

INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI, INC.
MINUTES
53rd GRAND CHAPTER CONGRESS
AUGUST 5-15, 2021
VIRTUAL

The 53rd Grand Chapter Congress of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, Inc. was virtually called to order at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2021 by Grand President Tricia Smith.

Present and in person at this meeting were the following members of the Board of Directors:

Patricia A. Smith (<i>Theta Kappa</i>)	Grand President
Onuka Ibe (<i>Iota Nu</i>)	Past Grand President
Jodi L. Schoh (<i>Kappa Upsilon</i>)	Vice President-Finance
Cory P. Stopka (<i>Theta Tau</i>)	North Central Provincial Vice President
Daniel J. Collins (<i>Xi Phi</i>)	Northeastern Provincial Vice President
Mark R. Wernette (<i>Epsilon Zeta</i>)	South Central Provincial Vice President
Carrie Burns (<i>Alpha Tau</i>)	Southern Provincial Vice President
Crystal A. Justice (<i>Lambda Mu</i>)	Western Provincial Vice President
Kristen Wilhelm (<i>Sigma Psi</i>)	Collegian of the Year-2019 (leaves Board effective August 15)
Cody M. Vasquez (<i>Eta Theta</i>)	Collegian of the Year-2020
Brennen Feder (<i>Gamma Psi</i>)	Collegian of the Year-2021 (on Board effective August 15)
Jeremy Levine (<i>Pi Tau</i>)	Interim Executive Director

Regional Vice Presidents present among the delegates included:

Trina L. Kirk (<i>Kappa Pi</i>)	Atlantic Coast Regional Vice President
Ma Melanie Legaspi Parazo (<i>Zeta Tau</i>)	Bay Area Regional Vice President
Monica Monroe (<i>Epsilon Kappa</i>)	Capital Regional Vice President
Jessica M. Anderson (<i>Iota Sigma</i>)	Central Regional Vice President
Holly N. Vernon Tucker (<i>Eta Kappa</i>)	Central Gulf Regional Vice President
David Pratt (<i>Gamma Psi</i>)	Desert Mountain Regional Vice President
James E. Kuhn (<i>Xi Upsilon</i>)	East Central Regional Vice President
Nicholas C. Brown (<i>Zeta Eta</i>)	Eastern Regional Vice President
Charles A. Weening (<i>Zeta Eta</i>)	Empire Regional Vice President
Matthew M. Hudson (<i>Beta Sigma</i>)	Gateway Regional Vice President
Nicole Orlando (<i>Kappa Upsilon</i>)	Great Lakes Regional Vice President
Jody E. Dierickx (<i>Mu Psi</i>)	Great Plains Regional Vice President
Megan LeBouef Samano (<i>Eta Tau</i>)	Gulf South Regional Vice President
Gilbert Landras (<i>Eta Psi</i>)	Gulf Western Regional Vice President
Anna Marie Trenshaw (<i>Lambda Xi</i>)	Huron Regional Vice President
Aimee S. King (<i>Mu Chi</i>)	Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President
Madison E. Whitehouse (<i>Kappa Psi</i>)	Mid-South Regional Vice President
Angela Schelp (<i>Iota Omicron</i>)	Midwestern Regional Vice President
Jennifer Huynh (<i>Gamma Upsilon</i>)	New England Regional Vice President
Robert Lee Fosdick (<i>Epsilon Lambda</i>)	Niagara Regional Vice President
Brikken Mari Jensen (<i>Theta Tau</i>)	North Central Regional Vice President
Jen P. Lee (<i>Lambda Sigma</i>)	Pacific Coast Regional Vice President
Samantha Clark (<i>Alpha Nu</i>)	Pacific Northwest Regional Vice President

Nicolas J. Rizzi (*Alpha Nu*)
Cody Heimerdinger (*Delta Pi*)
Gabriella Del Carmen Leto (*Theta Phi*)
Erica J. Kolsrud (*Epsilon*)
Meghan L. Hill (*Nu Pi*)
Joshua T. Robinson (*Epsilon Zeta*)
Kyra Cahill (*Mu Pi*)
R. Nicole Wernette (*Kappa Omicron*)

Rocky Mountain Regional Vice President
Sierra Nevada Regional Vice President
South Atlantic Regional Vice President
South Pacific Regional Vice President
Southeastern Regional Vice President
Southwestern Regional Vice President
Steel Valley Regional Vice President
Tornado Alley Regional Vice President

Also in attendance were the following members of the Central Office Staff:

Dale M. Clark (*Kappa Nu*)

Senior Director of Membership Growth
and Expansion

Jessica Cole

Communications Coordinator-Digital &
Social Media

Sara Erl (*Zeta Xi*)

Educational & Leadership Consultant

Jasmin Flores (*Delta Pi*)

Senior Consultant for Chapter
Development

Shanda R. Gray (*Kappa Omicron*)

Associate Executive Director: Education
and Events

Tyler Havens (*Chicago*)

Director of Chapter Services

Brittany M. Kyger

Executive Assistant- Foundation

Aaron Rivera (*Tau Chi*)

Educational & Leadership Consultant

Gregoire Rush

Communications Coordinator-
Research/Writer

William C. Schilling (*Alpha Delta*)

Executive Vice President of the Leadership
Foundation

Jeanna M. Tipton (*Cincinnati*)

Senior Director of Finance and
Administration

Jeanine Triplett

Associate Executive Vice President,
Leadership Foundation

Heather Troyer (*Alpha Chi*)

Senior Director of Member Engagement

Smith presided as Chairman of the Congress, per policy. Other positions were as follows: Matthew M. Hudson (*Beta Sigma*), Parliamentarian; Tyler Havens (*Chicago*), Credentials Committee Chair; Henry K. McDaniel (*Nu Xi*), Chancellor; Nominations Committee Chair, Ibe; and Recording Secretary, Levine.

Smith offered a welcome to the Congress and then opening Ritual was conducted. A video was played introducing Board of Directors and Regional Vice Presidents, the Trustees of the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation, National Committee Chairs, members of the Central Office Staff and living Past Grand Presidents.

At this time, Smith relinquished the chair to Chancellor McDaniel and introduced Parliamentarian Hudson. McDaniel introduced Credentials Chair Havens. Havens then presented the Roll Call of Delegates and the report of the Credentials Committee. He announced 264 delegates were confirmed with 219 present and eligible to vote. St. Louis moved to adopt the roll of voting delegates and to accept the report of the Credentials Committee. The **motion was seconded** by Twin Cities (MN) and **adopted** with 192 yeases and 6 nos.

At this time, Parliamentarian Hudson presented the report of the Rules and Resolutions Committee. Zeta Upsilon moved to adopt the Proposed Standing Rules for the 53rd Grand Chapter Congress. The **motion was seconded** by St. Pete-Clearwater (FL) and **adopted** with 195 yeases and 2 nos.

Hudson noted there was no old business to address and proposed the order for handling new business. Beta Epsilon moved to adopt the agenda for New Business as presented by Hudson. The **motion was seconded** by Alpha Nu and **adopted** with 203 yeases and 1 no. The proposed Amendments will be considered in this order: Special and Emergency Amendment #1, Special and Emergency Amendment #2, Special and Emergency Amendment #3, Special and Emergency Amendment #4, Special and Emergency Amendment #5, Ritual Proposal #1, Ritual Proposal #2, Ritual Proposal #3, Ritual Proposal #4, Ritual Proposal #5, Bylaws Amendment #1, Bylaws Amendment #2 and last Bylaws Amendment #3.

Nu Sigma moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 52nd Grand Chapter Congress and to approve the minutes as distributed. The **motion was seconded** by Cleveland-Akron and **adopted** with 190 yeases and 11 nos.

McDaniel then introduced a video presenting the “State of the Organization”, including the state of Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity, presented by Smith, Ibe, Levine and National Organizational Development Chair Lisa Brown, and Leadership Foundation, presented by Foundation Chair Randy Hultz. In the remarks, Smith noted the passing of several Fraternity national leaders and supporters: 1990 National Collegian of the Year Prescott Ashe, *Rho*; Golden Council member Richard Blevins, *Lambda Sigma*; Golden Council member Terrell Ford, *Zeta Sigma*; 2021 Career Achievement Award Recipient John Goering, *Alpha Theta*; 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Timothy Gover, *Beta Phi*; former District Director and longtime volunteer Mark Voyda, *Alpha Omega*; longtime, beloved Mr. Deltasig at Rider and receiver of the 2005 Distinguished Service Certificate Herbert Young, *Beta Xi*.

McDaniel noted the written Official Reports were previously distributed to the delegates and will be entered into the Official Proceedings.

At this time, Ibe presented the report of the Nominations Committee.

The following nominations were received after July 1, 2021 and prior to the deadline for floor nominations:

1. South Pacific Regional Vice President
Name: Y. Lynnette Servaes
2. South Pacific Regional Vice President
Name: Louise Santos
3. Western Provincial Vice President
Name: Trey Hernandez

The following nominations were withdrawn:

1. Eastern Regional Vice President
Name: Isabella Salerno

Gray made announcements. McDaniel recessed the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Chancellor McDaniel made announcements and then reconvened the Grand Chapter at 12:16 p.m., Saturday, August 14.

Nominations Chair Ibe announced the results of the Provincial and Regional Vice President elections held August 6-8, 2021 listed in the addendum. Caucuses for Grand President and Vice President-Finance were then held.

The Chancellor then recessed the meeting from 1:39 p.m. until 1:49 p.m. Shanda Gray made announcements. Addresses by 2021 National Collegian of the Year Brennen Feder and 2020 National Collegian of the Year Cody Vasquez were then presented.

Due to technical challenges and to ensure the integrity of the voting process, the delegates were moved into a breakout room within the meeting software to discuss if the agenda should be continued without attendance by guests (to ensure only credentialed delegates were voting) or if the Grand Chapter should recess until the next day.

St. Louis moved to continue with business today via Zoom with delegates and Grand Officers only. The **motion was seconded** by Cleveland-Akron. After much discussion, Nu Sigma moved to call the question. The **motion was seconded** by Baton Rouge-Red Stick and passed with 133 yeases and 14 nos. At that time the original motion vote passed with 116 yeases and 76 nos. To ensure continuity of governance, the Chancellor also asked Grand Officers-elects, staff and Grand President Candidates to remain on the call, who were limited through the meeting technology to be able to speak, but not vote.

Chancellor McDaniel then recessed the meeting, returning at 4:07 p.m. Upon return, Chancellor McDaniel announced there would be another recess at approximately 5:00 p.m. the originally scheduled end of the day's meeting, at which time delegates would be allowed to switch to an alternate for the remainder of the day.

Credentials Chair Havens announced 264 delegates eligible to vote with 217 present and voting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chancellor McDaniel brought to the floor **Special and Emergency Amendments #1** (Unanimously approved by the Board of Directors at the March 11, 2020 Board meeting): Adoption of pandemic initiation. The **motion** was made by Los Angeles and **seconded** by St. Pete-Clearwater.

Special and Emergency Amendments #1 was then **adopted** by approval of over 3/4 of the delegates with 189 yeases and 1 no.

The Chancellor then brought to the floor **Special and Emergency Amendments #2** (Originally submitted by the Ritual Group of the COVID-Environment Task Force and unanimously

approved by the Board of Directors at the July 15, 2020 Board meeting): Adoption of virtual and social distance Ritual. The **motion** was made by Pi Rho and **seconded** by Mu Pi.

Special and Emergency Amendments #2 was then **adopted** by approval of over 3/4 of the delegates with 188 yeses and 3 nos.

The Chancellor then brought to the floor **Special and Emergency Amendments #3** (Unanimously approved by the Board of Directors at the September 27, 2019 Board meeting): Approval of the single ceremony initiation. The **motion** was made by Denver and **seconded** by Tau Phi.

Special and Emergency Amendments #3 was then **adopted** by approval of over 3/4 of the delegates with 161 yeses and 33 nos.

The Chancellor then recessed the meeting from 5:00 p.m. until 5:17 p.m.

Credentials Chair Havens announced 264 delegates eligible to vote with 178 present and voting.

The Chancellor then brought to the floor **Special and Emergency Amendments #4** (Unanimously approved by the Board of Directors at the September 27, 2019 Board meeting): Approval of Ritual language cleanup. The **motion** was made by Mu Rho and **seconded** by Tau Chi.

Special and Emergency Amendments #4 was then **adopted** by approval of over 3/4 of the delegates with 168 yeses and 1 no.

The Chancellor then brought to the floor **Special and Emergency Amendments #5** (Unanimously approved by the Board of Directors on March 11, 2021 meeting): Approval of the virtual and socially distanced Ritual. The **motion** was made by Richmond (VA) and **seconded** by Pi.

Special and Emergency Amendments #5 was then **adopted** by approval of over 3/4 of the delegates with 165 yeses and 4 nos.

At this time, any remaining non-members were removed from the meeting and due to Ritual, the Chancellor reminded brothers to be mindful of their surroundings. These minutes are purposely vague in places to honor the secrecy of Ritual. Refer to the “Confidential 53rd Grand Chapter Congress Ritual Proposals” for additional specifics.

The Chancellor brought to the floor **Ritual Proposal #1** (proposed by the Board of Directors): Extend the use of the virtual and socially distanced Rituals previously approved by Board action through the close of the 2022 Special Meeting of the Grand Chapter. The **motion** was made by Kansas City and **seconded** by Eta Sigma.

Ritual Proposal #1 was then **adopted** by approval of over 3/4 of the delegates with 165 yeases and 5 nos.

The Chancellor then brought to the floor **Ritual Proposal #2** (proposed by the Board of Directors): Optionally add the use of Regalia Robes to the Socially Distanced Ritual. The **motion** was made by Epsilon Zeta and **seconded** by Nu Sigma.

Ritual Proposal #2 was then **adopted** by approval of over 3/4 of the delegates with 152 yeases and 4 nos.

The Chancellor then brought to the floor **Ritual Proposal #3** (proposed by the Board of Directors): Allow for hybrid use of Socially Distanced Ritual in situations where some attendees are in person and others are virtual. The **motion** was made by Epsilon Zeta and **seconded** by Iota Omicron.

Ritual Proposal #3 was then **adopted** by approval of over 3/4 of the delegates with 153 yeases and 17 nos.

The Chancellor then brought to the floor **Ritual Proposal #4** (proposed by the Board of Directors): Reproduction of Ritual. The **motion** was made by Mu Psi and **seconded** by Xi Phi.

Ritual Proposal #4 failed having not met 3/4 vote of the delegates with 102 yeases and 61 nos.

The Chancellor then brought to the floor **Ritual Proposal #5** (proposed by Mu Pi): Wearing of the Badge. The **motion** was made by Mu Pi and **seconded** by San Francisco.

Ritual Proposal #5 failed having not met 3/4 vote of the delegates with 92 yeases and 65 nos.

Chancellor McDaniel recessed the meeting at 6:44 p.m. until Sunday, August 15 at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Chancellor McDaniel reconvened the Grand Chapter at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, August 15 and made announcements. Credentials Chair Havens announced 264 delegates eligible to vote with 203 present and voting.

The Chancellor brought to the floor **Bylaw Amendment #1** (proposed by the Board of Directors): Amend National Bylaws, Articles III & XIV to clarify requirements of unanimous votes. The **motion** was made by Oklahoma City-Tornado Alley and **seconded** by San Antonio.

Bylaw Amendment #1 was then **adopted** by approval of over 2/3 of the delegates with 192 yeases and 6 nos.

Article III, Section 5 of the Bylaws will now read:

Section 5. Special Meetings --- Special meetings of the Grand Chapter may be called by a unanimous vote of voting eligible members of the Board of Directors, provided at least thirty (30) days notice is given all chapters in good standing.

Article XIV, Section 4 & 5 of the Bylaws will now read:

Section 4. Placement of Chapters on Probation

c. The limitation of Section 4 (b) may be waived by a unanimous vote of voting eligible members of the Board of Directors in those specific cases deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Suspension of Chapters --- The Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, suspend a chapter's activity for a period of ninety (90) days. A suspension may be renewed for additional ninety (90) day periods by the unanimous vote of voting eligible members of the Board of Directors.

The Chancellor brought to the floor **Bylaw Amendment #2** (proposed by the North Central Province): Amend National Bylaws, Article XI "Alumni Chapters", Section 7 to change Provincial Council Delegate eligibility requirements. The **motion** was made by Upsilon and **seconded** by Epsilon Lambda.

Bylaw Amendment #2 was then **adopted** by approval of over 2/3 of the delegates with 179 yeases and 25 nos.

Article XI, Section 7 of the Bylaws will now read:

Section 7. Provincial Council Delegate --- The President of an alumni chapter shall serve as that chapter's Delegate on the Provincial Council. If, for any reason, the President is unable to attend a Provincial Council Meeting, the chapter shall, by majority vote, elect an alternate Delegate who shall be a member, in good standing, of that chapter. Any delegate must live in, and return to, the locality in which the chapter is situated as a member of that chapter. The chapter Secretary shall notify the Provincial Vice President of the election of an alternate Delegate within forty-eight (48) hours after the election.

The Chancellor brought to the floor **Bylaw Amendment #3** (proposed by the Board of Directors): Amend National Bylaws (in several places), to allow the Board to set training requirements for District Directors and Grand Officers. The **motion** was made by Iota Omicron and **seconded** by Eta Nu.

Bylaw Amendment #3 was then **adopted** by approval of over 2/3 of the delegates with 172 yeases and 32 nos.

Article IV, Section 4 of the Bylaws will now read:

Section 4. Qualifications for Office --- No one shall be elected or appointed as a Grand Officer of this Fraternity, except the Collegians of the Year and the Executive Director, until such individual has been a member of this Fraternity for three (3) years, and is an Alumni Member, and has demonstrated understanding of current Fraternity programs and operations as required by the Board of Directors. Members are allowed to be nominated for Grand Office, except the Collegians of the Year and the Executive Director, as long as they reach the three (3) year membership requirement by the date of their election. The two (2) Collegian of the Year members of the Board of Directors are the two (2) most recently installed Collegians of the Year. In order to be nominated or elected as a Provincial Vice President, the legal residence of the member so nominated or elected shall be within the confines of that Province. A Grand Officer may not be appointed over a chapter for which the Grand Officer is a Chapter Advisor and any Grand Officer who accepts a position as a Chapter Advisor of a chapter supervised by the Grand Officer shall automatically become ineligible for office and such office shall be declared vacant.

Article VIII, Section 2 of the Bylaws will now read:

Section 2. Qualifications for Office --- To be eligible for election or appointment, a Regional Vice President shall have been a member of the Fraternity for at least three (3) years at time of election or appointment, shall be an Alumni Member, and shall reside within the Region or within a reasonable distance outside of any border of the region, except as specified in section 4 of this article, and shall demonstrate understanding of current Fraternity programs and operations as required by the Board of Directors. Regional Vice President nominations for those residing outside of the region made from the floor at Congress must receive written approval from the nominations committee prior to submitting the nomination.

Article IX, Section 2 of the Bylaws will now read:

Section 2. Qualifications for Office --- All District Directors shall be Alumni Members and shall demonstrate understanding of current Fraternity programs and operations as required by the Board of Directors. District Directors may be appointed to Districts within reasonable proximity of their places of residence without regard to the geographic boundaries of the Regions in which they reside. A District Director may not be appointed over a chapter in which the District Director is a Chapter Advisor and any District Director who accepts a position as a Chapter Advisor of a chapter supervised by the District Director shall automatically become ineligible for office and such office shall be declared vacant.

Article VI, Section 1 of the Bylaws will now read (and subsequent sections will be re-numbered):

Section 1. Qualifications for Office --- All Committee Chairs appointed by the Grand President shall demonstrate understanding of current Fraternity programs and operations as required by the Board of Directors.

Chancellor McDaniel made announcements. The 2021 and 2020 National Collegian of the Year addresses were replayed for anyone who missed them on Saturday, and delegates were encouraged to make plans to attend the special meeting of the Grand Chapter in July 2022 in Cleveland.

GP Smith brought to the floor **Resolution #1** (proposed by the Board of Directors): Give the title of Executive Director Emeritus to Bill Schilling for his 26 years of service to Delta Sigma Pi.

Be it resolved that William C. Schilling, having continuously served Delta Sigma Pi nationally for over 26 years as Executive Director and now serving as the Executive Vice President of the Leadership Foundation, is looked upon with deep appreciation for his many invaluable services to Delta Sigma Pi.

His record of achievements including the distinction of serving as Executive Director of Delta Sigma Pi for over 26 years stewarding the Fraternity through hurricanes, pandemics, and other crises, raising the profile of the Fraternity among other fraternal organizations, creation of the Bill and Sherry Schilling Fraternity Grant Fund and his support and donation to the Leadership Foundation, as well as building the Central Office staff overseeing 80 different staff members since he started. Under Bill's direction, we began using email as a primary method of communication, built a website platform, ensured the organization's financial stability, and oversaw the renovation of our Central Office turning it into a functioning historical archive of Delta Sigma Pi's 114 year history. In addition, William C. Schilling oversaw 13 Grand Chapter Congresses, supported seven Grand Presidents, mentored countless volunteer leaders, and has provided a never ending supply of dad jokes, stories of his adventures and sightseeing around the world, with continued heart and brotherhood.

In special recognition thereof the members of the Grand Council desire to convey to William C. Schilling their appreciation of his long and loyal dedication and great debt of gratitude which Delta Sigma Pi holds toward him for having always given most generously of his time, talents, and treasure.

Be it therefore resolved by the rising vote of the members here assembled at this 53rd Grand Chapter Congress that the honorary title of Executive Director Emeritus be conferred upon William C. Schilling with a lifelong registration to Grand Chapter Congress, that the above resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and the permanent record of the Fraternity.

The **motion** was made by Alpha Delta and **seconded** by Kansas City. **Resolution #1** was then **adopted**.

Chancellor McDaniel then recessed the meeting from 4:03 p.m. until 4:10 p.m. He then made announcements including noting that throughout Grand Chapter Congress testimonials were submitted in writing by many members and would be available online. (Refer to Testimonial Addendum).

The election for Grand President was then held between candidates Paul J. Carpinella and Cory P. Stopka. After the vote was taken and confirmed, Stopka was announced as elected, receiving a majority of the vote. The election for Vice President-Finance was then held with Jodi L. Schoh as the only candidate. After the vote was taken and confirmed, Schoh was announced as elected. (Refer to Elections Addendum).

McDaniel then asked non-brothers to leave the meeting and Past Grand President Onuka Ibe conducted the ritualistic installation of all new national officers. Ibe made remarks followed by Smith. Newly elected Grand President Cory Stopka made remarks and then Stopka conducted

the closing Ritual, and McDaniel adjourned the 53rd Grand Chapter at 5:17 p.m. after a **motion** by Theta Kappa, Cleveland-Akron **second, was approved** by consensus with 157 yeases and 3 nos.



Tricia Smith, Grand President



Henry Keith McDaniel, Congress Chancellor



Jeremy Levine, Interim Executive Director and
Recording Secretary

ELECTIONS ADDENDUM

Grand President

Candidates:
Paul J. Carpinella
Cory P. Stopka

Elected: Stopka

Vice President-Finance

Candidates:
Jodi L. Schoh

Elected: Schoh

Vice President, North Central Province

Candidates:
Noel Niles Miller
Nicole Orlando

Elected: Orlando

Vice President, Northeastern Province

Candidates:
Stacy Jordan
James E. Kuhn
Monica Monroe

Elected: Monroe

Vice President, South Central Province

Candidates:
Charles M. Kenney

Elected: Kenney

Vice President, Southern Province

Candidates:
Meghan L. Hill

Elected: Hill

Vice President-Western Province

Candidates:
Trey Hernandez
Erica J. Kolsrud

Elected: Kolsrud

Atlantic Coast Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Trina L. Kirk

Elected by acclamation: Kirk

Bay Area Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Ma Melanie Legaspi Parazo

Elected by acclamation: Parazo

Capital Regional Vice President

Candidates:
None

Elected: No election held.

Central Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Elected by acclamation: Wells

Rebecca M. Wells

Central Gulf Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Kyle W. Bischoff

Elected by acclamation: Bischoff

Desert Mountain Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Grissel R. Rodriguez

Elected by acclamation: Rodriguez

East Central Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Kenneth A. Wepler

Elected by acclamation: Wepler

Eastern Regional Vice President

Candidates:

None

Elected: No election held.

Empire Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Charles A. Weening

Elected by acclamation: Weening

Gateway Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Joseph M. Shaver

Elected by acclamation: Shaver

Great Lakes Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Zachary D. Hanson

Elected by acclamation: Hanson

Great Plains Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Jody E. Dierickx

Elected by acclamation: Dierickx

Gulf South Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Laura D. Bensabat

Elected by acclamation: Bensabat

Gulf Western Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Gilbert Landras

Elected by acclamation: Landras

Huron Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Anna M. Trenshaw

Elected by acclamation: Trenshaw

Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Chelsey Fix

Marlena C. Jones

Elected: Fix

Mid-South Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Madison Whitehouse

Elected by acclamation: Whitehouse

Midwestern Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Katie McGrath Whalen

Elected by acclamation: Whalen

New England Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Jennifer Huynh

Elected by acclamation: Huynh

Niagara Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Robert Fosdick

Elected by acclamation: Fosdick

North Central Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Danielle Gohman

Elected by acclamation: Gohman

Pacific Coast Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Timothy G. Beasley
Carley Haro

Elected: Beasley

Pacific Northwest Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Samantha Clark

Elected by acclamation: Clark

Rocky Mountain Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Nicolas J. Rizzi

Elected by acclamation: Rizzi

Sierra Nevada Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Cody Heimerdinger

Elected by acclamation: Heimerdinger

South Atlantic Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Ronald Neto-Taylor

Elected by acclamation: Neto-Taylor

South Pacific Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Y. Lynnette Servaes
Louise Santos

Elected: Santos

Southeastern Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Kenneth L. Cook

Elected by acclamation: Cook

Southwestern Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Sara Casey

Elected by acclamation: Casey

Steel Valley Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Patrick A. Bonfrisco

Elected by acclamation: Bonfrisco

Tornado Alley Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Mark R. Wernette

Elected by acclamation: Wernette

TESTIMONIAL ADDENDUM (All submitted in writing between August 4 and August 12)

Carrie Burns, Southern Provincial Vice President, offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas: it has been said that great leaders believe they work for their team and through trust and mutual respect teams inspire greatness.

Whereas: the Southern Province has grown by leaps and bounds over the past two biennium thanks to the Regional Vice Presidents, District Directors, and other volunteer leaders I have been fortunate enough to serve with.

Whereas: the past two bienniums spent with the Southern Province team have been some of the most rewarding and inspiring years I've spent with Delta Sigma Pi and look back with fond memories.

Therefore: I want to express my deepest gratitude to the SoPro ChickBros: Trina Kirk (Atlantic Coast RVP), Holly Vernon Tucker (Central Gulf RVP), Aimee King (Mid-Atlantic RVP), Madison Whitehouse (Mid-South RVP), Gabby Leto (South Atlantic RVP), & Meghan Hill (Southeastern RVP) for their support, relentless dedication to the entire SoPro team, and their commitment to their teams and chapters. They are truly shining examples of leadership not only for our Province but for all Deltasigs. Proud to be a Deltasig (virtual mic drop).

Brendon Olson, of Lambda Nu Chapter, offered the following Testimonial:

This testimonial is in memory of Victory Walker from the Lambda Nu Chapter at Texas A&M. Victoria passed one year ago in a tragic accident, but her spirit and passion for Delta Sigma Pi will always be remembered and continues to live on within our chapter.

Gayle Gerhardt, on behalf of Cincinnati Alumni Chapter, offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas, Brother James Kuhn has served Delta Sigma Pi as East Central Regional Vice President for four years, and is a current member of the Cincinnati Alumni Chapter. Since being initiated in 2006, James has held countless national offices, has had numerous fraternal responsibilities, and has served in many roles. He has attended more than 20 national and regional Delta Sigma Pi events. James has dedicated himself to ongoing training and development, including earning Tier 2 Certified Deltasig Leader status. As a collegiate brother, James Kuhn served Xi Upsilon (Marshall University) in a dozen roles including Chapter President.

Whereas, as RVP, James oversaw the expansion the East Central Region by facilitating the colonization and installation of Psi Omega (Capital University, Columbus, OH) and supporting the Northern Kentucky University Colony (Highland Heights, KY). Additionally, the Dayton (OH) Alumni Chapter has been franchised. James is supporting the establishment the Columbus (OH) and the WV/KY/OH Tri-State Alumni Chapters.

Whereas, James set-up and attended 20 (!) Zoom events for the Cincinnati Alumni Chapter.

And whereas, we wish to thank James' wife, Mindy Kuhn, and his daughter for enthusiastically supporting James' Fraternity involvement.

Therefore, on behalf of the Cincinnati Alumni Chapter, we express our greatest gratitude and appreciation to East Central Regional Vice President James Kuhn. Much thanks. Good luck in all your future endeavors, Fraternity and otherwise.

Lainey Gover offered the following Testimonial:

Brothers, we lost a great brother in December 2020. Brother Timothy Gover passed away on December 3, 2020. Brother Gover was initiated in the Southern Methodist University chapter and went on to serve the Fraternity as a District Director for several chapters and a Chapter Advisor to the Eastern Illinois University Chapter. Brother Gover was also the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2015 Chicago GCC.

Tim Gover gave from his great store of good fellowship through time serving on various committees and boards as well as donating money to the Leadership Foundation throughout his lifetime.

Tim Gover was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He continues to live on in the memories of his son, Ed Gover, daughter-in-law, Bonnie Gover, granddaughters, Lainey and Katie Gover, younger brother, Phil Gover, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Additionally, Tim served his community until his final days as the mayor of Mattoon, IL, the city he was born and raised in and where he raised his family.

While he will be missed dearly, Brother Tim Gover has finally been reunited with his wife Marilyn Gover (Pink Poodle) and youngest brother Robert Gover (another Brother of the Fraternity) and will continue to watch over the Fraternity in spirit.

Brother Gover loved this Fraternity and everything it stood for. He tried to live by the virtues we teach and aspired to be the ideal brother in every way possible. I am proud to call him Brother and Grandpa. I know that he will never be forgotten. He was a true brother of Delta Sigma Pi and the world is better because he dwelt upon it.

Carrie Burns, Southern Provincial Vice President, offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas: the year I pledged Delta Sigma Pi's Alpha Tau Chapter as a transfer student at Mercer University in 1995, Bill Schilling became the 12th Executive Director of the Fraternity.

Whereas: I have never known another Executive Director in my 26 years with the Fraternity, but I know the next will have very big shoes to fill as Bill has done an amazing job in the role and has been approachable, responsive, dedicated, and above all else hysterical.

Whereas: did you hear the one about the restaurant on the moon? Great food, no atmosphere

Therefore: LOL, I want to thank Bill for always being on the ready with a joke and a smile. Your service to the Fraternity has been invaluable and I wish you nothing but the best in your new role with the Leadership Foundation and retirement in the coming years.

Sarah King, Cody Heimerdinger, Omar Sandoval and Stacy Jordan offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic led many brothers to feel disconnected from others.

Whereas many alumni live far from a franchised alumni chapter and struggle to remain connected to the fraternity.

Whereas a group of brothers sought to connect brothers during challenging times from all corners of the country.

Whereas this group of brothers started important discussions around alumni engagement and other aspects of fraternity operations.

Whereas this group of brothers hosted numerous professional and fraternal education events while also hosting a number of social “tavern” events.

Whereas this group of brothers reinstated a sense of brotherhood that many only felt during Grand Chapter Congress.

Whereas this group of brothers fostered friendships among brothers who may have never met even with national events

Be it resolved that we recognize FRAC, the Fairbanks Remote Alumni Chapter also known as the Free Range Alumni Community, for all that its leadership and members have done during the pandemic and all that they will do for our fraternity in the future. May we never lose our sense of brotherhood and may we always remember that “we are better because we dwell together.” And remember, the tavern is always open!

Yolonda Washington of Zeta Eta Chapter offered the following Testimonial:

As a first time delegate, it was a great experience to be a part of something so important and know that my input matters. I am looking forward to many GCC in the future.

Erica Kolsrud, South Pacific Regional Vice President, offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas I have had the honor of serving the South Pacific Region for the past six years as their Regional Vice President where the brothers of this region never ceased to amaze me and challenged me to be better. I can never thank them all enough for showing me what this fraternity and brotherhood means. To the alumni leaders who served in this region, I thank you for your continued service, guidance, friendship and leading by example. The South Pacific Region is lucky to have you in their corner. To the chapters in the region, I am continually impressed by you and I am honored to have witnessed your strength, professionalism, service and leadership over these past six years. Thank you, Proud to be a Deltasig.

Western Province Leadership Team offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas this past biennium was anything but ordinary, the Western Provincial team was grateful to have Brother Crystal Justice as our Provincial Vice President. And this gratitude extends over the past four years. Thank you for your service to the fraternity and your friendship over the years. Know that you will always have a friend in us and that your dreams should reach to infinity and beyond. You led us with pride and you made us strong. And the line where the sky meets the sea, It calls you to a new adventure in this fraternity.

Whereas you have been an amazing leader and mentor to all of the RVPs, always motivating chapters to do their best in all aspects in chapter operations and serving as an advocate for not only the Western chapters but also to our individual brothers within those chapters as well.

Be it resolved, on behalf of the Western Provincial RVP Leadership team for these past four years, Nyonohse Wreh, David Pratt, Jen Lee, Morgan Conklin, Sam Clark, Kristyn Koller, Cody Heimerdinger, Nick Rizzi, Mel Parazo, and Erica Kolsrud, this isn't goodbye, but a see you real soon. Deltasig for Life!

James Kuhn, East Central Regional Vice President, offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas my time as East Central Regional Vice President winds down, I'd like to give a sincere thank you to those brothers that have lent their support during my journey.

Whereas without the votes of the delegates and/or alternates in my two elections, I would not have had the distinct pleasure of serving this outstanding region.

Whereas without the support of the collegiates and alumni in the region, I would not have been able to provide guidance at the various chapters within the region, seek to colonize two universities, create alumni chapters throughout the region, and continually challenge myself.

Whereas without the support of my District Directors and Awards Committee, the region would have suffered and would have never flourished the way it has.

Whereas without the support of James and Gayle Gerhardt and them opening their home to me, my budget would not have sufficed.

Whereas without the support of Mary Miracle, I would most certainly not have the confidence, nor be where I am today.

Whereas without the support from Central Office Staff, I would have had a lot of unanswered questions and not have served at the capacity necessary to be successful.

Whereas with the support of the Northeastern Provincial Team, I was able to learn and lead with an outstanding group of Brothers to ensure our province flourished.

Whereas without the mentoring of Daniel Collins, I would not have imagined running for Northeastern PVP as soon as I did.

Whereas without the support of my loving wife and daughter, Mindy and Claire, I would not have been able to give back to the fraternity in the capacity I desired.

Whereas there will still always be work to do, I plan on doing all that I can to contribute to the welfare and progress of the fraternity.

Therefore, let it be known, this will not be my last role of service with Delta Sigma Pi, but rather a short stop on my journey to achieve more!!!!

Thank you everyone for everything!!!!

James Kuhn, East Central Regional Vice President, offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas without FRAC, I would not have had the mental endurance to make it through this pandemic.

Whereas with the support of the Brothers in FRAC, I was able to feel normal, accepted, and feel I had value to provide on a national scale.

Whereas without the events and groups provided through FRAC, I would have had much more boring Fridays (and later on, Tuesdays...and various random days in between).

Therefore, let it be known, that my love for the Brothers of FRAC is real and will continue to flourish up until, including, and beyond us meeting in person at future Deltasig events.

Thank you FRAC for everything!!!! I love you all!!!!

Jen Huynh, Monica Monroe, James Kuhn, Nick Brown, Charles Weening, Rob Fosdick, Kyra Cahill, and the Northeastern Provincial Leadership Team offered the following Testimonial:

On behalf of Team Northeast, the 2017-2021 RVPs, and the Provincial Chairs:

Whereas Daniel (Dan) Collins has led the Northeastern Province for the past four years,

Whereas Dan has earned various titles and distinctions, including; Dan ""The Man"" Collins, Captain of the Province of Champions, boss of the NorthBeast, kingpin of karate, ice cream connoisseur, resident sailing enthusiast, leader with an affinity for the lumberjack lifestyle, fearless father, humble husband, fantastic friend, beloved Brother, and the nice and noble Northeastern Provincial Vice President,

Whereas we “ran with Dan” when he campaigned, we hit the ground running as team Northeast,

Whereas Dan has had many conversations with members, especially team Northeast, about making Delta Sigma Pi better,

Whereas we had numerous successful events, including our last in-person event being the 2020 Northeastern Provincial LEAD where our Roarin’ 20’s nicknames and that one photo will be with us forever,

Whereas team Northeast recognizes defeat in the “gains goal” to as a team physically lift Dan on the stage at the 2021 Northeastern Provincial (that was cancelled due to the pandemic) and instead sent Dan cookies, ice cream, and other treats to make up for it,

Whereas we’ve had many memories shared which led to smiles, belly laughs, and happy tears streaming down our faces (including sharing memes, counting the number of times “tentacles” was said in a meeting, late-night ice cream parties, eating lots of cookies and jumbo waffles, and everything else),

Whereas we probably used the word “unprecedented” way too many times in the past two years of his term over hours on Zoom until we became pumpkins ready for bed,

Whereas we thank Brother Ginny Collins for her friendship, hospitality, cookies, and support of Dan and our team these past four years,

Whereas we thank and hug Nathan for letting us borrow his dad for a few years,

Whereas we recognize that even through the toughest times, Dan, “the Godfather”, was our fearless leader who served in the role with grace, humility, and the utmost confidence representing Northeastern Province on the board,

Let it be proclaimed that we truly appreciate and are grateful to Dan for the positive impact he’s made as Northeastern Provincial Vice President. Between everything that occurred these past four years, you developed Brotherhood and friendship along the way with each of us. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve with and learn from Dan. It has been an honor to serve and be part of his time on the board and serving the Northeastern Province. We appreciate Ginny and Nathan for their support of you. You all make us proud to be Deltasigs. Thank you for everything and enjoy retirement from the Board of Directors!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Team Northeast, aka team NorthBEAST, aka your mafia province

Stacy Jordan offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic changed our GCC from an in-person to a virtual event.

Whereas many delegates of the Northeastern Province had to follow social media to meet and greet their regional and provincial leadership candidates.

Whereas a group of brothers from the Cincy Alumni and New England Region created townhalls for PVP candidates to discuss their platforms.

Be it resolved that I recognize the brothers of the Northeastern Province who offered their support for my candidacy as PVP and also thank my family and friends who supported my candidacy as well. Words can't describe what your love and support mean to me.