

Minutes of the Western Provincial Council Meeting
Sunday, February 26, 2006
Anaheim, California

A. Regional Meetings

Each Regional Vice President led a regional meeting with delegates prior to council meeting.

B. Opening Ritual

The meeting was opened by Ritual by Chuck Brown (*Western PVP*).

C. Call the Meeting to Order

The chancellor, Nina Metzger (*Iota Pi*) called the meeting to order.

D. Roll Call

Roll call of the delegates was taken.

Present: Western PVP, Bay Area RVP, Desert Mountain RVP, Pacific Coast RVP, Rocky Mountain RVP, South Pacific RVP, Sierra Nevada RVP, Rho, Phi, Alpha Rho, Gamma Iota, Gamma Psi, Gamma Xi, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Phi, Gamma Omega, Delta Omicron, Delta Pi, Delta Sigma, Epsilon Theta, Epsilon Phi, Zeta Kappa, Zeta Omega, Eta Chi, Theta Chi, Iota Pi, Iota Upsilon, Iota Phi, Kappa Mu, Lambda Mu, Lambda Pi, Lambda Sigma, Lambda Phi, Lambda Chi, Mu Rho, Mu Chi, Mu Chi, Nu Rho, Nu Phi, Xi Omicron, Xi Pi, Omicron Sigma, Los Angeles, Inland Empire, Orange County, Phoenix-Thunderbird

Not Present: Alpha Rho, Epsilon Upsilon, Lamba Psi, Albuquerque High Desert, Chico, Hawaii, Sacramento Valley, Fresno-Central Valley

E. Adopt Agenda

Moved by Kappa Mu / Seconded by LA Alumni Chapter
Passed with no objections.

F. Approve the Minutes of the Previous Council Meeting

Moved by Gamma Xi / Seconded by Gamma Phi
Passed with no objections.

G. Review Votes Taken Since the Last Meeting

NONE

H. Receive or Distribute the Reports of the Provincial Vice President

Chuck Brown / Western PVP

Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

I. Receive or Distribute the Reports of the Regional Vice Presidents
Bay Area Region / Lisa Brown
Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Desert Mountain Region / Justin Cramner
Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Pacific Coast Region / Paul Dawson
Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Rocky Mountain Region / Richard Horvath
Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

South Pacific Region / Tom Skinner
Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Sierra Nevada Region / Amanda Smith
Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

J. Receive or Distribute a Provincial Financial Report
Distributed prior to Council Meeting.

Motion to approve provincial budget.
Moved by Gamma Omicron / Seconded by Xi Omega
Passed with no objections.

K. Receive or Distribute the Reports of the Provincial Committees
Alumni Development / Rochelle Siegrist & Katie Paulsen
Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Community Service / Erin Skattum
Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Professional Development / Vacant

Scholastic Development and Awards / Corey Polton
Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Centennial Celebration / Patti La Marr
No Report

Technology / Matt Temple
Oral Report Given
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Provincial Discipline Committee / Chuck Brown
No Appeals / No Reports

L. Old Business
NONE

M. New Business
Proposal 1 – Free Provincial Conference Registrations to Past
Western PVPs
Moved by Nu Phi / Seconded by Eta Chi
Passed with no objections.

N. Determine the Date and Location for 2008 Annual Meeting
Proposed 2008 Annual Meeting Locations
Sacramento / San Jose / Tucson / San Diego / Denver
San Diego Chosen as Preferred Location by Straw Pool
San Jose Chosen as Alternative Location by Straw Pool
Denver Chosen as Second Alternative Location by Straw Pool

Proposed 2008 Annual Meeting Dates
February 17 / February 24 / March 2 / March 9
February 24 Chosen as Preferred Date by Straw Pool
February 17 Chosen as Alternative Date by Straw Pool
March 2 Chosen as Second Alternative Date by Straw Pool

Q. Closing Ritual
Motion to close meeting.
Moved by Iota Pi / Seconded by Theta Chi
Passed with no objections.

Chuck Brown (*Western PVP*) closed the meeting by ritual.

R. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Anadelia Rodriguez (*Theta Chi*)
Chuck Brown (*Western Provincial Vice President*)

REPORT OF THE WESTERN PROVINCIAL VICE PRESIDENT

Chuck Brown

February 2006

General Comments:

The province continues to do extremely well. We continue to have strong attendance at national events, high ranking CEI totals and award participation.

The province also continues to increase its number of regional events. We have had a number of regional initiations, area conferences and regional meetings already occur this school year.

We also have a number of initiatives going on in the province, including the development of a provincial Web site, and others detailed in this report.

Leadership Development:

The province as a whole continues to maintain a strong focus on leadership identification and development. Overall, with DDs and committees, the Western Province has more than 60 alumni brothers serving in some type of voluntary capacity. However, in some the isolated geographic areas, we still encounter difficulties in finding DDs.

The Provincial DD Guide continues to be well received. The leadership team will be making some edits to it this spring based on feedback received. We are also planning a volunteer training program in May. Details included the Provincial Professional Development Committee report.

Based on the guide's success, we are currently putting together one for the RVPs and provincial chairs. This will assist in the further development of the chairs and the education of future RVPs. Parts of the guide have already been used piece mail and have been well received.

CEI:

Chapters that missed GCC – 3
Chapters that missed Fall Officer Report – 4
Chapters that missed Fall Dues – 2
Chapters that missed Fall Pledging – 2
Chapters that missed Fall Initiation Planning – 3
Chapters that missed Fall Initiation Report – 1
Chapters that missed Fall Strategic Plan – 1

Chapters that will not receive 100 points – 9
Chapters still on track to receive 100 points - 28

Awards:

We had 31 chapters (84%) in the province nominate a chapter COY. While the number of participating chapters went down from the previous year, the actual number of completed applications went up.

The regional selection committees mostly included non-district directors, allowing for involvement of additional brothers.

The provincial awards committee and RVPs are currently promoting participation in the end of the year awards. Part of this promotion includes continuing to offer free registrations to the Provincial winners of the Most Improved Chapter and Most Outstanding Chapter awards.

LEAD School:

The province had 18 of its collegiate chapters attend the Colorado Springs LEAD School. We had four other chapters attend a LEAD School outside the province. The chapters that did not attend a LEAD School will be making up the CEI points through regional area conferences. The Pacific Coast Region and Bay Area Region had area conferences in January. The Sierra Nevada Region currently has an area conference tentatively scheduled in May and South Pacific's is to TBD. The Rocky Mountain Region and Desert Mount Region had all chapters attend a LEAD School and will not be holding area conferences.

Overall, the Colorado Springs LEAD School was a success, with more than 100 brothers in attendance. More than 80% of the brothers were from the Rocky Mountain Region, who hosted its first national event in more than six years, and a large portion were attending their first ever national event. While flight costs limited collegiate participation from other parts of the province, the LEAD School accomplished its goal of interaction with chapters from Colorado.

We introduced the province's new travel awards, named after past Western PVPs, and will continue the awards at upcoming LEAD Schools and LEAD Provincial Conferences.

Discipline Issues:

We have three chapters on probation for risk management violations. A number of chapter issues also arose recently, including alcohol violations, pledge retention, low performing CEI and pledge events not included in the standard pledge program.

Expansion:

Nu Zeta Tau at California State University, East Bay (Hayward) continues to do well. They are aiming for a May installation.

We have receive interest from students in starting chapters at UC Santa Cruz, Seattle Pacific University and Washington State University. We also continue to inquire about UC Santa Barbara.

We are exploring additional expansion possibilities and will be updating the Western Province Expansion Guide and Handbook this spring.

Travel During Period:

9/16-9/18/05	Board Meeting and Grand Officer Retreat – Oxford, OH
10/1/05	Golden Helmet Ceremony
11/5/05	Colorado Springs LEAD School
11/12/05	Arizona Tri-Chapter Initiation - Phoenix
11/12/05	Golden Helmet and Silver Helmet Award Banquet – Phoenix
11/19/05	Delta Pi / Epsilon Phi / Lambda Mu Initiation – Sacramento
12/3/05	Pacific Coast Regional Initiation and Banquet – Riverside/Redlands
1/21/06	Western Provincial Leadership Team Meeting – Chico
1/28/06	Bay Area Region Area Conference – Berkeley
2/3-2/5/06	Board Meeting
2/24/06	L.A. Alumni Chapter's Golf Banquet

Regional Vice President Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Lisa Brown

Region: Bar Area Region

Status of Region:

- Every chapter chose a COY.
- There is at least one brother from every chapter in the region going to the Provincial Conference.
- All chapters are on track for 97 points or more.

Accomplishments:

- Conducted an Area Conference where all chapters attended which included a keynote speaker to talk about interviewing tips, free pizza, and giveaways from target.
- After two years, the colony finally has recruited enough members that it will be installed in the spring quarter.

Future Goals:

- All chapters to finish the year with 97 or more CEI points.
- All chapters complete at least one award application.

Expansion:

There are two students interested in starting a chapter at UC Santa Cruz.

Upcoming Events:

Brotherhood Games – April 15

WRI – April 29

District Directors:

- Rho - Aouie Remigio
- Gamma Xi – Natalie Nguyen
- Gamma Omicron - Erica Paul
- Delta Omicron – Amit Vaidya
- Theta Chi – Hope Tucay
- Nu Zeta Tau – Claire Roberts & Sanjay Trivedi

Awards Committee Members:

Trevor Wilson / Dan Wilcox / Christina DiLauro

Visits:

August 26 – Meet Colony President in Hayward
September 8 – Theta Chi Meet the Chapter
September 27 – Rho Pledging Ceremony
September 28 – Colony Information Night
October 2 – Skip's Golden Helmet Dinner
October 7 – Colony Pizza Night
October 2 – Delta Omicron Chapter meeting
October 12 – Gamma Xi Pledging Ceremony
October 22^h – Brotherhood Games
October 25 – Colony Meeting
November 4 – Colorado Springs LEAD School
November 11 – Delta Omicron Initiation
November 16 – Colony meeting
November 17 – Rho Initiation
November 18 – Theta Chi Initiation
November 19 – Gamma Omicron Initiation

January 6 – Colony Pizza Night
January 21 – Leadership Meeting
January 24 – Rho Meet the Chapter
January 29 - Area Conference Berkeley
February 2 – Gamma Xi Recruiting Event
February 8 – Delta Omicron MTC

Regional Vice President Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Justin Cranmer
Region: Desert Mountain

Status of Region:

- Overall CEI for 2005-06 is slightly below target, though most chapters are performing well.
- 100% Fall LEAD attendance (either Colorado Springs or Dallas)
- Arizona Tri-Chapter Initiation

Accomplishments:

- Visited five (of six) collegiate chapters during Fall semester
- Appointed four District Directors

Future Goals:

- Every chapter applying for an award
- Maximize CEI
- Create more multi-chapter events, including alumni participation

Expansion:

There is limited opportunity for collegiate expansion in DM. Possible alumni interest in El Paso and Tucson.

Disciplinary Issues:

Gamma Omega was taken off probation. No current issues

District Directors:

Gamma Iota / Anna Clark	Gamma Phi / Guillermo Castañeda
Gamma Psi / Tyler Dejarnette	Gamma Omega / Cinamon Wiles
Epsilon Upsilon / [Open]	Zeta Omega / Serena Unrein

Awards Committee Members:

Mark Fusler / Dan Coperich / Rajat Mohindra

Visits:

08/31/05	Gamma Psi Recruitment Event
09/09/05	Gamma Omega Recruitment Event
09/16/05	Zeta Omega Pledging Ceremony
11/05/05	Colorado Springs LEAD School
11/12/05	Arizona Initiation (Gamma Psi/Gamma Omega/Zeta Omega) and Phoenix-Thunderbird Alumni banquet
11/18/05	Gamma Phi Initiation
12/02-03/05	Gamma Iota Initiation, Rose Ball
1/21/06	Western Provincial Leadership Team Meeting
02/01/06	Zeta Omega Recruitment Event
02/09/06	Gamma Psi Chapter Business Meeting

Regional Vice President Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Paul P Dawson

Region: Pacific Coast Region

Status of Region:

We have six of our chapters able to achieve 100 CEI points, with the other on track to receive over 90. The attitude of the chapters is very positive, with all chapters in attendance at GCC, and over 90 signed up for provincial conference.

Accomplishments:

The region finished in first place in CEI in the nation for the third year in a row. We have the only chapter in the nation to ever receive Honor Roll (Lambda Sigma), and the National Chapter of the Year (Lambda Sigma). We have one of only three chapters to receive Honorable Mention (Eta Chi), and the National Community Service Award winner (Eta Chi). All Chapters had a DD in August. The region held its 5th annual Regional Initiation/Banquet with all chapters participating in the banquet. We held our semi-annual Regional Conference last month, with all Chapters attending.

Future Goals:

We are planning a regional professional event for next year, and will introduce a new supplement to CEI called the EPPs system next year. We will have a regional winner in every awards category, including special Regional Awards. To again accomplish perfect CEI for the Region is one of our ultimate goals for next year.

Expansion:

The San Diego Alumni Chapter is slated to begin recruiting in April.

Disciplinary Issues:

There are no disciplinary issues in the region; however, two chapters have had minor issues that are being addressed.

Upcoming Events:

We will start our centennial celebration in August at our Fall Regional Retreat. We will have a community service, professional event, and our 6th Annual Regional Initiation/Banquet with all Chapters participating in both events.

District Directors:

Valerie Martinez - Eta Chi

Karthik Paramasivam - Iota Pi

Eric Harvey - Omicron Sigma

Traci Taplin - Lambda Pi

Richard Valones - Lambda Sigma

Patrick Bonfrisco - Xi Pi

Edward Pierce - Lambda Chi

Awards Committee Members:

Jonn Perez / Rae Celumata / Michelle Cipolla

Travel During Period:

September

Grand Officer Retreat / Lambda Sigma Pledging Ceremony

October

Regional DD Meeting / Iota Pi Chapter Visit & Pledge Meeting

November

Chapter Visits: Eta Chi / Xi Pi / Lambda Chi / Lambda Pi / Omicron Sigma

Colorado Springs LEAD School / Lobster Fest / Iota Pi Special Meeting

Regional DD Meeting

December

Regional Initiation & Banquet / Chapter Visit: Lambda Sigma

January

Western Provincial Leadership Team Meeting / Regional Retreat

February

Chapter Retreats: Lambda Pi / Omicron Sigma / Lambda Chi

Recruiting Event: Iota Pi

Regional Vice President Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Richard Horvath

Region: Rocky Mountain Region

Status of Region:

The Rocky Mountain Region has been pretty strong as a whole. Most of the chapters are still eligible for 100 points this year. We had good representation from all chapters at the Colorado Springs lead in November. Collegiate moral is high and the chapters are taking a pro-active approach to inter-region communication. A lot of chapters are also involving more alumni in their events and are actively working towards building those relationships.

Future Goals:

The Rocky Mountain Region has some very strong chapters. I would like to see an R. Nelson Mitchell Outstanding Collegiate Chapter Award presented to a chapter in the region. I would also like to see several chapters honor-rolled.

Expansion:

There is currently no expansion planned.

Disciplinary Issues:

There are no discipline issues to report.

Upcoming Events:

Nu Phi chapter is planning to conduct a rose banquet.

District Directors:

Brian Carpenter – Alpha Rho

Erin Renee – Alpha Nu

Jackie Charles – Mu Rho

Chris Hyskell – Mu Chi

Vacant – Zeta Kappa

Vacant – Nu Phi

Regional Awards Committee Members:

Keith Ganger

Tisoy Aligaen

Kathy Beckwith

Sandy Shoemaker

Gina Wing

Regional Vice President Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Thomas "Tom" Skinner
Region: South Pacific Region

Status of Region:

- We have an outstanding group of collegiate leaders at each of the chapters. The chapter's Executive Committees have shown tremendous professionalism in dealing with some hard tasks.
- CEI has seen a steady increase with most chapters on pace to achieve 100 points.
- Four chapters attended the Colorado Springs LEAD School. I'm working with the chapters to plan a Regional Conference to allow more student leaders to experience some educational seminars and participate in discussions.
- The Los Angeles Alumni Chapter has become instrumental in seeking out alumni both old and new and keeping them involved as alumni brothers.

Accomplishments:

- Met many times with the Regional Leadership Team, which is composed of the Chapter President, two to three members of the Executive Committee and DDs.
- Established a regional Yahoo! Group for communication and data warehouse.
- Established a SharkFest Committee that is working with every chapter in the South Pacific Region and some in the Pacific Coast Region, to execute one of the best SharkFest events in years.
- Identifying new alumni brothers as future leaders, and providing them roles to grow themselves with fraternity knowledge and experience.

Future Goals:

- Continue the pace of each chapter submitting at least one national award.
- Developing the alumni base in the region with the establishment of another alumni chapter in the Northern Los Angeles County/Santa Barbara-Region.
- Working with the collegiate chapters in providing education and two-way communication between the Board of Directors and local collegiate brothers.
- Address Risk Management through on-going educational seminars and discussions, with a specific focus on the Pledge Program and Responsible Drinking.
- Continue to work with the VP Chapter Operations at each chapter to address chapter-specific CEI challenges, including the development of a "CEI Boot Camp" between terms for newly-elected VP Chapter Operations and interested chapter members.

Expansion:

Exploring expansion at UC Santa Barbara and CSU Los Angeles. Central Office staff will also be exploring UH-Manoa, on the Island of Oahu in Hawaii.

Disciplinary Issues:

Two chapters are currently on probation but should be off by the end of the summer.

District Directors:

Phi: Evan Bass

Delta Sigma: Lee Comer

Iota Upsilon: Bill Thompson

Lambda Phi: Charles Carmichael

Lambda Psi: Vacant

Kappa Mu: Erica Verderico

Xi Omicron: Chris Garlington

Chapter Visits:

Fall 2005:

- Phi: Pledge Class meeting
- Delta Sigma: Pledge Class meeting, Risk Management Seminar, and Business Meetings.
- Lambda Phi: Pledge Class meeting, Chapter Business Meetings, and Meet the Chapter.
- Iota Upsilon: Initiation and Meet the Chapter

Spring 2006:

- To date: Lambda Phi, Delta Sigma, and Iota Upsilon *Meet the Chapter* events.
- Planned: Kappa Mu's 25th Anniversary Weekend / various initiations, / meeting with pledge classes / other events.

Regional Vice President Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Amanda Smith
Region: Sierra Nevada

Status of Region:

- All chapters were present for GCC.
- President's meeting laid the foundation for the start of a new region.

Accomplishments:

- Working on having a regional fall initiation. Three chapters were able to make it happen last semester and two more are willing to join in next fall.

Future Goals:

- A regular Officer retreat for the region (depends on the success of the area conference).
- For every chapter to apply for at least one award.
- All DD's for the 06/07 year to be appointed by 7/1/06.

Expansion:

- No colonies at the present time.
- New alumni chapter at Chico is doing well at recruiting, working with the local chapter, and putting on events.

Disciplinary Issues:

One chapter currently on probation. Recruiting and pledge retention is an area of focus for the rest of the year.

Upcoming Events:

Area Conference – May 2006
WRI – April 29

District Directors:

Mar Hoyos – Iota Phi Jeanine Fong – Nu Rho
Jessica Lind – Epsilon Theta Autumn Davis – Epsilon Phi

Awards Committee Members:

Michelle Matz / Erin Costa / Dave Galloway

Visits:

Date	Chapter/Travel to:	Comments
08/21/05	Iota Phi	Chapter Meeting
08/21/05	Sacramento	President's Meeting
09/10/05	Epsilon Phi	Recruiting Event
09/24/05	Central Office, Ohio	Grand Officer Retreat
10/1/05	Skip Loomis and Bill Thompson	Golden Helmet Dinner
10/10/05	Nu Rho	Recruiting Event
10/16/05	Epsilon Phi	Chapter Meeting
11/01/05	Epsilon Theta	Professional Event
11/18/05	Sacramento	Tri-Chapter Initiation
1/21/06	Chico	Western Provincial Leadership Team Meeting

Provincial Committee Chair Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Rochelle Siegrist and Katie Paulsen

Provincial Committee: Western Provincial Alumni Development Committee

Accomplishments:

The Provincial Alumni Development Committee's first project was a survey of the Western Province Alumni Chapters. The survey was designed to gather basic information from our chapters, with the goal of identifying both unique and common characteristics. The survey was 16 questions in length and covered a wide range of topics, including:

Chapter Goals	Chapter Programs
Membership Structure	Membership Statistics
Relationship/Communication with Alumni & Collegiate Chapters	
Alumni Development – at the Individual and Chapter levels	

Results will be shared on a National level with the NADC, to further a number of key initiatives, namely Increased Communication, Alumni Chapter Best Practices and Further Definition of the Role of the Vice President of Alumni Relations.

Future Goals:

- Develop and help alumni chapters execute a survey targeted at individual alumni in their geographic regions. The survey will solicit feedback regarding collegiate chapters, alumni chapters, national alumni development programs, potential ideas for programs, etc. An emphasis will be placed on membership, i.e. why do alumni join alumni chapters and/or what is preventing them from participating actively or joining altogether. These results will be shared with the NADC to further these initiatives: Increased Communication and Transition of Collegiates to Alumni.
- Develop or improve upon at least one purely-alumni-focused program session at LEAD, based on feedback from alumni and chapters.
- Work with the Technology Committee to develop a tool or mechanism for alumni chapters within the Western Province to use to contact each other and share ideas and event information.

National Update:

The National Alumni Development Committee is focused on 5 key initiatives:

1. Improving communication to alumni chapters including downstream (Leadership Organization to Chapter), upstream (Alumni Chapter to Leadership Organization) and across stream (Alumni Chapter to/from Collegiate Chapter). (*Rochelle Siegrist serves on this initiative task force*)
2. Analyzing the VPAR role in the collegiate chapter and potentially further define this position. (*Katie Paulsen serves on this initiative task force*)
3. Developing a "Best Practices" manual for alumni chapters based on specific core competencies identified by the committee and solicitation of detailed information from alumni chapters.
4. Transitioning seamlessly graduating collegiate brothers into alumni brothers with a focus on involvement in alumni chapters.
5. Evaluating alternate methods of providing recognition to deserving alumni brothers.

Committee Members:

None – this will become important once we identify "common interests" across the province and generate ideas for province-wide or shared events/seminars/etc. We expect to solicit volunteers this Spring.

Upcoming Events:

April 25 is National Alumni Appreciation Day. The WPADC will poll Collegiate and Alumni Chapters regarding their planned activities and share this information with all of the Western Province Chapters. The hope is that this may generate some regional or co-sponsored events to bring Alumni together on a broader level.

Provincial Committee Chair Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Erin Skattum
Provincial Committee: Community Service

Accomplishments:

Mainly we have monitored chapter's community service events and have assisted and offered advice.

We also conducted the Second Annual "Make a Difference, Make a Drop" at the Colorado Springs LEAD School, where a \$100 was raised for hurricane relief.

Future Goals:

Plan and hold one to two provincial wide community service events that each chapter can take part in their city, or an event that everyone can participate in at a LEAD event.

National Update:

The national committee has reviewed all chapter's community service events and placed them into categories in one huge excel document, so that we can better track what each chapter is doing, and possibly combine large events in the future.

Committee Members:

Sheri Powers
Other brothers as requested.

Upcoming Events:

Delta Sigma Pi continues its blood drive with the American Red Cross and/or your local blood banks. Between September 2005 and April 2006, the Fraternity's goal is to donate 2000 pints of blood through events planned by Deltasig chapters nationwide. Members do not have to donate blood to participate. Register your event with National Community Service Chair Liz Negrotti at liz.negrotti@verizon.net.

Provincial Committee Chair Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Claire Sammon Roberts (reporting at request of PVP)
Provincial Committee: Professional Development Committee

Accomplishments:

The focus of efforts to since Grand Chapter Congress have been to work with the National Committee to focus on the development of provincial training for current and potential Volunteer National Leaders.

Based on feedback from an initial survey to the elected leaders of the Western Province, training is being planned for June 10th in a location still to be determined but probably in Northern California. A preliminary agenda has been prepared and reviewed with PVP Chuck Brown. The agenda is currently out for comment by the RVPs with a goal to finalize the agenda prior to the Provincial Conference.

Future Goals:

The goal in the coming year is to successfully execute at least one Volunteer Leadership Training session in the Western Province. We will continue to assess the training needs and logistics of conducting a second training elsewhere in the province - possibly in either the Desert Mountain or Rocky Mountain regions.

Once the agenda for the upcoming June training is finalized, a plan to identify and invite current and potential volunteers leaders will be developed with the RVPs taking the lead in execution of that task.

The focus of the Professional Development team will be to prepare materials and to identify, contact and schedule presenters with the desired level of professional and fraternal experience to make the training successful. The current goal is not to have any current elected leaders present as we want the RVPs and the Board to be involved in the learning experience and interacting in small groups with the newer and less experienced volunteers rather than having to worry about logistics and presentations. That of course assumes that we can identify and recruit presenters with the right skill level and experience.

National Update:

The goals of the National Professional Development Committee are:

1. Enhance Leadership Training and Support for Fraternity Leaders including:
 - Provincial/Regional Leadership Training - lead by Claire Roberts assisted by Kevin McLean, Holly Fusco McCall and others
 - National Volunteer Leadership Retreat Planning - coordinated by Brian Krippner, Claire Roberts and Shanda Gray
 - Assessment of Volunteer Resource Materials - lead by Holly Fusco McCall with support from Claire Roberts
2. Increase Professional Development Opportunities for Fraternity Members including:
 - Investigate and explore partnerships with other organizations - lead by Stephanie Menio
 - Continue to work with AMA to develop programming for recently graduated alumni - Brian Krippner is coordinating with PGP John Henik
 - Review of Leadership Program - lead by Jeff Soper
3. Review and revise the selection process for National Honorary Initiates to increase potential for candidate acceptance - lead by Jeff Berlat
4. LEAD/Provincial Conference Programming - lead by Kevin McLean in coordination with the Provincial PDC Chairs this effort includes:
 - Working with the Provincial Committees to ensure consistency and quality of programming.
 - Consideration of establishing quality goals to assess programming mix and quality.
 - Examine ways to enhance, package &/or publicize LEAD programming to attract more alumni - Katie Koch is supporting Kevin in this review
5. Inter-Committee Relations, this initiative includes:

- Foster better communication between the National Alumni Development Committee and the PDC - lead by Katie Koch
- Improve interaction between National PDC and Provincial PDCs - led by Brian Krippner
- Coordination with the Organizational Development Committee - lead by Brian Krippner

Committee Members:

Kevin McLean and Claire Roberts are both members of the national committee.

Upcoming Events:

- Western Provincial Volunteer Leadership Training - June 10th, 2006 - location: TBD
- National Volunteer Leadership Retreat, August 4-6, 2006 - Atlanta GA

If you are interested in attending either of these Volunteer Leadership Training events, please contact your RVP or Western PVP Chuck Brown.

Provincial Committee Chair Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Corey Polton

Provincial Committee: Scholarship and Awards Committee

Accomplishments:

- We had 31 chapters (84%) in the province nominate a chapter COY. While the number of participating chapters went down from the previous year, the actual number of completed applications went up.
- The regional selection committees mostly included non-district directors, allowing for involvement of additional brothers.
- The provincial committee has at least one brother on my committee from each region, except Desert Mountain Region.
- The provincial awards committee and RVPs are currently promoting participation in the end of the year awards. Part of this promotion includes continuing to offer free registrations to the Provincial winners of the Most Improved Chapter and Most Outstanding Chapter awards.

Future Goals:

- Increase the number of regional and provincial award applications by 15% (last year there were 125+ applications submitted by all chapters in the province).
- Have 100% of collegiate chapters submit a chapter Collegian of the Year in the upcoming 06-07 academic year.
- Add an alumni brother from Desert Mountain Region to serve on the awards committee.
- Work with my committee to promote important scholarship information to all collegiate chapters.

National Update:

- CEI point requirements for Honor Roll status has been changed. Check the Awards Manual for details.
- National scholarships to be online soon. More details to come.

Committee Members:

- Joe O'Brien – represents the South Pacific Region, former RVP for South Pacific Region from 2001-03
- Rick Boner – represents the Pacific Coast Region, one of the original founders of the Lambda Sigma chapter and served as a District Director for a number of years
- Tisoy Aligaen – represents the Rocky Mountain Region, former RVP for Rocky Mountain Region from 2001-03
- Trevor Wilson – represents the Bay Area Region
- Michelle Matz – represents the Sierra Nevada Region
- Looking to add an alumni to serve in the Desert Mountain Region

Upcoming Events:

- National Award Applications are due on-line by June 1. (www.dspnet.org/awards)
- National Scholarship applications are due to the Central Office by June 30, check the Central Office website for information on all scholarships that are available. (www.dspnet.org)