

Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma

2023 Western District Convention



Park City, Utah
Western District Convention Minutes
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April 21st-23rd, 2023

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Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Delegate Rotation

This rotation shall be used for when a chapter is not present and their proxy chapters are either not present or are unable to provide proxies. The chapter will then be assigned a proxy from the next chapter in this rotation, starting where the rotation was left off from the previous year (which shall be notated below).

1. Gamma - *Next in Rotation for 2024*
2. Theta
3. Psi
4. Alpha Alpha
5. Beta Omicron
6. Gamma Kappa
7. Iota Alpha
8. Iota Gamma
9. Iota Kappa
10. Iota Pi
11. Lambda Psi
12. Mu Pi
13. Nu Sigma - *Last spot filled in rotation this Convention*

**Kappa Kappa Psi Separate Sessions - Western District Convention, 2023
Park City, Utah**

**JOINT OPENING SESSION - APRIL 21, 2023
CALL TO ORDER 6:32 PM MT**

- I. Introduction of District Councils
 - A. Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Officers
 - 1. Mary Elliott (President), Reese Valdez (Vice President), Emily Rowe (Secretary Treasurer), Bree Latimer (Member at Large)
 - B. Tau Beta Sigma Western District Officers
 - 1. Theo Mitchell (President), Julia Robles (Vice President of Membership), Lupe Ramon (Secretary Treasurer), Desiree Alvarado (Vice President of Special Projects)

Performance from Park City High School Jazz Band

- II. Introduction of WDC Advisories
 - A. Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Governors
 - 1. Brian Parker, Karissa Longo, Lance Coochyouma
 - B. Tau Beta Sigma Advisors
 - 1. Alexis Holladay, Sarah Cervantes

PRESIDENT MARY ELLIOTT CALL FOR RECESS 6:16 PM MT UNTIL FIRST SEPARATE SESSION

SEPARATE SESSION #1 - APRIL 21st, 2023
CALL TO ORDER 6:33 PM MT

- I. Welcome to WDC!
 - A. Introductions
 - 1. Council - Mary Elliott, Reese Valdez, Emily Rowe, Bree Latimer, Vin Sharath
 - 2. Governors - Karissa Longo, Brian Parker, Lance Coochyouma
 - 3. National Dignitaries - Bang Co (National Vice President for Membership and Expansion), Ed Savoy (National Vice President for Programs), Eric Morson (Chair of the Board of Trustees), Malinda Matney (Board of Trustees), Chris Giles (Professional Development Director - AABOD), Molly Kuchan (Vice Chair of the AABOD), Lisa Croston National Events Coordinator, Steve Nelson (National Executive Director), Kennedy Struck (Chapter Field Representative), Rassii Elliott (Northeast District Governor), Daniel Miller (Past Chair of the Alumni Association Board of Directors), Eduardo Higareda (WDAABOD), Mark Almeida (WDAA Communications Director)

- II. Seating of the Delegates (In Order)
 - A. Gamma - *IOTA KAPPA*
 - 1. Proxy - Luis Ponton (Iota Kappa)
 - B. Theta - *MAYRI ROSS*
 - 1. Proxy - Reese Valdez
 - C. Psi - *IOTA KAPPA*
 - 1. Proxy - Kimberly Enriquez (Iota Kappa)
 - D. Alpha Alpha - *IOTA PI*
 - 1. Proxy - Rockwood Frank (Iota Pi)
 - E. Beta Omicron - *ABBY TROPP*
 - F. Gamma Kappa - *ANZO MORRISON*
 - G. Iota Alpha - *IOTA PI*
 - 1. Proxy - Paula Crossland (Iota Pi)
 - H. Iota Gamma - *ZUKE BAKER*
 - I. Iota Kappa - *COLE MARSH*
 - J. Iota Pi - *NOAH RAVETCH*
 - K. Lambda Psi - *NU SIGMA*
 - 1. Proxy - William Oh (Nu Sigma)

L. Mu Pi - *NU SIGMA*

1. Proxy - Trevor Campbell (Nu Sigma)

M. Nu Sigma - *ORION HODGE*

1. **ROTATION ENDED WITH NU SIGMA, TO START WITH GAMMA AT NEXT CONVENTION**

III. Vote to approve last convention's Minutes

- A. Motion: Beta Omicron Second: Iota Gamma
- B. MINUTES APPROVED

IV. Member-at-Large Report

- A. See Member Report Section within Minutes

10 MINUTE RECESS CALLED BY PRESIDENT MARY ELLIOTT AT 7:11 PM

V. Candidate Introductions

- A. Nominations Committee Introduction
- B. Candidate Slate
 1. Mary Elliott - WD President
 2. Reese Valdez - WD Vice President
- C. Questions for Candidates
- D. Lance Coochyuma - Call to action for Active Membership to stay involved and maintain representation through their votes! There is *extreme* importance in being in sync with your District Council.
- E. Nominations Committee Report to be read Saturday morning, April 22nd, 2023.

PRESIDENT MARY ELLIOTT CALL FOR RECESS 7:49PM MT UNTIL SEPARATE SESSION #2

SEPARATE SESSION #2 - APRIL 22nd, 2023
CALL TO ORDER 9:35 AM MT

- I. Reseating of Delegates
 - A. Gamma - *IOTA KAPPA*
 - 1. Proxy - Luis Ponton (Iota Kappa)
 - B. Theta - *MAYRI ROSS*
 - C. Psi - *IOTA KAPPA*
 - 1. Proxy - Kimberly Enriquez (Iota Kappa)
 - D. Alpha Alpha - *KARLIN WEISINGER*
 - E. Beta Omicron - *ABBY TROPP*
 - F. Gamma Kappa - *JONAH SABLAN*
 - G. Iota Alpha - *IOTA PI*
 - 1. Proxy - Paula Crossland (Iota Pi)
 - H. Iota Gamma - *ZUKE BAKER*
 - I. Iota Kappa - *COLE MARSH*
 - J. Iota Pi - *NOAH RAVETCH*
 - K. Lambda Psi - *NU SIGMA*
 - 1. Proxy - William Oh (Nu Sigma)
 - L. Mu Pi - *NU SIGMA*
 - 1. Proxy - Trevor Campbell (Nu Sigma)
 - M. Nu Sigma - *ORION HODGE*

- II. Jurisdiction Committee Report & Voting
 - A. See Committee Report Section within Minutes
 - B. Proposal to define absolute majority
 - C. Vin Sharath to motion for vote to amend Article 10.102 in Western District Constitution
 - 1. Discussion:
 - a) Theta - Motion to close discussion.
 - 2. Motion to vote. First: Iota Gamma Second: Lambda Psi
 - a) Amendment approved.
 - 3. Floor hailed back to President Mary Elliott

- III. Secretary-Treasurer Report
 - A. See Officer Report Section within Minutes

5 MINUTE RECESS CALLED BY PRESIDENT MARY ELLIOTT

- IV. Ways & Means Committee Report
 - a. See Committee Report Section within Minutes for Report and Budget
 - b. Discussion
 - c. President Mary Elliott entertains motion to vote
 - i. First: Theta Second: Iota Kappa
 - ii. 2023-2024 BUDGET APPROVED

- V. Vice President Report
 - A. See Officer Report Section within Minutes

PRESIDENT MARY ELLIOTT CALL FOR RECESS 10:43AM MT UNTIL SEPARATE SESSION #3

SEPARATE SESSION #3 - APRIL 22nd, 2023
CALL TO ORDER 3:36 PM MT

- I. Reseat Delegates
 - A. No changes made from seated delegates in Session 2

- II. President Report
 - A. See Officer Report Section within Minutes

- III. Elections Overview & Questions
 - A. LANCE COOCHYOUMA explanation of this year's election process and possibility to motion to vote on slate of officers.
 - B. No nominations from the floor will be taken due to lack of eligibility from Nominations process.
 - C. Questions
 - 1. Iota Gamma
 - a) Q: How will vacant offices be dealt with?
A: New application will be sent out by Governors explaining guidelines for said elections. You are not voting on the people themselves but instead voting on the appointment provided where Governors.

- IV. Nominations Committee Report
 - A. See Committee Report Section within Minutes
 - B. Representative Anzo Morrison to read Committee Report on behalf of Colton Pearce
 - C. Anzo to accept motion to vote slate from delegates.
 - 1. First: Iota Kappa Second: Gamma
 - D. No discussion to take place.
 - E. Vote to approve slate; Unanimous vote to approve.

- 6 MINUTE RECESS CALLED BY PRESIDENT MARY ELLIOTT*

- V. Governor's Report
 - A. To be read by Lance Coochyuma, Karissa Longo, and Brian Parker
 - B. See Officer Report Section within Minutes

VI. End Commentary

A. Lance Coochyouma, Western District Governor

1. Apply for District Office! Encourage your Brothers and those around you to become involved.
2. Follow @wdgovs on Instagram!
3. Importance of Accountability and Engagement
 - a) Meeting paperwork deadlines. Work together as a Chapter rather than relying on just your president.
4. Share your excitement with new Brothers! Continue to cultivate the exciting culture that you find in the West.
5. Come to NatCon! Amazing opportunities are ahead.
6. Kappa Kappa Psi is for everyone, there is a space for YOU.
7. Kappa Kappa Psi is a student-centric organization, use your voice to make an impact at elections.

B. Dr. Malinda Matney, First Female National President of Kappa Kappa Psi 2007

1. Recollection of her time becoming the first female national President
2. Importance of united front of Kappa Kappa Psi for diversity, inclusivity, and the implications for the strengths of the Fraternity.
3. The Western District is a source of “complete and utter joy.”

C. Installation of both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma officers to occur Sunday morning at Brunchquet.

President Mary Elliott entertains a motion to vote to close the session.

First: Iota Pi Second: Psi

-Approved - Separate Session Adjourned at 5:11PM MT

Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Convention Officer Reports Park City, Utah

President Member Report

9 States.

13 Chapters.

An ungodly amount of miles from university to university.

One bond.

Brothers of the Western District,

Take a look around you from seat to seat. Make eye contact with that Brother you bought a sticker from, or the Alumni you asked all your questions to. Wave to a Governor you wanted to say hi to all weekend, or smile at your fellow Chapter Members. Regardless of what seat you're in or who you're by - cherish that which we all share:

You are a Brother of the West.

Despite the fact that this report is being written at a ~totally~ normal hour of the day, I truly don't know if I'll ever have quite the right way to acknowledge the district. But that's what reports are for, right?

I never in my life thought that I would be serving as a district officer, let alone as a District President. From the moment I became active within the Fraternity, my heart was dead-set on serving as, believe it or not, a Chapter VPM. I fell in love with the idea of mentoring new members and guiding them on their journey as my guiding spirit had done for me. It's astonishing how the universe works, because that was an election quickly lost. Though hurt, I knew in my heart I wanted to serve and I wanted to elevate my chapter in any way possible. I truly believe this was the spark I needed in order to find my identity and leadership within the chapter. During those two years, I served as Secretary (which I loved), and Chapter President (which I loved). I bring all of this up to say:

Don't EVER be afraid to take risks. Challenge yourself and appreciate failure as an opportunity. Had I not lost that election for my chapter, I don't know if I'd be standing up in front of all you today. The opportunity to serve as your District President has been nothing short of an incredible experience, and I'll be forever grateful for all the Brothers and Sisters who have positively impacted my life. Throughout this

term, I wanted to reflect not only on these positive impacts, but the impacts that we have had as a District.

This year has been a whirlwind of emotions, stress, and uncomfortable change... but it's also been a year of reflection, revitalization, and growth. We were able to celebrate small successes, such as: Coffee with the Council back in September, our annual Practice-a-Thon in November, and our Officer Installation on the Fraternity's Founding. We also published a fall Accent, despite not having a Publisher for the year. The district discord was created, allowing our district council to connect with chapter officers, and creating an avenue that extends beyond email communication. Finally, our convention was planned with the intention of fellowship and connection, and a focus on change.

It goes without saying: NONE of these things would've been possible without the guidance of our Governors, and the rest of the District Council. Don't worry, I'll get to y'all soon....

Change can be uncomfortable and intimidating. However - change is what provides us with the momentum to grow, and the exploration of new ideas. My charges for this next year are as follows:

To the 2023-2024 District Council:

1. Use your voice, and don't be afraid to say what is on your mind. Speak your thoughts, because people want to hear them!
2. Connect, connect, connect! Not only with your chapter counterparts, but as many Brothers as you can. Don't be a stranger behind an email signature.
3. Communicate and plan ahead of time -successful programming begins with a successful plan in mind.
4. Cherish every moment together - eventually they'll become memories.

To the 2023-2024 District President:

1. Trust yourself, and don't compare yourself to others. You are your own person with ideas - run with them!
2. Continue asking for help - there is no guidebook for how to do this. Seek opportunities as much as you can, ask questions, and absorb as much information as you can.
3. Create an organized timeline for what you want to accomplish - plan ahead, be proactive, and set deadlines for success.
4. Communicate with your council, but don't overstep.
5. Be a voice for whoever needs it, empower those around you, and lead with heart. Always.

Like I said before, none of this year would have been possible without the work of the district council, our governors, our TBS district council, and so many other deserving folks. Thank you will never be enough.

To my Committee Chairs:

The work you do behind the scenes may not always be apparent to all, but it definitely does not go unnoticed, and it is greatly appreciated. This convention would not function without your work and for the steadfast leadership of heading a committee. Emily, Vin, and Colton- you are tremendous Brothers and hard workers, and I'm so grateful to have worked with you this convention season. Thank you for everything.

To my counterpart, Theo:

I knew from our first virtual meeting in May that we were going to mesh well. We are both easily distracted, have the attention span of a goldfish, and lead meetings with the utmost... chaos. However, we also care for our organizations, and more importantly each other. Theo, you have a tenacity unlike any other, and your work for Tau Beta Sigma has shaped the West in a positive direction. You have goals in mind and achieve them, and you know how to make someone feel listened to. I will forever cherish our friendship, and the work we got to do together. To my adoptive Big Sister, thank you for your mentorship. Thank you for the late night calls and the pre-joint meeting panic texts. Thank you for being the best counterpart I could've ever asked for.

To the TBS Counselors, Sarah and Alexis:

Y'all are absolutely incredible. Your energy for Tau Beta Sigma is unmatched, and I truly believe you deserve more recognition for the work you do. You two have inspired me to learn more about TBS and how to create joint relations in a positive manner. I have nothing but the utmost respect for our Sisters, and know in my heart that Kappa Kappa Psi would not function with them. *Snaps* Sarah and Alexis - you two made me feel welcome from the minute I was elected and I knew I could talk to you on any given day. You radiate a warmth that is needed in the West, and I'm so lucky to have gotten to work with y'all. Thank you for being outstanding Counselors and friends.

To my predecessor, Logan Dominguez:

You, my friend, have been one of my most constant companions throughout our journey in Kappa Kappa Psi. From the first time we met in 2018, to going through 3rd Degree together, #ChaiTeaClass, I have looked up to you and learned so much from you. We've been through A LOT together and I'm grateful for all the phone calls, texts, questions answered, and tight hugs in the Morrison Center. You're always going to be a staple in my life and an irreplaceable figure. Thank you for being an inspiration not only to

the district, but to me, and for helping me chase my dreams. You're an incredible Brother, and an even better friend.

To my home chapter, Iota Kappa:

Y'all. *insert laughing side gesture* You've been my fraternal home for 5 years now. (soon to be 7...) In that time, we've gone through changes, growing pains, and development, but I could not be more proud of every single one of you. I also can't thank y'all enough for supporting me in this new chapter of my life, and allowing me to act as a resource. Thank you for not only showing up to convention, but for inspiring me to be better and to push myself as a leader. The opportunities are endless for y'all, so don't ever give up and lean on one another.

To my little, Cole Marsh:

Cole - I think that we were meant to be paired together. We are, quite literally, the exact same person. At any given moment of any day, I can call you to talk about frat, life, school, literally anything. I also have always been incredibly blown away by your kindness and your genuine heart for the Fraternity and people in general. You've been a constant presence in my life through college, and someone that has helped me incredibly- Iota Kappa got a good one, and I got the best little I could ever ask for. Thank you for always supporting me, and for motivating me to strive even higher. You're one in a million, and anyone would be lucky to have you in their life. I freakin' love you little.

To the District Council:

We connected SO quickly and created memories from the get-go that my pea brain can't even fathom the amount of inside jokes, stories, and one-liners I could write. The three of you have been an absolute pleasure to work with, and I couldn't be more lucky to have served with y'all. This #gouncil is truly built different- and we #slayed our way to Park City.

To our Member-at-Large, Bree:

I have seen your growth since you were initiated into the Chapter, and let me just say this right away: I am so incredibly proud of your growth, and all you've accomplished. You have endured more than anybody else I know in the last few years, but have still managed to keep your head afloat and work to help others. You have a genuine warmth and compassion that you carry with you, and it is uplifting to be around. I still remember you sitting in the back of Kasey's car post WDC last year, and reading the constitution. You were so ecstatic to have been told to apply for Member-at-Large, and you took that to heart. You had a goal for the term, and you freaking did it. Bree, your passion to connect with Brothers and Sisters and to create an open atmosphere for all is something that not everyone is capable of. I know you can be hard on yourself sometimes, but you deserve the recognition for your hard work, and for the

heart you put into projects. Don't ever stop being a voice for those who need it, and never put your head down. You're a flourishing and intelligent individual who is *going* to succeed in life. Thank you for taking the initiative to apply for MAL, and for always asking questions. I've watched you grow from membership candidate, to active, to a District Officer- and I'm glad to have been part of that journey.

To our Secretary-Treasurer, Emily:

When I first heard you were interested in applying for District Office, I was SO excited. I got to be a part of awarding you the IAAA from last convention, and even from that small interaction I knew how much you would bring to the table. Emily, your attention to detail and organization in our meeting Minutes is something unmatched, and deserves so much credit than what you get. Your creativity and passion for serving inspires me still, and you are making a difference both on the district level, and for your Chapter. Mu Pi is a lucky chapter! This doesn't even BEGIN to speak to your incredibly hilarious personality, and just you as a person. Being in your presence both virtually and in-person has brought me genuine joy and humor, and allowed me to come out of my shell. You're equally hilarious as you are passionate. Serving on this council with you has been an absolute pleasure, and I'm so excited to see you graduate and be successful. Thank you for the endless laughs, the genuine smiles, and for the memorable moments I will never forget.

To our Vice President, Reese:

Reese - I genuinely don't even know where to begin. I've always admired the character of Brothers that come from the Theta chapter, and was inspired by you from day one. We first really connected during our time on the District Nominations Committee in 2021- since then, we have only gotten closer. You were one of, if not the only Active Brother from your Chapter to attend National Convention that year, something that takes a whole lot of passion and determination. I've always admired your ability to ask the hard questions and stand up for what's right. You told me during Pre-Convention Meeting that you don't see yourself as a visionary leader - however, I disagree with that. Reese you have a resilience unlike anyone else- the things you have been through and have worked so hard to mend have made you an incredible leader, and someone that anyone could trust. You also know when to call me out on things... like when a hawk is really a crow. ;) In all actuality, Reese, you are someone that I'm in constant awe of, and I'm so, so proud of you. You have done the impossible, and have advocated for the West in a way it needs. Thank you for our friendship, and for inspiring me more than you'll ever know. You are the walking embodiment of a Guiding Spirit - don't ever for a second doubt that.

To the Governors:

I would not have been able to do ANY of this without y'all's support. From the beginning, I was told this experience would be a leadership laboratory - and that it is. You three have helped shape me into the

person I am, and have instilled in me what it means to be a leader in the Western District. The late-night phone calls, early morning texts, 14 email threads at one time, and all the times we've gotten to connect are moments I will cherish forever. I say this to you with full confidence: The Western District is in the best hands possible. You three have made great strides in such a short amount of time and created an atmosphere in which our Brothers can flourish and be themselves. Don't ever forget how much we love you, and appreciate y'all's work. It has never once gone unnoticed.

To Brian:

I won't lie to you buddy.... After my conducting of the hymn last convention, I thought I was done-zo.... Just kidding. I think about this moment often and how, even after JUST being elected, you were there ready to support me and offer guidance when I needed it. This just goes to show your constant readiness to help those in need and the opportunity to learn. You are someone that challenges me to think outside of my limitations, and pushes me to think differently- I know I can be hard on myself at times, and Brian- you were ALWAYS there to validate me in the right way. You won't BS anyone, and you genuinely want what's best for folks. Your passion for the Western District is so admirable, and we are absolutely blessed to have you as one of our Governors. Your fraternal spirit and excitement is pushing us in a direction we need, and for that- we all are thankful. Brian, I am so thankful you're in my life and I will never be able to thank you enough for all you've done. You've given so much to the District and I hope one day we'll be able to give just as much back to you. Thank you for being in my life, and for the positive impact you've made. #WesternDistrictDad!

To Lance

National Convention, in Grand Rapids anybody? Lance from the literal first conversation we ever had I knew I wanted to get to know you and ask you as many questions as I could (and I did....). You made me feel as though my voice mattered, and that I *could* advocate not only for my chapter, but the district as a whole. I truly attribute my applying for District President to you and our first conversations, and I hope you know that memory will be something I hold onto as long as humanly possible. Lance, you have pushed me, validated me, and been an absolute beacon that the West needs. You are the embodiment of Fellowship, and I don't know if anyone will ever be able to match your spirit for the West. I have so many things to thank you for, but lord knows this report is already too long. I'll keep it simple: Thank you for all of your contributions to the West, and thank you for believing in me as a leader. You knew how anxious I was going into this term, but gave me the confidence and perseverance to feel as though I could do it. I'll never be able to thank you enough.

To Karissa

...ca-caw! Karissa, I have loved absolutely every single second we've gotten to talk, and I am so thankful for our friendship and ability to just connect as ourselves. I'm sure you've been told this a million times over, but you are an absolutely perfect example of what it means to be a student advocate, and a fantastic Governor. Your ability to connect with students and remain kind and open is something I strive to be better with. You're one of the kindest, and most genuine people I've ever met, and the West is incredibly lucky to have your guidance and presence. You absolutely were meant to do this, and you inspire me every single day to be better and push for greater things. Thank you for the deep talks, and for believing in me when I need it most. I know the West is not your original district, but you absolutely embody what it means to be a Brother of the Western District.

To the entire Western District

You are the heart and soul of this organization. You are the catalyst for which greatness occurs. You are my reason for being here.

To each and every single Brother in the room- you belong in this space and you deserve the seat in which you're sitting in. You deserve that sticker you bought, even if you bought 20. You deserve to feel challenged, to feel loved, to feel empowered for all you want to do. As you move *UPWARD* in your journey as a Brother, continue going *ONWARD* for all your dreams. For anyone who ever needs it- I will stand as your friend and advocate. Always.

13 Chapters. 9 States. 1 District. 1 Bond.

AEA

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Elliott

Western District President

Iota Kappa Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi

Boise State University

Vice President Member Report

Brothers of the West,

It has been an absolute honor to serve as the Western District Vice President this year. This has been one of the most intimidating, but fulfilling, things I've been able to be a part of.

One of my main goals as Vice President this year was to consolidate information about general chapter recruitment timelines in the Western District. We are an extremely unique district for many reasons. One of those reasons is the fact that we have a pretty even split between quarter schools and semester schools which really affects the number of times chapters can recruit. I wanted to gather all of this general timeline information to help future vice presidents as they think about their programming for VPMs. Most of our quarter school chapters don't even begin to tackle ritual and the Road to Wisdom until the second half of the year while semester school may take an entire class through the membership process during their fall term. With that knowledge, future vice presidents can curate their workshops or meetings a little bit more to make sure our chapter VPMs and other ritual officers are fully supported.

I also really focused on trying to build individual connections with chapter VPMs through one-on-one meetings. I wanted VPMs to know that I would do everything I could to help them have a successful time recruiting.

Another project I started was focused on building relationships with alumni relations officers in hopes of making sure all of the required chapter officers have a counterpart at the district level in the future. I was able to gather some information on how other chapters utilize alumni relations officers.

Charges:

To the 2023-2024 Western District Vice President:

1. Build connections with your VPMs and foster brotherhood between VPMs.
2. Take time to figure out what meeting style works for you and the VPMs and what allows you all to have productive conversations about all things recruitment and membership.
3. Continue to build relationships with Alumni Relations Officers and provide them with resources.

To the 2023-2024 Western District Council:

1. Believe the governors when they tell you this year will go by in the blink of an eye. I swear it was August like two weeks ago.
2. Support each other to the fullest extent. You will be each other's greatest resources as you navigate the chaos that is being a district officer. Help each other be the best officers you can be.
3. Work together on everything. Listen to each other's ideas and give feedback that you think will create the best programming for the Western District.
4. Trust yourselves. You are here because you are meant to be here. You will do great things if you simply have the confidence to make your ideas a reality.

To the Brothers of the West:

1. You are only active for a few years. Take advantage of all the opportunities you are given as actives. Be with Brothers, go to district and national conventions, and make your mark in the history of the fraternity.
2. Carry the lessons of our ritual with you and let them guide you both in your fraternity life and personal life. Remember why you're here and why you joined this fraternity.

Acknowledgements:

To the VPMs:

I am so happy to have had the opportunity to see your successes. The passion and excitement you all had this year amazed me. Your positions are one of the most stressful chapter positions with long lasting impacts on your chapters. I know you made your chapters proud and I am honored to have been a part of your journey as a VPM.

To Theta, my home chapter:

What a year it's been. You gave me so much grace to try and balance life as both your chapter president and as a district officer. I am so grateful for the support you have given me and I would not be the leader

I am today without each of you. You are a part of my chosen family and I'm so happy to know you all. I love you all.

To Jensen Amens:

While you're not at WDC, I couldn't not thank you and acknowledge the impact you had on my life as a Brother. When I was an MC you were Western District Sec-Treas and I am 99% sure that seeing you in that position is what made me love Kappa Kappa Psi beyond our little Theta chapter. Thank you for showing me how to be a Brother beyond Oregon State University.

To the Governors:

You three are the spirit of the West. You make this district the wonderful place it is and help create the safe and welcoming atmosphere we needed.

Brian, thank you for pushing me and making me think. We may argue sometimes and have healthy debates about how to make the district better but it makes me a better leader. Your passion for the success of the Western District is electric and I'm so happy to see it.

Karissa, you helped me survive this year. You helped me advocate for the people who needed it most even when it felt like an impossible task. Being able to advocate for folks is the sign of a true leader and I'm so happy I was able to learn how to do that with your help. The joy and love you give to the district officers is what keeps us sane (or me at least). Please never stop being the amazing human that you are.

Lance, I'm pretty sure you were the first governor I interacted with at NatCon 2021. I was so terrified but so excited to get to know our new governors and build new relationships between my chapter and the district. Ever since that moment, I have felt nothing but love and support from you.

To the council:

We made it!!!! We did it! We're here in Park City putting on this convention. I am so proud of y'all.

Bree, you are a literal light on this council. Even when life took a million wrong turns, seeing you at council meetings always put a smile on my face. I am so happy that I was able to get to know you and I cannot wait to see where life takes you. (Sending good interview vibes)

Emily, something about us serving on the district council at the same time felt serendipitous. I remember in our first terms as chapter presidents, we tried to organize a little Mu Pi x Theta meet up at our rivalry game (go beavs<3). It didn't work out and we were never able to coordinate another Mu Pi x Theta meetup. Finding out we were going to be district officers together just felt special because of that missed opportunity. You are the most chaotic human I know and I hope you never change. Your energy made even the longest council meetings feel like they were only 5 minutes long. Thank you for being our council's weird little monkey.

Mary, our friendship timeline is so weird. Our first interaction was in a random breakout room at D.C. al Coda all the way back in April 2020. We had like a good 10 minute discussion and never interacted again. A year later we were on the Western District nominations committee together. We had a few interactions together and that was it. Then, NatCon 2021 came around and I was a scared little Theta delegate all on my own and had no idea how to do the thing. I panicked and was frantically trying to make friends with other Western District chapter delegates just to be able to talk about the things we were voting on at the convention. You were the first chapter delegate I talked to about everything happening at NatCon. Even though we started interacting more, we didn't really become friends until serving on council together. It took over two years for us to realize that we are basically the same person and I will always regret not getting to know you sooner.

You have been a rock for me this year. Your leadership has been inspiring and I feel so incredibly lucky to call you one of my best friends. Thank you for letting me bother you at every hour of the day to talk about programming ideas or random life things. Thank you for letting me talk to you about how we

can make the West a better place for brothers and how we can better advocate for our district. Thank you for helping grow as a brother, leader, and human. I love you so much and I am so incredibly proud of you and the work you have done this year.

AEA,

MLITB,

The best are in the west,

Doing my beaver best,

Reese Valdez

2022-2023 Western District Vice President

Theta Chapter -- Oregon State University

Go beavs!

Secretary Treasurer Member Report

Brothers of the Western District,

To get the brunt of financial business out of the way, I would like to start by thanking you all for your work to support the Western District, especially here at convention. It has been such a great experience to put on this event and only one day in am I beginning to see the fruits of the Joint council's labor. As of today, the Western District has around \$7000, with more expected to come in from your charitable donations and support here at WDC. Despite district wide efforts, the constantly changing nature of life requires a push for more fundraising on a district wide level. I encourage you all to continue to strive to support each other in Chapter and District Fundraising as your support is the basis for the success of the entire district.

While fundraisers may not have been at the forefront of productivity this year, connection between the District and Active Membership grew in a way I have never seen before. The Month of Musicianship and Practice-a-Thon were a great start to the Fall, connecting as a District and setting the tone for what was to come. Winter and Spring have continued to emulate growth and momentum for years to come! Additionally, the Ways and Means Committee gave a refreshing voice of our Brothers and representation of chapters in District Functions. I would like to thank my committee for being such a great sounding board. Your honesty and advocacy for the District's finances was extremely valuable. Additionally, thank you SO much to Eric Morson. Your work has not gone unnoticed and myself and the District Council are extremely grateful for your continued support. I appreciate all of the pep talks, support, and kindness you have offered as I navigated myself through such a big project.

As a District, I am extremely proud of the progress we have made and strides we have taken to best support our Active Membership and create a space for us to all celebrate our accomplishments here at WDC. Through all of my tolls and triumphs as an Officer, I am proud to have grown as a District as we work together and make great changes Upward and Onward.

Being the Secretary Treasurer for the Western District has been an extremely rewarding experience, giving me everything I needed to succeed and finding new ways to support those around me on a District level. It has been such an honor to serve not only my District and Brothers, but also my friends. The taking on of new responsibilities and challenges was an amazing experience which I have cherished every step of the way.

I have been gifted with the great opportunity to meet with so many Brothers in the West and see the endless devotion and care each Brother selflessly shares with those around them. I want every Brother to know that no matter what, your work does not go unnoticed. Thank you to all of the Brothers who have taken the time to share their knowledge and passion with me, it has been such a great experience to get to know you.

To stop my silly rambling, it's time for some charges!

Next, I would like to initiate my charges for the 2023-2024 Secretary-Treasurer:

- Continue the annual Practice-A-Thon and encourage more member participation and engagement, finding new ways to incentivize participation from both organizations of the District.
- Explore new ways to fundraise through Merchandising for the District. Membership loves to represent the District, so why not find a way to do so while actively benefiting the district?
- Continue to communicate with Chapter Officers and find ways to support them in all aspects of their position outside of financial obligations. Our goal as DOs is to support Active Membership, make sure to remember that!
- Find new ways to support Active Members on their ability to attend WDC and other events for the Organization.
- Utilize fundraisers to their fullest potential and make sure to encourage active membership to become involved. Our financial support starts at the bottom and supports everyone above.

Charges for the 2023-2024 District Council:

- Enjoy your time together. Before you realize it, your fellow officers will be your best friends! While the year may seem long, it is only a blip in time during the grand scheme. Cherish it and work to continue your connections following your time as an Officer.
- As always, never ever ever be afraid to ask for help. Your peers and mentors only want the best for you. The resources you have as a member of the Council are endless, make sure to utilize them!
- Never hesitate to delegate parts of your work to other people when you need it. If you're ever overwhelmed, there will almost always be someone who will be willing to help on projects/events, just as long as you ask for help and be open about what you need. It is better to get help and finish on time than be overwhelmed and late.

And lastly, I charge each of you to treat the world around you with kindness and compassion. Remember to smile, laugh, and enjoy every moment you have with those around you.

Moving on, the hardest part.

I would like to begin with acknowledging my Governors for their constant support, love, and care that they have given me and my fellow Officers. The three of you have been exactly what I needed when not even I knew it.

Karissa, thank you So much for being my one WAGON attendee and becoming such a great mentor to me. I cannot thank you enough for talking to me about becoming a District Officer and empowering me to advocate for myself and my Chapter. Without your advice and guidance, I would not be where I am today at all.

Brian, thank you for being the best navigator of any storm we may find ourselves in. Your ability to see things on all levels and be attentive to absolutely anything that may come up calms any anxieties I ever experience and I always know I can count on you to be a rock in this Council.

Lastly, my dear friend Lance. I am not sure if you remember this or not, but our first time meeting was in 2020 in a MAL meeting over Zoom when I was just a small fry in the big pond. I have loved your energy since day one. Thank you so so so much for being someone who just GETS me. You have helped me blossom into my true self in a way nobody else have and I can only thank you for the profound impact you have had on my life. Thank you for teaching me the power of being myself and allowing the world to love me for who I am. Your unconditional love for the world is so inspiring and something I can only wish to emulate as I continue to grow into my shell.

Onto my council, my gounsel, and my best friends. Thank you all for being such an amazing group of people. I could not have done anything without each of you by my side. I appreciate your support, love, and the way you laugh at almost every single joke I have ever made around you. I could go on and on forever on all of my favorite things about each of you and our time together. We are truly the perfect combination.

Mary, thank you so much for being such an amazing President. You are such a genuine, thoughtful person with such a beautiful heart. The definition of selfless. It has been such an amazing time working by your side and I am so eager to see where you go next. You are what I think of when I envision the perfect Brother.

Reese, it has been such an amazing opportunity to get to know you better and work together. Your dedication to this organization is so inspiring and I love love love being able to hear you share your

knowledge and experience like the powerhouse you are. Thank you for being my travel companion, the one to share the bed with me, and a great friend.

Bree, I cannot express enough how proud I am of you in the progress you have made this past year. It has been so great to watch you grow as a person and such a precious opportunity to be here by your side as you meet each accomplishment. Your confidence and resilience are so inspiring to me and I cannot wait to see what your impact on the Western District this year will yield for years to come.

Although Lupe is not here, I would like to acknowledge them for being such a great counterpart. It has been such a pleasure to work with them and I am so lucky to have had them as my counterpart.

Lastly, to another amazing group of people who unfortunately could not make it, I would like to thank my Brothers at home for supporting me every step of the way. The Mu Pi Chapter was the first place I fell in love with Kappa Kappa Psi and has been such an influential group of people in my life. I am forever grateful for my Brothers and their constant support, love, and companionship.

AEA and MLitB, hugs, kisses, and everything in between,

Emily Rowe
2022-2023 Western District Secretary Treasurer
Mu Pi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi
University of Oregon
Sco Ducks!

Member-At-Large Member Report

Brothers of the West,

It is an honor and a privilege to be here sharing this special weekend with all of you. Also, as a piece of advice as we navigate this weekend I would just like to mention that if I were you I would absolutely NOT trust the elevator here. UNLESS you would like to do some trauma bonding with some of your siblings here this weekend - then it is a great option. Jokes aside, it has been such an honor serving on the District Council this year. I've learned and grown so much and it is truly an opportunity that I wouldn't trade for anything in this world.

Over my term as Member-at-Large the biggest change that I helped to usher in was a goal of mine that I had when I first took this position. That was putting Snarky's Challenge on Instagram! As much as we love Facebook, I thought it would be a good idea for us to move to a different platform that was a bit more active for our current membership. This led to a very noticeable increase in participation in Snarky's Challenge and allowed Brothers and Sisters more opportunities to share their love for their organizations with their peers. It was truly a pleasure getting to see the various valentine's memes that were made for our February challenge. Some of you have a TRULY unique imagination and sense of humor 😊.

One of the things that I wish I was able to do during my time in office was the creation of the programs committee. It is something that the district could greatly benefit from, but sadly my hectic schedule as a senior in Computer Science did not allow me to put the time and love I would have liked to in creating this committee. This brings me to my charges.

To the next Member-at-Large:

Take the idea of the programs committee and run with it! A lot of the setup and planning has been done, and I feel that this is a committee that could truly shine in the next year. Allowing the district to directly have a say in what awards and programs happen is something that I believe we would benefit greatly from.

Continue utilizing Snarky's Challenge new home on Instagram. The engagement and support it has gotten these last couple of months has been phenomenal and I am very excited to see where it goes. Snarky's Challenge has always been a program of pride for the Western District, and I think it would be amazing to see this new forum blossom even more.

Collaborate with your counterpart. Your counterpart can be a huge factor in your success in the position, as has been the case for me. Utilize that connection and nurture that bond that comes from holding this position and you can do amazing things.

To the next council:

Get to know each other WELL as soon as you can! I feel that this year we as a council started working really well together after we got to know each other and be goofy and trauma bond over being stuck in an elevator among other tomfoolery.

To the Brothers of the District:

Get involved! In my opinion the best part about being a part of this fraternity is getting to bond so well with each other, and the only way to do that is getting involved! I strongly suggest attending district events, meeting with other chapters, or even just following each other on social media. These connections can end up being something that you will cherish for a lifetime.

Oh, and do Snarky's Challenge!

It has truly been an honor getting to serve you all as the Western District Member-at-Large. This has been an experience that I will never forget and it has helped me to grow in so many ways. But there is no way I could have done it on my own or without a little push.

And I apologize if I get emotional as I move into the thank you portion of my report.

I would like to thank Lance Coochyouma and Jessica Lee for encouraging me to apply for this position at last year's WDC. This has been a ride of a lifetime and I wouldn't have gotten to go on it if it wasn't for you two.

I would like to thank Karissa Longo for always being the shining light during our various council meetings and for never failing to put a smile on everyone's face.

I would like to thank Brian Parker for always being such a huge support to all of us on the council.

I would like to thank the District Council as a whole for sharing with me this year of laughs, cries, and whatever other emotions that have come in between. You all absolutely kicked butt and I would not have been able to be successful in my position if it wasn't for every person's support.

In particular I would like to thank my counterpart, Desiree for always helping to keep me on track and for staying up late on zoom calls getting work done together. You made this year so special and I will forever be thankful for you.

On the KKPsi side of things I would like to thank Emily for always bringing a chaotic energy to the table that no one else can quite replicate. From being the reason we now have the stoofencoop, to saying the most out of pocket things at the best opportunities. I do find it odd that there seems to be a monkey following you everywhere we go though. All jokes aside, you never fail to bring a smile to our faces and that is the thing I admire most about you. You've excelled so much at your role as secretary and treasurer this year and I'm really thankful for every moment we've gotten to share on this council.

I would also like to thank Reese, our Vice President of the council. You have also excelled so much at your position this year. Without you I don't know if council would have been this fun or productive this year. You have been encouraging and supportive in all of the endeavors from each person on the council. You are extremely hard-working and you have a love for the fraternity that shines through in everything you do. Thank you for everything you've done for this council this year. You are truly a light that shines bright in the Western District.

And Mary... My fellow Iota Kappa Brother. Thank you for everything you've done to encourage me to be the best version of myself that I can be. I don't know if I would be on this council if it weren't for your example, and I'm so thankful for every experience we've gotten to share over the course of this year. You have this love for the fraternity that is rare, and it shows through in all you do. You take charge and you make sure stuff gets done. You've been a Brother since before I was initiated, and you're going to still be active even after I'm done. All I have seen from you during that time at both the chapter and the District levels have been nothing but a walking definition of the phrase "Strive for the Highest." I'm so proud of you and I am so excited to see what you go on to do in the coming years. Thank you for everything over this past year.

As I prepare to bid farewell to being an active Brother of Kappa Kappa Psi, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the fraternity as a whole, and particularly to the Iota Kappa chapter, for being my unwavering support system throughout my time in college. Looking back to January of 2020, when I was first initiated, I was a completely different person - going by a different name, presenting as someone I wasn't. But over the past few years, this fraternity has seen me go through the most difficult and transformative, yet beautiful, period of my life, as I questioned who I am, transitioned, and came out as the person I am today. But throughout it all, I never once doubted that my Brothers would be there to support me. That unwavering support has been nothing short of life-saving. You all provided me with a

family when I didn't know if my actual family would accept me for who I am. You were there for me during both my darkest and brightest moments, and I am forever grateful for your love, acceptance, and support. Without Kappa Kappa Psi, I wouldn't be standing here today as the person I am, and for that, I will always be thankful. It's fitting that Kappa Kappa Psi is a band fraternity because music has always been my home, and in many ways, this fraternity feels like home too - a place where I can truly be myself and feel accepted for who I am.

Once again I would like to say thank you for allowing me to serve as your district Member-at-Large, and I would like to reiterate that I will forever be grateful for the experiences that holding this position has given me. I love you all very much and I am excited to see what the future holds for this district.

AEA and MLitB,

Bree "Kahawai" Latimer
2022-2023 Western District Member-at-Large
Iota Kappa Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi
Boise State University
Go Broncos!

Governor's Report

Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Committee Reports Park City, Utah

Jurisdiction Committee Report

Committee: 2023 Kappa Kappa Psi Jurisdiction Committee

Chair: Vinayak Sharath, Iota Pi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi

Advisor: Brian Parker, Western District Governor

Committee Members:

Emily Warren - Theta

Abby Berg - Beta Omicron

Brett Garman - Gamma Kappa

Allen Gallego - Iota Alpha

Zuke Baker - Iota Gamma

Kimberly Enriquez - Iota Kappa

Description

This year, the jurisdiction committee meetings will be held virtually, via Zoom, to help ensure that each Brother attending WDC has the opportunity to attend all rituals, workshops, and other events offered by the WD Council.

- There will be a time for any additional proposals to be reviewed by the committee on Friday, April 22nd

Voting on matters, as needed, will come from the committee representatives listed above. This committee will work separately with members of chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi from the Western District, and communication will happen as needed with our Sister Counterparts through the WD Parliamentarian Goals

- As stated in the 2022 Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Constitution, Article VIII, Subarticle 8.101:
 - The Jurisdiction Committee shall:
 - Review proposed Changes to the Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Constitution
 - Review the document for grammar and spelling mistakes
 - Investigate opportunities to consolidate redundancies
 - Fix discrepancies and contradictions, paying close attention to constitutionality
- Additionally, the Parliamentarian will follow Article II, Subarticle 2.3.1

- The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for publishing an amended version of the Western District Constitution to the District Webmaster and the District Secretary-Treasurer forty-eight (48) hours after the conclusion of the Western District Convention.

Discussion

Recommendation 1: Define absolute majority. This concept is not mentioned in Nat Con, nor is it a term in Robert's Rules. Maybe in the future we could reword this all together, but for now this gets the point across well enough.

- 10.1.2 If the favorable vote on a proposed amendment is less than three-fourths (3/4), yet there is an absolute majority vote (favorable majority of all membership), the proposed amendment shall be postponed until the next regularly called Convention of the District.

Charges for Western District Convention 2024

To the Jurisdiction Committee:

- Review the past reports and charges as a committee so that everyone knows what needs to be accomplished.
- Take the time to comb through the Constitution to ensure it is as concise and consistent as possible.

To the Parliamentarian:

- Find a way to get your committee members to either show up actively to your meetings, or find a way to communicate with each member closely with assignments that can be completed asynchronously.
- Communicate early and often with the District Officers and advisor(s). They can make your life a lot easier.
- Be sure to ask your District President for adequate resources to do your job well

To Whom it may Concern:

- Always review the national constitution beforehand and in conjunction with our western district BYLAWS (with you all the way, Brain Parker)

Acknowledgements

To the 2023 Kappa Kappa Psi Jurisdiction Committee:

- Thanks for putting up with me and sometimes responding to my lengthy emails

To Karlin Weisinger from Alpha Alpha:

- Thanks for showing up to all the meetings and giving the committee great input and things to work with. Your wisdom and dedication is much appreciated

To Brian Parker:

- Thank you for your advice on our quest to find things to change. Your insight saved us a lot more time and made us wiser in the process.

To the Western District Council:

- I'll never be Abe Lamontange, but maybe one day I'll be a parli-pro like him :)

Vinayak Sharath

Iota Pi Chapter

California Polytechnic State University

Send Out A Cheer For Dear Old Poly...tech

Jurisdiction Committee Chair

Western District Convention 2023

**KAPPA KAPPA PSI NATIONAL HONORARY BAND FRATERNITY
WESTERN DISTRICT CONSTITUTION**

Revised April 2022

Preamble

TO THE WESTERN DISTRICT CONSTITUTION OF
KAPPA KAPPA PSI
NATIONAL HONORARY BAND FRATERNITY

Be it known that Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Fraternity for College Bandmembers, is an organization operating exclusively in the field of the college and university bands, and for the following several purposes:

1. To promote the existence and welfare of the college and university bands and to cultivate at large a wholesome respect for their activities and achievements.
2. To honor outstanding bandmembers through privilege of membership extended as a reward for technical achievement and appreciation for the best in music.
3. To stimulate campus leadership and promulgate an uncompromising respect through the medium of the college band for gracious conduct, good taste and unswerving loyalty.
4. To foster a close relationship between college bands and promote a high average of attainment by the performance of good music and selection of worthwhile projects.
5. To provide a pleasant and helpful social experience for all engaged in college band work and to cooperate with other musical organizations in any manner consistent with the purposes of the institution at which chapters are located

I. General

- 1.1 The name of the District shall be Western District, in accordance with the National Constitution of Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Band Fraternity.
- 1.2 The Western District shall be composed of all chapters in active standing with the National Headquarters in the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington, and any other chapters as determined by the National Council and the National Constitution.
- 1.3 The National Constitution and any rules and edicts of the National Chapter and National Council shall take precedence over this Constitution.
- 1.4 The Purposes of the Western District shall be consistent with those of the National Chapter.
- 1.5 The Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Constitution is to be used in conjunction with Section V of the National Constitution.
- 1.6 The Western District of Kappa Kappa Psi recognizes The Western District of Tau Beta Sigma as an equal affiliated organization with a parallel purpose, function, and role in the college and university band setting.
- 1.7 A District year is defined as the time between the adjournments of Western District Conventions.

II. Officers

- 2.1 - Elected Officers - The District Council shall consist of the District President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Member-At-Large. The District Council will be responsible for governing the District and overseeing all of its affairs.
 - 2.101 In addition to the duties stated in the National Constitution, the duties of the Western District President shall be as follows:
 - a. The President shall communicate upcoming district events, district resources, and district council summary of activities.
 - 2.102 In addition to the duties stated in the National Constitution, the duties of the Western District Vice President shall be as follows:

a. The Vice President shall act as a point of contact for the officer(s) in charge of matters relating to education, including but not limited to, membership education, recruitment, continued membership education, and ritual education, in order to assist in the development of their programming as needed throughout the year.

b. The Vice President shall be the point of contact for Western District Petitioning Groups.

2.103 In addition to the duties stated in the National Constitution, the duties of the Western District Secretary-Treasurer shall be as follows:

a. The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a ledger of the Western District's income and expenditures.

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

a. The Member-At-Large shall assist the District with communication between all chapters and petitioning groups in the District, with an emphasis on service and brotherhood. They shall oversee and organize recurring programming for the district, including, but not limited to district activities, workshops, podcasts, awards, and email listserv.

b. The Member-at-Large shall be responsible for the promotion of all District awards and for the distribution of each award application to the District no later than fifteen (15) days before each application deadline.

2.2 - Rules for Elected Officers - All elected officers must be active members in full standing at the time of election and for the duration of their time in office.

2.201 Officers shall create and/or maintain transition materials to provide to the officers-elect in order to facilitate a smooth transition between officers.

2.202 Each officer shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive District year terms in the same office.

2.203 Each District officer shall contact their corresponding Chapter officers a minimum of two (2) times during the first six (6) months of office, and a minimum of two (2) times during the second six (6) months of office, as described below:

a. The President shall contact the Presidents, the Vice President shall contact the

officers in charge of membership, the Secretary-Treasurer shall contact the Secretaries and Treasurers, and the Member-At-Large shall contact the service chairs of all chapters and petitioning groups.

2.204 A District Officer shall be removed from office following a submitted request from a chapter, District Officer, or District Governor, if sufficient grounds exist to remove the officer according to the following procedures:

- a. A formal complaint against the Officer in question must be sent to the District Governor(s). Said complaint must contain a complete list of charges and grievances against the Officer, with documentation.
- b. After receiving a formal complaint, the District Governor(s) shall mediate an impartial and balanced review of the charges and grievances against said Officer. Following the review, a two-thirds (2/3) vote from the remaining voting members of the District Council, as well as the approval of the District Governor(s), shall be necessary for the impeachment of the Officer. After such impeachment, the District Governors shall submit a detailed report of the allegations, evidence, analysis, and judgment to the active chapters of the District.
- c. Following the distribution of the impeachment report, active Chapters of the District shall have fourteen (14) days to submit a vote on the impeachment. A two-thirds (2/3) majority confirmation vote amongst the Chapters shall be sufficient to remove the Officer from office. If an active Chapter does not submit a vote within said fourteen (14) days, it will be assumed that said chapter abstains from the impeachment process.
- d. Upon removal, the Office in question shall be declared vacant and regular procedures to fill a vacancy shall commence.

2.205 If a vacancy occurs in a District Office, the vacancy shall be filled according to the following procedures:

- a. In the event that a District Office is left vacant by election or vacated midterm, all chapters, for a period of ten (10) days, may submit to the remaining District Council suggestions and candidates to fill the vacancy. The District Council shall notify all Chapters of the application process.
 - i. If the office of District President is vacated midterm, the District Vice President shall automatically succeed to the District Presidency until the next Western District Convention.
 - ii. If a vacancy occurs in any other District Office, the District President

shall immediately notify all chapters of the vacancy according to the procedure described above.

- b. After the above stipulated ten (10) days, the District Council shall deliberate and then appoint a candidate to fill the vacant office.
- c. The appointed candidate shall take office upon approval of the District Governor(s) and a simple majority of all active chapters in the District within fifteen (15) days of appointment.
 - i. If an active chapter does not submit a vote within said fifteen (15) days, it will be assumed that said chapter abstains from the appointment process.
 - ii. The Active Chapters will be provided with the candidate's packet at the beginning of this fifteen-day period.

2.3 - Appointed Officers - The Western District shall appoint a Parliamentarian.

2.301 The Parliamentarian shall serve as a parliamentary procedure advisor to the District and chair the Jurisdiction Committee.

- a. The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the District Council after all the submitted applications have been reviewed by the District Council no later than three (3) weeks before the District Convention.
- b. The Parliamentarian shall be an active member and shall not be a voting member of the District Council.
- c. The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for publishing an amended version of the Western District Constitution to the District Webmaster and the District Secretary-Treasurer forty-eight (48) hours after the conclusion of the Western District Convention.

III. Nominations and Elections

3.1 Elections for the Western District President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Member-at-Large shall be held annually at the District Convention.

3.101 The President, aided by the District Council, shall facilitate Officer Candidate applications.

3.102 The President shall ensure that completed officer candidate applications are made available to the Western District forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of convention.

3.103 Candidates for District Office must submit the following:

- a. A written application, stating office sought, as distributed by the Western District Council.
- b. A brief written recommendation, signed by one chapter executive officer, stating the candidate's status within the chapter and expressing chapter support for the candidate.
- c. A written recommendation from the Chapter Sponsor, Director of Bands, or Director of Athletic Bands verifying the candidate's academic standing.

3.104 A simple majority of votes cast shall be necessary for election.

3.105 Options for voting in elections include any nominated candidate and leaving the office vacant.

3.106 If no candidate receives a simple majority vote, a runoff election shall commence between the two highest vote-getters.

3.107 In the event of a tie after the second ballot, the office in question shall remain vacant, and the normal vacancy procedures shall commence after the conclusion of the Convention.

3.2 The procedure for selection of Honorary members of the Western District of Kappa Kappa Psi shall be as follows:

3.201 Nominations from any member of the Western District of Kappa Kappa Psi shall be sent to the Western District President to be approved by a seventy-five (75) percent favorable vote of the Western District Council.

3.202 Any financial obligations, if applicable, for the installation of an Honorary member shall be borne by the Western District of Kappa Kappa Psi.

IV. Joint Organization Operations

4.1 The Joint Western District Council shall be made up of elected officers from both organizations as outlined in article 2 of the respective Western District Constitutions of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

4.101 A passing vote in Joint District matters shall require a simple majority approval from

both separate councils.

4.2 Joint Western District Webmaster shall:

4.201 Be an active or associate member of either organization and appointed by the Joint District Council after all the submitted applications have been reviewed by the Joint District Council.

4.202 Provide publishing access for the Western District Website to the officers of the Joint Western District Council.

4.203 Maintain the layout, content, and security of the Western District website.

4.204 Be responsible for updating the website within one (1) week of major events or requests.

4.205 Submit a summary report to the Joint Western District Council when major changes are made to the website and must log minor changes in a report to be submitted at year end.

4.3 Joint Western District Publisher Shall:

4.301 Be an active or associate member of either organization and be appointed by the Joint District Council after all the submitted applications have been reviewed by the Joint District Council.

4.302 Be responsible for designing, assembling, and publishing the Fall and Spring packet.

4.303 Distribute a minimum of one (1) copy of The Accent “Best Of” Edition per District Officer, District Webmaster, Governor or Counselors, Chapter, and Petitioning Groups of both organizations in the Western District as well as National Officers.

V. Finances

5.1 In the event that a chapter misses the deadline for an annual dues payment, they shall pay a fine to the Western District of Kappa Kappa Psi equal to the amount of money lost by the District in allotments that resulted from tardiness.

5.2 At the discretion of the District Governor(s), any chapter not fulfilling its financial obligations to

the District shall be denied a delegate seat at the District Convention.

5.3 Before a District Officer can make a purchase for which they shall request a reimbursement from the district, they must get the approval of the District Governor(s) and the rest of the District Council. If prior approval is not granted, the officer shall be financially responsible for the purchase.

VI. Meetings

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

VII. Delegates and Delegate Proxies

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

VIII. Committees and Committee Representative Proxies

8.1 The following standing committees shall function at or prior to each District Convention: Jurisdiction Committee, Nominations Committee, and the Ways and Means Committee.

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

8.102 The Nominations Committee shall recommend to the delegation a suitable candidate for each District Office in the form of a slate. In the event that the committee does not find any of the candidates suitable for a District Office, the slate for that office shall remain open. The Nominations Committee shall also make recommendations to the Jurisdiction Committee outlining the roles and responsibilities of the District Officers.

8.103 The Ways and Means Committee shall examine the annual budget proposed and drawn

up by the Western District Secretary-Treasurer with the purpose of handling discrepancies and financing special projects. It will be the responsibility of the Committee to review the budget proposals and to submit their recommendations to the Secretary-Treasurer for approval.

8.2 Each chapter shall have a voting member on every standing committee, unless that chapter chooses not to do so.

8.3 In the event that a chapter is not able to fill a position on a standing committee session and has not opted out in advance, a proxy shall fill the position based on the proxy form.

8.301 If said chapter has not filled out a chapter proxy form, then a proxy shall be assigned by the District President according to Greek alphabetical order. Alphabetical order shall pick up from the last proxy assigned.

8.302 Committee representative proxies must be an active, associate, or life member of the Fraternity.

8.303 Once assigned, the proxy committee representative shall serve on the committee for the duration of the convention at the discretion of the Committee Chair.

IX. Reports

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

9.2 The host chapter shall submit a report on convention expenses for inclusion in the minutes.

X. Amendments

10.1 Any part of this Constitution may be amended at any time by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of all eligible voting chapters of the District.

10.101 If three-fourths (3/4) of the votes cast by the Convention are favorable, the proposed amendment shall be declared adopted. After such adoption, the amendment shall become

operative and effective at the conclusion of the convention unless otherwise noted.

10.102 If the favorable vote on a proposed amendment is less than three-fourths (3/4), yet there is an absolute majority vote (favorable majority of all membership), the proposed amendment shall be postponed until the next regularly called Convention of the District.

Ways and Means Committee Report

Committee: 2023 Kappa Kappa Psi Ways and Means Committee

Chair: Emily Rowe - Western District Secretary Treasurer - Mu Pi Chapter - KKΨ

Advisor: Eric Morson - KKΨ National Board of Trustees

Members:

Jacob Yen - Theta

Karlin Weisinger - Alpha Alpha

Giselle Coll - Beta Omicron

Amber Young - Gamma Kappa

Silvestre Vasquez - Iota Alpha

Skylar McDavid - Iota Gamma

Kerri Villamor - Iota Kappa

Noah Ravetch - Iota Pi

Goals

- Review the 2022-2023 account activity
- Review the 2023-2024 proposed budget
- Create charges for the next Western District Secretary-Treasurer and 2023 Ways and Means Committee

Discussion

The Ways & Means Committee met virtually, over the phone, communicated via email, and in person prior to WDC. My advisor Eric Morson and I spoke over the phone, as well as in person, overviewing the budget and determining any major roadblocks, most specifically awaiting information on our District Allocations.

The virtual committee meeting began with introductions and was followed with an overview of the current budget, proposed budget, and a document of outlines for changes to the proposed budget. This was done with charges from the 2021-2022 Secretary-Treasurer in mind as well as a realistic overview of the financial standing of the District and Chapter involvement.

We then analyzed the current budget and made proposals, including detailed explanations as to why each change was necessary, both on the revenue and expense side, and further explained why changes were made on each side to keep each one balanced.

Allocations for Fall 2022 came in at about half of the amount that was expected. Allocations come from on-time membership dues, which can vary due to amounts of membership candidates taken in during the term, Chapters taking in classes when they are expected to, as well as the amount of Chapters paying dues on time. This outcome comes down to the need for timeliness and diligence with paperwork on all levels, directly having a consequence on the financial wellbeing of the Western District and our ability to serve. This shortcoming in District Allocations created a rather conservative proposed budget, but by utilizing fundraisers and the prominence in supporting our Chapters and District, this is not expected to be a problem.

The goal of this Committee was to find ways to maintain balance in both revenues and expenses, while

being realistic and focused on the current District ambience. Our plans for fundraising were to better utilize the annual Practice-A-Thon fundraiser as a means of raising most of our money outside of Allocations and other profit-shares, and charging the next Secretary-Treasurer with a goal to raise the set amount, if not more, as well as better utilizing fundraisers in general. The biggest point of discussion regarded District Travel Reimbursement, which eventually decided the leave at the current state due to the existing nature of our budget and needs to remain balanced. Although travel prices remain uncertain, this proposed amount covers \$650 per Officer for the year. This amount can be changed moving forward as financial stability is maintained as well.

Those who were unable to attend the virtual meeting were sent an email with an overview of the current budget, proposal, and rationale. Once their approval was received, the Committee was adjourned, and charges were left up to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Charges to the 2023-2024 Ways and Means Committee

- Make sure that proposals from this year and committee are still applicable to the 2023-2024 year. Keep in mind changes that are out of your control and the best way to respond.
- Create a baseline to evaluate the success of fundraisers.
- Evaluate the last year's fundraisers and perform a cost benefit analysis.

Acknowledgments

I would like to start by thanking my advisor Eric Morson for another year of dedication to the District by serving as an advisor of this committee. Your knowledge, passion, and kindness helped pave the way for a successful financial basis for years to come. Thank you for supporting me and listening to my concerns and always having the best guidance. Your help was greatly appreciated beyond words.

Next, I would like to thank President Mary Elliott and Governor Lance Coochyouma, as well as the rest of the District Council, for your endless support as I encountered such a large feat! The support and love I received from you all was the best thing I could have during this to motivate and strengthen me in following through with this Committee.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members of the committee for their attendance and input. We may have encountered difficulties with meeting times and technological issues, but your voice, input, and decisions are the reason we are successful today. Thank you for your dedication to the Western District.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Rowe
Western District Secretary-Treasurer
Mu Pi Chapter - University of Oregon - go beavs!

2023-2024 Proposed District Budget			
		2023-2024	2023-2024
		Budgeted	Actual
Revenue			
Fundraisers			
KKPsi Fundraising		\$1,000.00	\$0.00
WDC Fundraisers		\$500.00	\$0.00
District Events			
WDC Donations		\$600.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous			
Spring Allocation (2023)		\$150.00	\$0.00
Fall Allocation (2023)		\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Total Income		\$3,250.00	\$0.00
Expenses			
		2023-2024	2023-2024
		Budgeted	Actual
Officer Travel and Lodging			
Travel and Lodging		\$2,600	\$0.00
Operations			
Grants		\$80.00	\$0.00
District Honorary Fee		\$270.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous			
Emergency Fund		\$100.00	\$0.00
Awards		\$150.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses		\$3,200.00	\$0.00

Nominations Committee Report

Committee: 2023-2024 Nominations Committee

Chair: Colton Pearce, Iota Gamma, Washington State University

Advisor: Lance Coochyouma, Western District Governor

Brothers of the Western District,

I would first like to thank Anzo Morrison for presenting this slate at convention in my stead. I deeply appreciate them stepping up to do this when I could not.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2023-2024 Nominations Committee Chair, it has been a privilege and a pleasure. The chance to once more serve the district is an honor that I wear with pride.

Thank you to the brothers who served on the Committee, this work would have been much less impactful as well as entertaining without your help. Thank you for showing up and participating, it meant a lot to see you all buy into what I was selling.

A final thank you to Mary and Lance for all of their help and support throughout this process. I, and by extension the committee, couldn't have done this without your help.

AEA & MLITB,

Respectfully Submitted,

Colton Pearce

2023-2024 Nominations Committee Chair

Iota Gamma Chapter President

Washington State University

Pullman, WA

2023-2024 Nominations Committee Charges for 2024-2025

The 2023-2024 Nominations Committee charges the 2024-2025 nominations committee with:

- Continue utilizing virtual meetings to hold Nominations Committee meetings as well as interviews before the Convention.
- Encourage Committee Members to urge their Chapter Members to run for District Office.
- Keep in close contact with your Governor Advisor.

2023 Western District Convention Slate

The Nominations Committee would like to thank all candidates who ran for district office. The time and dedication that you put into this process is valued and your passion is appreciated. After careful consideration, the Nominations Committee has chosen the following slate for 2023-2024 District Office:

- *District President:* Mary Elliot
- *Vice President:* Reese Valdez
- *Secretary Treasurer:* No Slate
- *Member At Large:* No Slate

For the office of President, the Committee has chosen to slate Mary Elliot. Her experience and leadership make her a valuable resource for membership, and her desire to bring the district closer mirrors the feelings of the Nominations Committee.

For the office of Vice President, the Committee has chosen to slate Reese Valdez. Their knowledge and respect for the Road to Wisdom is felt as well as their want to bring alumni closer into the fold.

For the office of Secretary Treasurer, the Committee has chosen to not slate a candidate. The Nominations Committee did not feel any applicants fit the position.

For the office of Member At Large, the Committee has chosen to not slate a candidate. The Nominations Committee did not feel any applicants fit the position.

The Nominations Committee conducted an interview and reviewed the application of Karlin Weisinger. The Committee was unable to slate her due to ineligibility.

Respectfully submitted,

2023-2024 Nominations Committee

Kappa Kappa Psi Western District Convention Chapter Reports

Unsubmitted 2022-23 Chapter Reports

Gamma Chapter, University of Washington

No 2022-23 Chapter Report Submitted

Psi Chapter, University of California, Los Angeles

No 2022-23 Chapter Report Submitted

Beta Omicron Chapter, Arizona State University

No 2022-23 Chapter Report Submitted

Gamma Kappa Chapter, Northern Arizona University

No 2022-23 Chapter Report Submitted

Iota Alpha Chapter, California State University, Fresno

No 2022-23 Chapter Report Submitted

Lambda Psi Chapter, San Jose State University

No 2022-23 Chapter Report Submitted

2022-2023 Theta Chapter Report

Western District Convention 2023

2022-2023 Alpha Alpha Chapter Report University of Nevada

Introduction and Operations

This year has been a test of Alpha Alpha's resiliency. After most of our Active membership graduated last year, we were left with a fairly blank slate to rebuild from. Because we did not have many returning Brothers to pass down knowledge, our primary goal became improving our documentation. This year we drastically improved the detail recorded in our meeting minutes and budget in order to provide meaningful information for future iterations of the Chapter to use and began creating guides for how to hold several of our projects/events. We created several new policies to improve Chapter operations, such as internal control policies to secure our finances and clear communication standards, and reviewed existing policies to ensure they still serve us in our current state. We also became much more proactive with our paperwork, earning Early Bird recognition for our Chapter Personnel Report at the beginning of the year and remaining one step ahead of our Associated Students, asking them how to handle on-campus matters before they even reached out to student organizations.

Membership Education

During the Fall semester, we were fortunate enough to welcome three amazing new Brothers into our Chapter. Although we did not have a membership class in the Spring semester, we were thrilled to see two of our newly initiated Brothers step up into Executive Board positions and fully commit to their newfound place in the Fraternity. We can not wait to see what else they will achieve in their time as Active Brothers. We continue to strive to improve our recruitment efforts and hope to increase our Chapter size in the next year.

Finance

This year we learned a lot about how to better utilize campus resources to fund Chapter operations. Although we were not able to follow through on our goal of using Club Support Funding from the University, we learned a lot about how to apply for support and how far in advance we need to do that. This has set us up to be able to utilize these resources next year and beyond. We also set up internal control policies to help us safeguard our money both now and in the future and improved upon past fundraisers to turn a much higher profit. Every year we sell t-shirts at Sierra Band Crusade, the high school marching band competition hosted on our campus, and this year rather than hold pre-orders for shirts based on our school's show we had generic SBC shirts available for purchase at our table. Between having immediate availability, the appeal to all audiences, and getting the shirts donated from a parent, we nearly tripled our profit from this event. We continue to strive to build upon past fundraisers and

implement new ones in order to better support our band programs, Chapter operations, and Brothers' participation at all levels of the Fraternity.

Service

With only 4-5 Active members, we struggled to combine our manpower to complete many service projects this year. One of our successful projects was cleaning practice rooms before fall juries. When we did this, we left positive/motivational post-it notes in the rooms and on doors of faculty offices, and so many people reached out to say that it was a boost they truly needed. Some of them are even still up in the buildings! We also host our marching band banquet at the end of every season, and this year was our most successful one yet! We booked a venue with a capacity just over our usual maximum attendance, and ended up selling out of tickets! If anyone is looking for a theme to get people to their events, Shrek works very well. Although several of our other ideas were not able to come to fruition this year, we have documented details in order to use them in the future. We also brought back "service questions" during meetings, which ask Brothers to reflect on how we are doing with our service and ways that we can improve each week. We have also begun the long process of digging through pre-covid meeting minutes to find details of old projects and are looking to our five purposes, ritual, and other guiding statements to find ways to better live up to the ideals of the Fraternity through our service.

Alumni and District Involvement

This year we updated our Alumni policy to be much more inviting, which resulted in Brothers who we have not seen in years attending Ritual. We hope to use these more open channels of communication to see more AA and local Alumni Brothers and gather information on projects and events that they found particularly meaningful during their time as Actives. We also increased our involvement at the District level this year. Although we only have one representative at Western District Convention, we had more Brothers who planned to attend before personal matters interfered, our officers increased communication with their District counterparts, we increased participation in Snarky's Challenge, and Brothers attended District and National events online whenever we were informed and able. We are currently working to try to get more than one representative to the National Convention in Orlando this summer.

Conclusion

While we still have a long way to go, Alpha Alpha has made great strides toward future success this year. It has been taxing on all of our members, but our ambition has led us to persevere, prepare for the future, buy in to our duty to uphold the ideals of the fraternity, develop a connection with each and every Brother at an individual level, and foster a love for this organization. We may not yet be where we want to be, but we continue to strive to be better. Our heads are bloody, but unbowed. We look to the future

with hope, and we look to our Brothers in the West and beyond for continued inspiration to Strive for the Highest.

AEA and MLitB,

Karlin “Xiphos” Weisinger
President, Alpha Alpha Chapter
University of Nevada, Reno
Go Pack!

2022-2023 Iota Gamma Chapter Report

Washington State University

Introduction

Reading back through last year's chapter report made me realize just how far Iota Gamma has been able to come in the last year. We have come far from just getting by to now figuring out how we can make a greater impact on our campus. The hard work and sacrifice done by the brothers has made us be positioned well moving into the future, despite roster turnover heading into next year.

Service

This was a very standard year of service for us, primarily serving the Cougar Marching Band in the fall and serving the School of Music in the spring. During football season, it is all hands on deck, where we took care of a lot of equipment shuttling as well as serving food for the group when the occasion arose. The CMB knew it could count on us and the Theta Delta sisters of TBS, so we always had our hands full. We made hundreds of goodie bags for visiting bands over the semester with the help of TBS, as we try and show our appreciation to the other bands for coming. In the spring we pivoted to making sure the main SoM concerts had refreshments, splitting the events with TBS to lower the individual workload. Cookies and Juice is our way of saying well done and thank you to the performing groups and audience, and was done very often this year.

Fundraising

We experimented a bit more in our fundraising this year, mostly throwing events at the wall and seeing what stuck and worked. We brought back CocoPsi, where we sell hot chocolate on the college mall during the cold months (which is more often than not in Pullman) and turned a decent profit for an easy event, which we will definitely do more in the future. We did several varieties of shirt sales, branded for the School of Music or KKPsi, which worked well enough as usual.

Recruitment

We opted to put through only one class this year as we were okay on numbers, and got 11 new faces to help us through this next year. We did a couple of joint recruitment events with TBS in the fall which was a good way to get our name out there despite not actively recruiting. We have lost a few members to going conditional this year, so we will probably run two classes next year in order to actually grow in numbers. Doing soft recruitment was still very valuable, as it gave us a good idea of who to hard recruit when the time comes to actually do so. Even with two classes, this can still be done on those who would not yet be eligible to join such as freshmen, helping us get their interest early.

Events

We revived Big Band Bash this past February, and it was mostly a success, despite losing us a bit of cash. BBB is a swing dance hosted on campus, and the jazz band was paid to play there, and we hired a local swing dance group to teach a lesson. It was a lot of fun, but there were some real lessons learned on what was and what was not worth the money. To make it easier on future chapters, a lesson learned document was created detailing our experience so they know what to do, who to call, and what actually works. We plan to work on getting the word out better to increase attendance, as this would serve as a good way to get our names out there as an organization.

Conclusion

This was a successful year all things considered, as we did what we knew we could very well and worked on trying out new events to broaden the scope of what we do. Being a few years past COVID at this point, our institutional knowledge is much greater than it was then, giving me hope that those who come after me will have an easier and clearer vision on what it takes to serve the bands than I did just a few short years ago.

AEA,
Colton Pearce
Iota Gamma Chapter President
Washington State University

2022-2023 Iota Kappa Chapter Report Boise State University

Introduction

This year was a rollercoaster for the Iota Kappa Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Boise State University, and I truly mean that. Oftentimes when something is described as a rollercoaster it really was just negative with some points of positivity, but there were honestly some of the highest highs and some low lows. Paperwork on a national level is where this Chapter struggled this year, and that is entirely on me as their President. Despite that, I am confident in saying this is the best our Chapter has operated internally during my time in it. This year brought so many amazing things you will read about in this report, and know that the steps are being taken to make this only better as time goes on. The height we strove for this year was not where it should have been, but it is only a stepping stone to allow the future of this Chapter to strive for the highest heights it has seen yet.

Chapter Function

Just over a year ago, our Executive Officer Board officially convened for the first time. We went over a collection of our Chapter's anonymously submitted thoughts to questions such as "Did you feel like you belonged in this Chapter this year", "How do you believe our Chapter succeeded and failed this year", and more. These built the framework of how we planned our operations this year. We made sure that our Chapter meetings were efficient and meaningful, we continued to have strength in our service projects in both quantity and quality, and we took strides to help everyone feel welcome in our Fraternity. We held regular officer meetings every other month, something that had not been executed successfully in the past. As we moved into our first year after establishing regular attendance and requirements we had Brothers that felt those responsibilities too much resulting in them leaving, but the ones that have stayed and newly joined are showing great commitment and understanding of these requirements. Regarding the administrative side of things, our operations were not successful. Much of this had to do with my lack of preparation and forgetting about the deadline of the FAR, but that failure has led to knowing that a successful CSR is on the way due to what was learned in that process.

Brotherhood

Our Brotherhood this year was strong, but not necessarily out of having a large amount of planned events. While we are looking to have a better brotherhood calendar this upcoming year, I believe it is important to share the positive things that still happened this year. The Brothers of the Iota Kappa Chapter hang out very regularly outside of Chapter functions, in so many different aspects. We take classes together, to ensure each other's success and enjoyment of the class. We eat together, many of us are able to share meals multiple times a week with Brothers. We live together, we trust each other and

become connected in so many aspects of each other's lives. These are not the stories of overarching Chapter-wide Brotherhood I would wish to be sharing, but it is important to notice the individual connections. I am so proud to confidently say that each of our Brothers would when asked who their closest friends are would list at least one Brother.

That all being said, we did have Brotherhood Events that I would like to share. We held our traditional events during recruitment, going to Zoo Boise and hiking Table Rock together. These events are where many relationships between Brothers and PMC's are developed and coincided with the meals we share afterwards. An event we have yearned for as a Chapter was a "Color Guard Tech Day" taught by our Brothers in the Guard of Blue Thunder. This year we finally got to have it, and it was a wonderful time to share musicianship in a new way for some Brothers. We also held recurring events such as KKSports and KKStudy. These were not done as regularly as we would like, but we were able to see how we would like these projects to move forward into next year.

Service

Our Vice President of Service was able to use his strengths in building connections to get our Chapter great opportunities to serve. He got us into our community in new and exciting ways including helping with a marching band competition aside from our regular one, who has now asked for volunteers for future years. We also now regularly help the Meridian Symphony Orchestra run their concerts acting as ushers and various roles depending on their need. These projects serve the greater purpose of our university bands, to build up music in the Treasure Valley.

We served our university bands in direct ways this year as well. We did our regular "Freshman Move-In" project to help new members of Blue Thunder get moved in before Band Camp and establish a connection with someone in the band before even setting foot in the Band Hall. We cleaned shakos for the Marching Band for the first time in a few years, allowing our band the professional look it should have. We helped organize the music libraries of our Symphonic Winds, All Campus Concert Band, and Blue Thunder Marching Band.

The projects that have become recurring that help our community were executed to great success this year. We had the longest D3 Marching Band competition as it moved to a preliminary and finals format. We still ensured that all bands had a guide, all gates had ushers, tickets were being sold, and the other countless jobs needed to run a successful large scale service project. Our volunteers with the high school Band Clinic, D3 Solo and Ensemble Festival, and Gene Harris Jazz Festival were also mightily thanked for their service.

Other events we held include running recitals, helping with Audition Days, doing set up for various band concerts on our campus, and more.

Along with these organized service projects, I want to highlight the culture of our Brothers doing service on their own. Brothers have stepped into various different situations that needed help and were there and ready to do so. These include things like helping a group that was missing their photographer all the way to doing amazing things for the Treasure Valley like being highly involved in the staff of the new Boise Gems DBC including the Vice President and Brass Caption Head, two Guard Caption Heads, and two administrative roles.

Musicianship

This year the musicianship of our Brothers was shown greatly in our ensembles. All but two ensembles related to band on our campus had at least one Brother in it this list includes Symphonic Winds, All Campus Concert Band, Jazz Orchestra, Symphonic Orchestra, Clarinet Ensemble, Trumpet Ensemble, Trombone Choir, Tuba Euphonium Ensemble, Marching Band, Pep Band, and a number of chamber groups.

Over the summer, our Chapter took part in a large, pillar-oriented event called Summer Retreat. During this retreat, our Music Chair led a musical event called “Kazoo Choir”, where each Brother learned a part different from their own to one of our pep band songs. This has become a recurring event for our Chapter and still provides the same simple joy and connection as before. While this event was comical and fun to participate in, it helped some Brothers in their sight-reading skills, understanding one another’s part, and getting to perform something they never have before. The end result was entertaining and successful for the retreat.

Leadership

Before WDC began, I truly did not know what to share regarding our Chapter’s leadership. Obviously I knew I wanted to share that we have many Brothers in leadership positions this year and next in Blue Thunder. I also wanted to share how the majority of our Chapter leadership comes from our 2021-22 recruiting class showing the success of that year and the direction of our Chapter. Making sure to include that all four winners of “The Living Legacy Award”, the highest honor the Blue Thunder bestows to its members were Brothers. But, it just didn’t feel like enough, I needed to highlight more people.

This Convention brought so much opportunity for our Brothers to better their leadership, just by being there. We were able to bring 13 Brothers to convention, not including the 2 District Officers from Iota Kappa. For 10 of them this was their first Kappa Kappa Psi Convention, and all of them have shown me

that spark that comes from going to your first convention. Some of these Brothers have found new passion to serve their District and their Chapter, some have developed a want to develop connections with our Sisters, some showed me a new sense of understanding they did not previously have regarding our functions. These are all examples of leadership I am so excited to share, and I thank you all reading this to create this spark in my Chapter. I see much more Iota Kappa in the future of our National and District affairs.

Fundraising

This was a year that has featured two Treasurers for the Iota Kappa Chapter, due to unfortunate circumstances. Despite this we held two very successful large scale fundraising projects as well as a fundraising project put on by our new recruiting class.

We have the privilege to be commissioned with putting together the T-Shirts for the D3 Marching Band Competition, our area's final competition where high school students get to perform on The Blue Turf. This fundraiser is always successful and provides students and families with a sense of pride with a piece of merchandise they can buy to show off their achievements.

Our recruiting class put together an apple cider and hot cocoa booth over the course of the first week back from Winter Break. They successfully saw what it takes to logistically work with our Student Organizations on Campus and create a fundraiser, while also making our Chapter money!

Lastly, our merch at WDC this year! This was the flagship project of our newly elected Treasurer for this semester, and it was an amazing success. We pulled together the efforts of multiple Brothers in our Chapter with skills in painting, sticker printing, 3D printing, and laser cutting to create new and original merch for this convention. We organized all proper commissions so these Brothers are compensated and get the professional experience to be recognized for their time and effort financially.

Conclusion

Iota Kappa is a place of growth. Our Chapter is becoming what it should be, a more prominent Chapter in the West, a pillar in our musical community, and a place where leaders; musicians; and servants are able to grow as Brothers of this Fraternity. Reflecting on this year, I can't help but feel pride despite the struggles. That is thanks to every Brother in this Chapter, and their unwavering devotion to the beliefs of this Fraternity.

The Best are **truly** in the West.
AEA,

Cole “Sweet Victory” Marsh
Chapter President
Iota Kappa | Boise State University | Boise, Idaho
2022-2023

2022-2023 Iota Pi Chapter Report

California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo

Intro

This year, Iota Pi has really come back into its own. Our chapter's dedication, sense of brotherhood, and capacity to do service has not been stronger since the pandemic started. The past few months really displayed how passionate our brothers are about this organization. Despite some new challenges we faced this year as we finished our transition back to normal operations, I am super proud of everything we have accomplished! I would like to personally thank our chapter's executive council for being so understanding, accommodating, and hardworking this year. Additionally, I'd like to thank every single Iota Pi active for making our chapter into the amazing organization it is today!

Service

Iota Pi has been dutifully working this year to provide service to our college's band programs. We have continued to assist with washing water bottles for the Mustang Band before each of Cal Poly's football games. We also have completed two instances of "Armoryfest", our quarterly tradition of cleaning and organizing the storage unit for our school's bands, with plans to do it a third time later this quarter. This project is integral to tidying all of the clutter that accumulates over each quarter's extensive use by our drumline, equipment and uniform managers, and Mustang Band assistant Len Kawamoto.

In preparation for the Mustang Band's trip to participate in the San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade, we helped clean our members' shoes by holding shoe cleaning sessions after each marching rehearsal. While the sessions were impacted due to the heavy rain San Luis Obispo was experiencing, we were still able to get many pairs of shoes looking pristine. In order to further support our school's band trips, we provided goodie bags containing snacks and activities like crossword puzzles to performers traveling for the Chinese New Year parade and for the Wind Band tour that occurred during our spring break.

During Cal Poly's Open House weekend this quarter, we also had the opportunity to set up and run the Band Booth. This tent gives us the opportunity to promote our music programs on behalf of the Wind Bands. We offer assistance to interested incoming freshmen, answering any questions they might have and providing them with resources to get additional information about our department. Throughout the year, we have also assisted with ensemble performances, working as stagehands to move chairs and stands for concerts and recitals.

Fundraising

Fundraising this year has been very strong thanks to the ongoing efforts of our Fundraising committee. Our annual "Penny Wars" fundraising competition between sections of the Mustang Band was the most

successful it has ever been in quite some time. Swag sales have also been in hot demand this year, actually giving us trouble having the proper sizes of popular items like hoodies in stock. We were also able to host two profit shares, one at Blaze Pizza and the other at Panda Express, doubly serving as a fun social event for the bands. We also sold Halloween and Valentine's grams this year. Iota Pi also has several planned fundraisers for this school year. This includes our Alpha Kappa class's fundraising mini-committee designed and made patches that will be sold to Mustang Band members at our annual end of year band banquet.

Membership Recruitment and Education

This year's recruitment of our Alpha Kappa class marks the return of our pre-COVID chapter size. We were able to welcome an amazing 24 new brothers to our chapter who now outnumber the other Iota Pi actives. Our recruiting season this year could not have been possible without the efforts of all of our members hyping up our organization throughout fall quarter and advertising our recruiting events. In addition to our usual open meetings and "Date Night" which was spooky themed this year for Halloween, we also hosted social events to meet our brothers including renting out Mustang Lanes for "Browling", a trip to "Brover Beach", and a night hike to go "Bro-gazing". Our new members have instilled a fresh sense of brotherhood and passion for service that has been very welcomed after a tough few years dealing with the effect the pandemic had on our organization.

The Alpha Kappa class's rituals were challenging this year, but ultimately ran very successfully. In order to accommodate the large initiation class, we held each ritual in a different room on campus to ensure we had enough space to give all of them an engaging experience. We also had to perform two makeup rituals for candidates who unfortunately were sick during the scheduled dates. I would like to send a huge thank you to how accommodating our ritual performers were with being willing to participate in them multiple times this year.

Education this year ran very smoothly this year thanks to our Vice President, Vinayak Sharath. To deal with some scheduling changes to the education process this year, he was able to distill the Road to Wisdom to its core components with limited time constraints while still making it an involved and engaging experience for the Alpha Kappa class. Each of our membership candidates were also involved with completing a mini-committee project, which all turned out extremely successful. This year, they made a comprehensive family/line graphic tracking our active brothers, ran an "Incredibles" movie night, conducted an in-meeting juice tasting brotherhood activity, created patches to be sold to Mustang Band members, and will be assisting with Armoryfest later this quarter.

Brotherhood and Musicianship

The strength of brotherhood bonds within our chapter have never been stronger in my time here as a member. The large membership class we inducted this year undoubtedly contributed to our chapter's dedication to each other. We had two brotherhood retreats, one during fall and winter quarter. Our fall retreat was a fancy potluck lunch followed by brotherhood bonding activities and a game of mafia. Our winter retreat, which included our Alpha Kappa Class, was a fun kayaking trip in Morro Bay. Spring retreat, our largest of the three, will be a camping trip at San Simeon and is sure to be a fantastic time.

Our committees have done a great job with growing our chapter's appreciation of and dedication to the musical arts. Their events have included hot cocoa socials after rehearsals, in-meeting activities to rehearse fraternal music, and the revival of post-concert receptions for the wind bands.

Chapter Functions and Events

The Iota Pi chapter has been able to meet in-person weekly on Sundays for all of our meetings this year, save for a few exceptions. However, a new challenge we have faced this year has been finding a consistent place to hold our meetings. Due to new music department policies, we are only allowed to meet in the music building (our regular meeting spot) when our chapter sponsor is able to attend the meeting. It has been an adjustment, but we have luckily been able to book other on-campus spaces for the meetings our sponsor cannot make. Other than that, our meetings have been both efficient and productive this quarter while still staying fun and light-hearted. Something that has helped our chapter focus on the big picture for tasks have been our Leadership Development Committee meetings we decided to hold once a quarter. These meetings gave us the opportunity to brainstorm short and long term goals for the chapter and act as a safe space for officers to share constructive feedback with each other and give suggestions for improvements to how we run our chapter.

For managing our public relations, I would like to thank our Chapter Webmaster, Jora Leigh, for her extensive work updating and maintaining our chapter website. She has added our chapter photos to the website and created a donation page that has greatly increased the utility of our online presence. Our chapter photographer, Camille Widman, has also done a fantastic job of documenting all of our events and notable moments from meetings this past year. Our presence on campus has also been furthered by the events put on by our Band Experience Committee. They have hosted Band BBQ's and game nights open to all members of Cal Poly band programs to increase our social bonds to the music department.

Conclusion

I am extremely proud of the enormous growth our chapter has undergone this past year. Looking back at the phenomenal recruitment season, the great service we have completed, and the wonderful displays of

brotherhood I have seen, I could not be happier with the future prospects of our chapter. I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as president this year and will conclude my time with the chapter knowing that Iota Pi will continue to prosper long after I am gone.

AEA and MLITB,
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2022-2023 Mu Pi Chapter Report University of Oregon

Introduction

The 2022-2023 year has been a productive year of growth and organization for the Mu Pi Chapter in Eugene, Oregon. We were able to grow our connection with our athletic bands by helping out where we can. We were proud to initiate three new members into the Pi Class who have created a positive impact on the chapter with a feeling of motivation and vigor.

Before moving to each individual section, I would like to personally thank the Western District Officers and team for their continuous support as I navigated my first year of the presidency through a strange, unprecedented time. Additionally, I would like to thank each and every one of my Brothers in the Mu Pi Chapter for their amazing passion for the chapter. Without them, our chapter would be nowhere close to where we are today.

Service

The Mu Pi Chapter has been hard at work serving our community. Our Director of Service, Maura McQuillen, arranged a variety of successful service projects allowing us to support the School of Music and Dance (SOMD) in our community directly serving their needs. Maura worked hard to ensure that the Mu Pi Chapter created a positive impact on our community and made sure that we were able to help in whatever manner possible.

We started out the school year by helping out our Oregon Marching Band (OMB) in a variety of ways. By supporting the unboxing, distribution, and inventory of uniforms, our chapter ensured the musicians in the band were looking good during performances.

During the forest fire season early in the marching band season, we provided disposable surgical masks to the marching band to ensure everyone could protect themselves during rehearsals and performances. Additionally, we provided snacks for the OMB and Oregon Basketball Band (OBB) at multiple home and away football and basketball games as well as cleaned up the residual garbage afterward. Our band prides itself on leaving a space better than we found it and we were happy to help promote and reinforce this in the stands at games.

The chapter also worked on a Trunk or Treat on Halloween night for the Athletic Bands, providing service in the form of spirit and bringing students together outside of rehearsal.

Over Fall and Winter terms, our chapter has also set up refreshment tables in the green rooms of musicians during their performances to congratulate them for their hard work.

Fundraising

Fundraising has been our biggest goal to improve this year. Our treasurer, Jay Fuchser has done a wonderful job organizing various events with members of our community. This spring term we hosted a profit share with a local pizza parlor, giving us an opportunity to connect with the community while also receiving their support. The fundraising committee has been committed to creating future events to bring funding to our organization. We are always looking to try new things to help gain more financial support from our community.

Recruitment

The recruitment process began during our fall marching band camp where we hosted several lunch and dinner events for prospective members and opportunities for people to ask brothers any questions. We also played several icebreaker games. Toward the end of our recruitment season, we hosted a pumpkin painting session where students could come and paint pumpkins with us and just get to know the chapter. It was great to see more people attend these events than last year, even if they did not go through with the Membership Candidate process.

Education

After recruitment, we handed out three bids, who became Brothers of our Pi class on February 27, 2023. After going through a hybrid version of MEP last year due to a marching band COVID outbreak, this year's MEP was much more smooth going. Our Vice President of Membership, Dawn Harrison, taught MEP for the second time to initiate our Pi class. Our growth this year is further setting our chapter up as we continue to rebuild our numbers.

Brotherhood

Our chapter likes to squeeze in brotherhood opportunities whenever we can. We go out to get frozen yogurt after chapter meetings and even celebrate Halloween together with pumpkin painting (doubling as a recruitment event!). Our chapter has pride in our strong connections within itself.

Chapter Functions

Our chapter has been able to function successfully, thanks to the contributions of our brothers and executive team. Our Recording Secretary, Alyssa Patterson, has done an amazing job maintaining chapter organization as we worked as a group to stay on top of things. It was our main goal to make meetings a positive space for Brothers where they could be heard, valued, and appreciated for who they are as an

individual. It is my strong belief that we work best as a whole and I was extremely grateful to spend this time with my Brothers.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Mu Pi Chapter has been innovating new ways to improve ourselves and our connections. We have learned perseverance, drive, and passion for the things we love about our chapter. Throughout my presidency, it has been my pleasure to watch the growth of not only my chapter but our community as well. Each brother of the Mu Pi Chapter has captivated the meaning of striving for the highest and made a meaningful impact in each of their own ways over the past year. It is with great joy that my Brothers and I look forward to the future of our chapter.

AEA,

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2022-2023 Nu Sigma Chapter Report California State Polytechnic University Pomona

Introduction

The '22-23 Academic Year for the Nu Sigma Chapter has revealed strong foundations to Brotherhood, leadership, and service with perseverance through hard work and a steadfast adherence to a group-idealized vision of the Chapter and its future. This year marked the first year since the pandemic that matters could be taken back to an in-person setting, and the Chapter has made much ground in accomplishing the goals and overcoming the obstacles that have stood before each and every Brother.

Service

With the Cal Poly Pomona Music Department functioning at full capacity now due to lessened COVID-19 Restrictions, Nu Sigma began the year in stride. While much of our focus was on recruitment this year, some new and old opportunities for Service Projects became available to the Chapter. Some such opportunities included the assistance of the entire Chapter to proctor incoming Music major auditions, assisting our Director of Bands in representing and advertising for Bands and Ensemble recruitment during the CPP Club Festival, and the providing of practice logs to Ensemble Members so that they may keep track of their practice sessions during exam, jury, and crunch season. Held in the Fall semester, Nu Sigma also assisted in hosting the first Annual Bands Social, inviting all members of the Bands Programs to perform fun music and have lunch with friends, as well as both our Director of Bands and Director of Bronco Pep Band, who at the time was the Chapter's very own, Omar Arellano. Despite having a vacant Vice President of Service position, all nine members of the Chapter stepped up to deliver the utmost effort in providing service to our comparatively small Music Department and worked together to deliver comprehensive and cohesive service that was efficient and effective in its goals.

Brotherhood

Whilst much Chapter business early in the year was conducted via Zoom, the return to in-person ensembles and classes meant that many of our Brothers could once-again bond together face-to-face. Much of the Chapter's Brotherhood came from our constant contact during the day and evening, either during classes, evening hangouts, or through extra-curricular activities like the Bronco Pep Band. Despite not having full-fledged Brotherhood committees, the Chapter quite often easily found themselves supporting one another and bonding. Hangouts large and small, including group trips to McDonald's for Shamrock Shakes, post-Ritual dinners, and consistently amenable interactions with one another allowed multiple ways for members of the Chapter to celebrate one another and deepen our connections with each other in a way that was seamless

and not artificial.

Musicianship

The true return to in-person Ensembles this year was, as for many other Chapters, a relief and wonderful change of pace. Brothers in the Nu Sigma Chapter are involved with all aspects of the Music Department, including the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, Jazz Band, Jazz Combo, and Bronco Pep Band, holding high regard and image for themselves and for the Fraternity as a whole. Our Vice President of Membership, Derrick Kammer, also served on the Music Board with our Director of Bands, providing financial, logistical, and administrative support wherever needed with the utmost enthusiasm and regard for the Music Department as a whole.

Leadership

Much of the leadership in Nu Sigma is naturally filled by the efforts of its wonderful Brothers who realize all aspects of the Fraternity, Musicianship, Service, Leadership, and Brotherhood, to their fullest form. Every member regularly commits themselves to their fullest potential, and leads not just as a single entity, but as a community as well. Even without committees, the Chapter continued to demonstrate far-reaching capabilities in leadership and collaboration.

Membership and Recruitment

Recruitment took its form this year in the form of mixed in-person and online events this year. With recruitment being one of the largest obstacles the Chapter would face this year, with seven of nine Actives graduating at the end of Spring '23, much of our focus was aligned with preparing both future and returning members for success and providing them with the materials, guidelines, and information necessary to do so, while providing a guiding example of how the Chapter currently functions amongst current members. After our biennial Chapter Field Representative Visit with Kennedy Struck, we took all suggestions, guidelines, and ideas, formulating them into a comprehensive plan that would best benefit the new Class. We are absolutely thrilled to be able to recruit a 9 member Eta class this academic year, much in thanks due to efforts of our Vice President of Membership, Derrick Kammer, as well as the efforts of the Chapter as a whole to keep their eye out for prospective candidates and to keep in touch with them throughout the year. Much of the Membership Candidates' energy and enthusiasm has been noted by all of us and we are more excited than ever for the future of the Chapter and what they may accomplish with their ambitions, diversity, and care for the Chapter and for music as a whole.

Alumni Relations

Alumni relations for Nu Sigma mostly consisted of reunion dinners post-Degrees, but the Brotherhood shared amongst returning alumni cannot be understated, even after all the years after their graduation from Cal Poly Pomona. Oftentimes, their return to Nu Sigma and their Brothers highlighted the strong foundations of Brotherhood shared amongst its members. Messages shared online between alumni and current Actives occurs frequently and keeping in-touch regularly is something that is very important to us as a Chapter.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the '22-23 academic year for Nu Sigma has been one of great achievement, extensive effort, shared Brotherhood, and shared celebration in the reasons why our Chapter succeeds and will continue to succeed. Like any other Chapter, there have been ups and downs, but it cannot be understated how much our Brotherhood has skyrocketed, how much work and care has been put into the Chapter and its future, and how much thoughtfulness, maturity, and perseverance has occurred throughout this year alone. Brothers have and continue to share their support and rapport with one another and will continue to do so even after we have graduated, an accomplishment I am extraordinarily proud of. I cannot wait to see what the new and returning members will accomplish next year and am extremely excited to have been a part of something so special.

Respectfully submitted,
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