention year is an incredible experience. Running District Caucuses on two hours of sleep at midnight? Not so incredible.

The role of the President is often very fluid in nature. Yes, a great amount of duties are listed in the Constitution, but ask anyone who's held the office and they'll surely say that the expectations go far beyond what you'll find written down. I think I probably terrified Marie at DLC when it came to preparing for Convention. I must have been like a deer caught in the headlights, trying to come up with new ideas to improve the District and fighting to find my voice among the other Presidents.

We often talk about the growth we experience as officers, and I feel that I'm no exception. A year ago, the thought of standing here in front of this delegation would have terrified me. I can still remember that feeling of nausea that overcame me during my speech for Vice President at UMass. Today, I feel that being among all of you is like being home. Before this year, I stayed very much in my own chapter's bubble, and getting to know so many of you has been the highlight of an amazing year.

So what have I accomplished? Not always as much as I'd hoped. But I'm excited that we've gotten both the District Jazz Band and Student Conductor's Workshop off the ground. Music is what binds us together in this organization, and both of these opportunities will center our convention on that greatest of the Arts.

This is also the year of the NED website's reappearance. I'm well aware most of you didn't even realize it was back by the time of Precinct meetings, but we have a presence on the web once again. We briefly attempted to use a Council Blog to share our activities with the rest of the District, but it was a less than successful endeavor. Yet I feel that we created a little more transparency, allowing other Brothers a window into our projects. There's still work to be done, though, and I hope that the next Council continues strengthening its presence through the NED listserv and the innovative new Wiggio groups.

Most of my time in office went into planning this weekend. You'd be surprised how long it takes to coordinate all of these events and workshops with a host chapter over 13 hours away. Well, maybe you wouldn't. But I sure was. Back in October it felt as though I had to switch into crisis mode, arranging workshop presenters and trying desperately to make headway on the concept of the District Jazz Band. Yet, I'm very pleased with how everything turned out. And beyond that, I am incredibly proud of the work this Council has accomplished in the past year. Every President must feel this way, but I truly feel that I have been blessed with working alongside some of the most wonderful Brothers the District has ever seen.

I hope you have enjoyed the activities and events of this year. I didn't get to travel nearly as much as I'd hoped. But I sense that's a common theme among officers. After all, how could anyone ever get enough of experiences such as District Convention?

Some wonderful opportunities have come out of this term, and so there are many things I hope will be continued by the next Council.

I charge to the 2010-2011 NED President:

1. Continue to promote and organize the Student Conductor's Workshop and District Jazz Band programs.
2. Maintain the NED website and look into further enhancing the content for the needs of our active chapters.
3. Maintain close contact with the 2010-2011 Council. Every initiative at the District level is actually a collaborative initiative, and our programs live or die by the way we work together.
4. Update the President materials: There's a lot of excess paperwork in 3 heavy boxes that ought to be sorted (or destroyed).
5. Start planning Convention early. Tomorrow, preferably. Look to continue a proud tradition of effective, interesting workshops.

Finally, I have a few thanks.

- To my Council as a whole: I can't believe how close we've become this year. I've been so fortunate to work alongside each of you, and you have truly left the District much-improved. I am so very proud of everything you have accomplished.
- To Alice: Remember when it was only the two of us standing in front of the delegation last year taking the Oath of Office? I had no clue what to expect. But you are truly one of the most wonderful Brothers, and wonderful people I've ever met. Your ambition is what kept me going through much of this year, and I always knew I could count on you if I needed help. I'm going to miss our random crisis phone calls, but it has truly been an honor to serve with you.
- To Meghan Polis: I remember the moment I called to ask you to step into the role of HAAL. Probably because I was walking around the countries in Disney's Epcot at the time. Getting to know you has been a wonderful experience, and I want to thank you for all the work you put into this council. I know there were times you may have felt a little lost without that binder, but I couldn't have wished for a better officer to serve on this Council.
- To Ben Soltoff: We may have been members of the same chapter, but I didn't really know you before your appointment to Secretary/Treasurer. I'm glad that's changed. The time and dedication you've put into your position is absolutely incredible. You've been a voice of reason throughout the term, and your sarcastic sense of humor has helped keep me sane throughout some very crazy experiences. I'd like to apologize to you for my road rage, especially that night we had to dodge snow=mobilers while trying to find a road to Kutztown that wasn't blocked off.
- To Dr. Toney: Thank you for all you've done this year in terms of the District Jazz Band and our other endeavors. I'm so thankful you were able to attend Nationals and the Winter Council Meeting. Without you, we couldn't have pulled everything together.
- To Marie Burleigh: You've truly been an inspirational force and a cause for so many of my views in relation to Brotherhood. I can remember the first time I sat in one-on-ones for Lock Haven, as you talked to our fledgling five person chapter. To have served on Council with you as Governor has been an honor, and I'm so glad that the Northeast District has such a wonderful source of Wisdom. I guess it's my turn to ask you, though: Are we having fun yet?
- To the Eta Alpha chapter: You're all crazy. But I owe my beliefs and ideals to the experiences I had while at Lock Haven. Thank you for continuing to support me, and it makes me so happy to see the chapter gaining such strong Brothers.
- To the Eta Omicron chapter: It's taken me a long time to get to this point. But thank you. Home is where a HO is now, and you've made me feel like I crossed over here. I feel like I belong, and you are such a wonderful group of individuals.
- To Jessica McAlarney Lee: It's not often that a big follows in a Little's footsteps...

- To Marci Jones: Without you, I would not be a Brother. And you know what I mean. You saw me in my worst days, in my worst state of mind, in a fit of cynicism that still plagues me, but which I've learned to focus. I hated what happened to our chapter. How you handled it for a long time. But you gave me back my sense of Brotherhood, and I can't thank you enough for that.
- To Jack Lee: I swear, you're just one of the nicest guys I know.
- To Adam Cantley: You woke me up at West Chester University's Central Precinct Meeting in 2003 for snoring. It's scarred me for life. I still snore, and I've never forgiven you. Well...okay, maybe I have.
- Brothers of the Northeast District: You are all truly wonderful individuals, and I've loved every moment of getting to know your chapters.

In closing, thank you so much for giving me this opportunity. This has been the most wonderful year of my fraternal life, and I hope you are as proud as I am of the District.

Respectfully submitted,

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Northeast District President 09-10

Appendix 18 – 2010 Kappa Kappa Psi Northeast District Delegate Seating

Chapter Designation	College Name	Committee	Seated Representative	Seated Chapter
O	West Virginia University	Jurisdiction	Justin Roth	O
AΩ	University of Pittsburgh	Membership Education	James Weaver	AΩ
BX	University of Virginia	Awards	Caitlin Callahan	HO
ΓΞ	University of Maryland	Jurisdiction	Matthew J. Pavan	ΓΞ
ΔO	University of Connecticut	Convention Site and Publication	Lisa Zima	ΔO
EI	Mansfield University	Alumni/Historical Affairs	Hilary Jones	HA
EN	University of Massachusetts	Awards	Philip Fagundes	EN
EY	University of Maine at Orono	Jurisdiction	Sam Hostetter	EY
EΦ	Clarion University	Awards	David Dgien	AΩ
ZA	Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	Finance	No Delegate Seated	N/A
ZM	Kutztown University	Nominations	Elizabeth Snyder	ME
ZΨ	Virginia State University	Convention Site and Publication	Michael Brown	HΓ
HA	Lock Haven University	Awards	Denver Juliano	HA
HB	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University	Jurisdiction	Scott Luxenberg	HB
HΓ	Morgan State University	Awards	Curtis Sample-Hawkins	HΓ
HO	James Madison University	Membership Education	Dan Singer	HO
HP	West Chester University	Alumni/Historical Affairs	Jonathan Watkins	HP
HΦ	Syracuse University	Nominations	Kevin Leonardi	HΦ

HX	Bowie State University	Finance	David Foster	HX
HΨ	Delaware State University	Nominations	Jammie Dickens	HΨ
HΩ	Howard University	Finance	Franklin Nesmith	HΩ
ΘB	Boston University	Awards	Alice Gomez	ΘB
ΘΓ	California University of Pennsylvania	Finance	Brittany Gross	HP
ΘΣ	Fairmont State University	Jurisdiction	No Delegate Seated	N/A
ΘΥ	University of Rhode Island	Finance	Shannon Donnell	ΘΥ
ΙΑ	Towson University	Jurisdiction	Meg Bowers	ΙΑ
ΙΕ	Norfolk State University	Alumni/Historical Affairs	William Lane	ΙΕ
ΙΦ	University of New Hampshire	Jurisdiction	Steve Briden	ΙΦ
ΚΓ	Lehigh University	Convention Site and Publication	Natalie Gallagher	ΚΓ
ΚΕ	Shenandoah University	Alumni/Historical Affairs	Forrest Lowe	ΚΕ
ΚΗ	State University of New York - Buffalo	Finance	Dave Hamler	ΚΗ
ΚΡ	Duquesne University	Alumni/Historical Affairs	Jaqui Stilson	ΑΩ
ΚΥ	Marist College	Membership Education	Anthony Picone	ΔΟ
ΚΨ	Virginia Commonwealth University	Nominations	Yvonne Daye	ΚΨ
ΛΔ	Shippensburg University	Nominations	Ryan McGowan	ΛΔ
ΛΝ	Sacred Heart University	Nominations	Chelsea Rees	ΛΝ
ΛΦ	Kean University	Membership Education	Alyssa Behler	ΜΕ
ΜΕ	East Stroudsburg University	Membership Education	Ryan Bratt	ΜΕ
ΜΝ	Christopher Newport University		No Delegate Seated	N/A
ΜΞ	Muhlenberg College	Alumni/Historical Affairs	No Delegate Seated	N/A
ΜΟ	George Mason University	Membership Education	Louise Minette Fisher	ΜΟ
Colony	Lincoln University	N/A	Darren Mathews	Lincoln