

Board Report
South Central Provincial Vice President Report – 2015
Henry McDaniel

Travel During Period:

8/9-10/2015 Board of Directors Meeting
8/11/2015 Leadership Foundation Meeting (Half Day Only)
8/12-16/2015 Grand Chapter Congress
9/10-11/2015 Board of Directors Meeting
9/11-13/2015 National Leadership Training
9/16/2015 Pledge Ceremony – Nu Xi Chapter
10/17/2015 South Central LEAD School
10/24/2015 Western LEAD School

Provincial Goals:

- 1) CMP Achievements – 90% accredited
 - a. Reviewing CMP we feel this will be an attainable goal by the end of the fiscal 2015/2016 year.
- 2) Work on providing additional training for Delta Sigma Pi Brothers to help create a pool of leaders for the future
 - a. Professional Committee and Alumni are working on
- 3) Have each chapter submit a COY nomination and at least one Chapter award for fiscal 2015/2016
 - a. For this year we have again accomplished 100% chapter nominations. This continues our tradition of placing a high importance on this honor.
- 4) Create a marketing committee for the South Central Province
 - a. Professional Development committee is forming task force
- 5) Work on increasing attendance at Lead Events.
 - a. Two Regional Vice President's have agreed to lead this group and develop a strategy for future improvement

Provincial Committees & LEAD

Professional Development – Josh Robinson
Community Service – Kris McDaniel
Alumni Development – Kevin Weber
Scholarship & Awards – Allan Schuster

Discipline and Chapter Assistance

Kappa Xi – Kappa Xi continues guidance at this time. With continued improvement and a strong working relationship with their local leaders this chapter is working through issues to promote future growth and stability.

Eta Nu – Eta Nu continues guidance. The chapter is showing operation improvements, but continues to struggle with recruitment.

Beta Upsilon – Beta Upsilon was issued a warning letter due to improper pledge voting, risk management issues and concerns regarding a pledge retreat. The chapter has already taken steps to correct prior issues and will be continually monitored by national leadership to prevent further violations.

The following chapters are on guidance to CMP

Delta Nu

Theta Omega

Omicron Phi

Board Project Update

Board Communication Tool

Conference call was held to discuss forming a committee to analyze challenges with board communication and recommend solutions. A charter has been created but no committee members found or recommended at this time. The reason for no committee recommendations is due to possible solutions easily obtained through HUB. Staff members have already discussed potential of customization of document tool in HUB to include discussion post and voting options. Recommend to review cost of this option before pursuing outside solutions in order minimize systems used by Board and Staff.

Summary

Overall the first semester has been very active and rewarding. The RVP's have been very active in their regions and have increased their communications between one another. The new level of communication has helped the sharing of ideas without me as the PVP being in the middle of the process. This increased communication started with the introduction of a private chat among the Provincial leaders where they can ask questions, propose solutions and share ideas. While I monitor the conversation there has been little need for my involvement as the group has become self-sufficient. I look forward to continued growth and an active spring.

Southwestern Regional Vice President Report – Spring 2016

Kevin Gore

Notable Travel:

Spring 2015:

Attended five out of six Pledging Ceremonies
Attended five out of six Initiations

Summer 2015:

Attended Grand Chapter Congress

Fall 2015:

Attended four out of six Pledging Ceremonies
Attended five out of six Initiations
Joint lead Chapter transition/planning/training with District Director and Chapter Officers at Eta Theta (Angelo State)

Regional Goals:

- 1) CMP Achievements – 95% accredited, 75% Chapter of Recognition
Reviewing CMP I feel this will be an attainable goal by the end of the 2015/2016 year.
- 2) Assist with planning and executing a Regional Initiation. We currently have one-half of the Chapters in the Region interested and planning has already started. Chapters are looking forward to joining with each other for this occasion.
- 3) Plan and execute a Regional outing – Dallas Stars game on January 23rd with over 30 Brothers and/or guest attending
- 4) Regional Conference – Committee has been formed and we are in the early planning stages. Currently expecting to hold event during Spring 2017. We are still discussing location, dates, and other specifics. Updating Chapters as information becomes available.
- 5) Utilize available technology (Skype, FaceTime, GoToMeeting, etc.) to bridge the gap between all chapters in the region as well having the ability for Chapters to attend each other's events without being physically present.
- 6) Work with Chapters and their District Directors to identify any "pain points" they may be having and how to resolve and/or eliminate.
- 7) Work with Alumni and Collegiate Chapters to increase communication amongst the Region
- 8) Continue to focus on attending as many events as possible at each Chapter with primary focus being on Pledging Ceremonies and Initiations. Attend Chapter meeting(s) and Executive Committee meetings as time allows or when requested by Chapters and/or District Directors.

Regional Committees

Scholarship & Awards – Jeanne Levesque; Southwestern Regional Conference – Stacy Lott

Discipline and Chapter Assistance

CMP continues to be a struggle for a few Chapters. Continuing to work with Chapter Officers and District Directors, focusing on training and time management/planning.

Summary

The biggest change we have experienced in the Region lately is there has been no change. Stability has been a primary focus to ensure that the Chapters have a unified support group through District Directors and myself. Also working to train future District Directors as several Chapters have an Assistant District Director who shadows the District Director to learn the role and eventually move up.

I am continuing to learn how each Chapter works and what works best for them when it comes to leadership style and assistance. This also assists me to identify current or future leaders for District Director positions. At this time there is stability within the Regional Leadership team. I am engaged with the Chapters, primarily through the Presidents, to ensure that the right people are in place and will not shy away from making changes that benefit the Chapter itself and the Region as a whole. I am looking forward to the remainder of the bi-ennium and look forward to reporting continued growth and unity at our next meeting in Houston in the Spring of 2017.

Tornado Alley Region RVP – 2016 Spring Report Completed by Mark Wernette

Travel(s)

| Date | Chapter/Event |
|---------------------------|---|
| • 8/12/2015 – 8/16/2015 | Grand Chapter Congress |
| • 8/27/2015 | Sigma Chi Chapter Meeting Visit |
| • 9/2/2015 | Beta Epsilon Chapter Meeting Visit |
| • 9/10/2015 | Sigma Chi Recruitment Event/Spoke at informational |
| • 9/11/15 – 9/13/2015 | National Leadership Retreat in Cincinnati, OH |
| • 9/13/2015 | Brothers Halleluiah & Philip LeBaron Wedding – In person meetings with regional leadership and other alumni leaders |
| • 9/16/2015 | Beta Upsilon Chapter Meeting Visit / Risk Management Presentation / Pledge Class Meeting Visit |
| • 9/20/2015 | Epsilon Zeta Chapter Meeting Visit |
| • 9/23/2015 | Beta Epsilon Pledge Ceremony / Chapter Meeting Visit / Pledge Class Meeting Visit |
| • 9/26/2015 | Epsilon Zeta Pledge Class Retreat |
| • 10/1/2015 | Sigma Chi Chapter Meeting / Exec Meeting |
| • 10/3/2015 | Brothers Malory & Kyle Rinderle Wedding – In person meetings with Central Office staff and alumni leaders |
| • 10/6/2015 | Gamma Epsilon Chapter Meeting Visit / Third Principle Presentation / Pledge Class Meeting Visit |
| • 10/8/2015 | Oklahoma City Tornado Alley Alumni Chapter Event – 6 Degrees of Bacon (Community Service / Professional Event / Social) |
| • 10/16/2015 – 10/18/2015 | Springfield LEAD |
| • 10/18/2015 | Beta Epsilon Pledge Class Retreat |
| • 10/23/2015 – 10/25/2015 | Albuquerque LEAD |
| • 10/8/2015 | Beta Upsilon Chapter Meeting Virtual (Skype) Visit |
| • 11/2/2015 | Sigma Chi Pledge Class Meeting Visit |
| • 11/5/2015 | Beta Upsilon Initiation |
| • 11/7/2015 | Epsilon Zeta Initiation |
| • 11/14/2015 | Gamma Epsilon Initiation |
| • 11/15/2015 | Beta Epsilon Initiation |
| • 11/19/2015 | Meeting with Sigma Chi Exec |
| • 11/20/2015 | Sigma Chi Initiation Practice |
| • 11/21/2015 | Sigma Chi Initiation |
| • 12/12/2015 | Oklahoma City Tornado Alley Alumni Chapter Semi-Annual Meeting and Christmas Party |

In addition to the official visits above, communicated frequently with different collegiate and alumni in the region via phone calls, texts, Facebook, and email.

DD Appointment List

| Chapter | District Director | Assistant DD |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Beta Epsilon | Jennifer Mayes | Jim Deaton II |
| Beta Upsilon | Jen Sommers | |
| Gamma Epsilon | Cooper Lutz | Jayme Hunt |
| Epsilon Zeta | Karen Beatty | |
| Sigma Chi | Gena Goodson | |

Chapter Updates

Beta Epsilon – University of Oklahoma

- {59.52%-Completed 57.14%-Approve} – Chapter is on track for Chapter of Excellence
- Statement on Chapter Status
 - The chapter is continually looking at ways to improve.
 - One of the chapter's focuses was on professional development. They brought in three speakers and made a visit to AT&T in Dallas, TX in the fall semester.
 - The chapter completed five community service events in the fall semester.
 - Special events for this past semester included a BBQ with alumni, a faculty appreciation event, and a birthday social.
 - One area of concern was the number of expulsions this past semester and overall attendance issues. This will continue to be addressed and improved upon throughout all aspects of operations.
 - Although the chapter had several brothers attend Grand Chapter Congress, only two brothers attended Springfield LEAD in the fall. This is not a concern, as the chapter has over 20 brothers registered for the Provincial LEAD in the spring. This was mainly due to the chapter setting up payment plans to help brothers attend LEAD.

Beta Upsilon – Texas Tech University

- {66.67%-Completed 61.90%-Approve} – Chapter is unable to earn Accredited status due to not attending GCC. However, they would be on track to earn Chapter of Recognition otherwise
- Statement on Chapter Status
 - Chapter continues to have very strong professional activities. This past semester they attended four industry tours, a mixer with the chancellor, hosted a guest speaker, and participated in a job expo.
 - The chapter continues to do service for the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock, in compliments to the national community service initiative. This is in addition to other community service activities.
 - The chapter revealed past discipline issues related to pledge class drinking and hazing. This prompted a warning letter from the University and Fraternity. The RVP conducted a risk management presentation for the whole chapter and the DD and RVP will continue to council the chapter about risk management going forward to help insure issues are eliminated. Certain brothers in the chapter should be commended for standing up and stopping past activity so that it did not continue.
 - The chapter did not have any brothers attend Grand Chapter Congress. Four chapter members attended Albuquerque LEAD and I believe they had a positive experience that will help spur attendance at national events in the future.

Gamma Epsilon –Oklahoma State University

- {64.29%-Completed 61.90%- Approve} – Chapter is on track for Chapter of Excellence
- Statement on Chapter Status
 - This chapter has worked very hard to improve all aspects of their operations and show incredible promise for the future. Executive officers used the summer break to overhaul operations and come up with a game plan to turn the chapter around and lift it to one of the top chapters in the country. They have had great results after only one semester, although there is still work to be done. There have been some growing pains, as expected, but they are on the right track.
 - The chapter has worked to improve the overall quality of their professional and community service events.
 - After tragedy struck at their homecoming parade where several people were killed and injured, the chapter converted their planned 5k fundraiser into a memorial run to raise money for the victims. This turned into a huge event overnight when the planned event went viral on social media. The chapter was able to respond and properly execute the event. Even the local news covered it, casting a positive light on the chapter, the Fraternity, and Greek organizations in general. They raised several thousand dollars to donate to the victims.
 - The chapter memorized ritual for the first time in recent memory.
 - The chapter continues to have outstanding financial management. They continue to conduct several fundraisers and are responsible with their funds, leading them to have a very large reserve they continue to build on.
 - The chapter will continue to work on recruitment and pledge retention in the future. They continue to face the obstacle of not have a business building while the new one is being built.
 - The chapter had several brothers attend Grand Chapter Congress and Springfield LEAD. They also had pledges attend Springfield, and these pledges have already stepped up into leadership roles in the chapter. The chapter also has several brothers registered for Provincial LEAD. One of the things the chapter does to encourage strong attendance at national events is to cover half of the registration cost for brothers.

Epsilon Zeta – Midwestern State University

- {42.86%-Completed 40.48%-Approve} - Chapter can still earn Accredited Chapter
- Statement on Chapter Status
 - Two of the chapter's main events for the semester included working the circus again as a community service event and touring Design Works as a professional event.
 - The chapter held initiation on Founders Day and had several alumni attend their dinner that night.
 - The chapter will continue to improve on recruitment, finances, and moral.
 - The chapter only had one brother attend Grand Chapter Congress and one attend Albuquerque LEAD. LEAD attendance can improve in the future.

Sigma Chi – Cameron University

- {64.29%-Completed 59.52%-Approve} - Chapter is on track for Chapter of Excellence
 - The chapter recently completed their first year as a chapter and are experiencing the normal process for a new chapter. They continue to find what works right for them and the culture of their university.
 - Some of the key events held by the chapter in the fall semester included a blood drive, Sprit of Survival, and letters for Operation Gratitude for community service, and a tour

- of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for Currency in Dallas, TX and a guest speaker who hosted a LinkedIn workshop for the chapter for professional activities.
- Although they did not meet their recruitment goals for the fall semester, they recognized the issue and have been working to improve for the future.
 - The chapter held an informal executive meeting at a restaurant late in the fall semester where both the RVP and DD were present. We discussed concerns and possible solutions. The chapter appears dedicated to continual improvement in the future.
 - The chapter had several brothers attend Grand Chapter Congress but only two attend Springfield LEAD. The chapter will look at improving this in the future.

Regional Expansion Activity

There is no current expansion activity in the region. There are small schools in Oklahoma and Texas that could potential support chapters and expansion opportunities will continue to be explored. Expansion in Arkansas is currently on hold after Fraternity representatives met with the business school.

Regional Goals For 2015/2016

- Be the voice of the collegiate and alumni brothers in the region based on their input –Continue to get feedback from collegiate and alumni brothers and pass along the information as appropriate.
- Foster innovation as it presents itself – Ongoing
- Encourage and promote regional, cross-regional, provincial, and national events like STAR, joint initiations, LEADs, and GCC – Continue to promote these events. Overall number of attendees have increased. A joint initiation is being planned by the Oklahoma chapters for the spring semester.
- Provide the tools necessary for chapters and colonies to be successful – Ongoing.
- Encourage chapters to apply for awards and obtain the Chapter of Excellence tier for CMP – Created additional incentives for chapters to achieve upper CMP tiers and will continue to stress awards and operational excellence.
- Identify and develop potential alumni leaders in the region – Ongoing. Continue to seek out quality potential alumni leaders and encourage them to remain active.
- Work with collegiate and alumni chapters to help develop a smoother transition for graduating seniors to the alumni world - Work in progress
- Promote and foster professional development in the region – Ongoing

Gulf Western Region RVP – 2015 Spring Report Completed by Musanna Al-Muntasir

Travel(s)

| Date | Chapter/Event | Reason |
|----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 10.15.15 | Texas A&M University – Kingsville | Required RVP Visit |
| 11.22.15 | Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi | Required RVP Visit |

DD Appointment List

| Chapter | District Director | Alumni Advisor/Assistant DD |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Beta Kappa | Connor Doyle | William Peterson |
| Zeta Nu | Abel Morales | Thomas Kreuger |
| Eta Psi | Rene Pena | Steven Koch |
| Theta Omega | David Riedel | Michelle Region-Sebest |
| Iota Psi | Kimberly Garza | John Gamble |
| Lambda Nu | Gilbert Landras | April Nafstad |
| Lambda Upsilon | Sergio Maltos | Guillermo Martinez |
| Omicron Phi | Gabriel Salas | Cynthia Solis |
| Pi Omega | Jackie Romero | Eugenio Suarez |

Chapter Updates

- Beta Kappa – The University of Texas at Austin**

- CMP Report (Since August 11, 2015)

| Accredited Completed | Accredited Approved | Chapter of Recognition Req'd/Opt. | Chapter of Excellence Req'd/Opt. |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 54.76% | 50.00% | 70%/58.33% | 16.67%/16.67% |

- Beta Kappa has great communication and operational efficiency in their chapter. They have strong programming all around. They need to concentrate on their chapter relationship with the rest of the region.
- Anjali Ahuja

- **Zeta Nu – Texas A&M University**

- CMP Report (Since August 11, 2015)

| Accredited Completed | Accredited Approved | Chapter of Recognition Req'd/Opt. | Chapter of Excellence Req'd/Opt. |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 54.76% | 47.62% | 70%/91.76% | 66.67%/83.33% |

- Zeta Nu did a fantastic job recruiting this last semester. Their chapter size is approximately 50 Brothers and continues to grow. They have strong programming and relations with the university. They should co-host and join chapter events with TAMUC since they are a sister chapter less than an hour away.

- Pablo Portillo, David Ortegon

- **Eta Psi – University of Houston**

- CMP Report (Since August 11, 2015)

| Accredited Completed | Accredited Approved | Chapter of Recognition Req'd/Opt. | Chapter of Excellence Req'd/Opt. |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 57.14% | 50.00% | 90%/75% | 50%/83.33% |

- Eta Psi is well on their way to Chapter of Recognition and Excellence. They have a great chapter size and no issues that need to be resolved. They need to concentrate on solid transitioning to keep this sustained participation.

- Lauren Hruzek

- **Theta Omega– St. Edwards University**

- CMP Report (Since August 11, 2015)

| Accredited Completed | Accredited Approved | Chapter of Recognition Req'd/Opt. | Chapter of Excellence Req'd/Opt. |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 45.24% | 35.71% | 50%/58% | 16.67%/16.67% |

- Theta Omega has solid fraternal spirit. They just removed themselves out of financial debt and are in the green. They need to concentrate on financial operations and turning in critical reports on time.

- **Iota Psi – Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi**

- CMP Report (Since August 11, 2015)

| Accredited Completed | Accredited Approved | Chapter of Recognition Req'd/Opt. | Chapter of Excellence Req'd/Opt. |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 57.41% | 47.62% | 60%/75% | 50.00%/116.67% |

- Iota Psi has great fraternal spirit and well on their way to Chapter of Recognition and Excellence. They have great programming and solid support from the Corpus Christi Alumni Chapter. They need to concentrate on having events with their sister school TAMUK that is less than an hour away.

- **Lambda Nu – Texas A&M University – College Station**

- CMP Report (Since August 11, 2015)

| Accredited Completed | Accredited Approved | Chapter of Recognition Req'd/Opt. | Chapter of Excellence Req'd/Opt. |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 61.90% | 52.38% | 50%/66.67% | 50%/50.00% |

- Lambda Nu has strong operations across the board and continues to engage well in regional activities. They can benefit by taking advantage of this situation and developing a continued relationship with the rest of the region.

- Matt Feigin, Jesus Lara

- **Lambda Upsilon – St. Mary's University**

- CMP Report (Since August 11, 2015)

| Accredited Completed | Accredited Approved | Chapter of Recognition Req'd/Opt. | Chapter of Excellence Req'd/Opt. |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 54.76% | 50.00% | 50%/0% | 16.67%/33.33% |

- Lambda Upsilon is doing very well. They stepped up and are hosting the 2016 Gulf Western Regional Conference. They could interact a bit more with the other San Antonio chapters such as UTSA and Trinity.

- Carolina Mansour

- **Omicron Phi – University of Texas at San Antonio**

- CMP Report (Since August 11, 2015)

| Accredited Completed | Accredited Approved | Chapter of Recognition Req'd/Opt. | Chapter of Excellence Req'd/Opt. |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 57.14% | 52.38% | 90%/91.67% | 41.67%/33.33% |

- The chapter has great fraternal spirit and communicates daily on their group page. Reports show strong programming, operations and financial situation. They could interact a bit more with the other San Antonio chapters such as St. Mary's and Trinity.

- Kellie Meshell

- **Pi Omega – Trinity University**

- CMP Report (Since August 11, 2015)

| Accredited Completed | Accredited Approved | Chapter of Recognition Req'd/Opt. | Chapter of Excellence Req'd/Opt. |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 57.14% | 52.38% | 90%/91.67% | 16.67%/0% |

- There is a concern with their participation with the Gulf Western region and their fraternal spirit. Their continued involvement in the region will take some time and effort.

Regional Expansion Activity

Currently we are looking at expanding the region and including three universities; Texas State University, University of Houston – Victoria, University of the Incarnate Word, and The University of Texas – RioGrande Valley. We have several discussions and meetings scheduled to introduce the Fraternity to these schools.

Regional Update for 2015-2016

The Gulf Western Region continues to do well overall. We have seen an increase in inter-chapter communication and participation over the years. Regional event planning has been a tremendous influence in increasing morale, fraternal spirit, and CMP credit. All District Directors have been empowered to make the right decisions in accordance to bylaws, policies, and risk management. Most DDs are well on their way to obtaining CDL tiers 1 and 2.

The San Antonio alumni chapter and Corpus Christi alumni chapters have been doing extremely well. The San Antonio Alumni Chapter has three members that are District Directors in the region for UTSA, Trinity and St. Mary's University. The Corpus Christi Alumni chapter has a member as a District Director for TAMUCC. The CC Alumni chapter earned a Gold Status and the SA Alumni chapter earned a Silver status last year. The Austin Alumni chapter is fairly new yet taking great strides to reach Gold status this upcoming year.

We are continuing regional traditions with the vast majority of chapters participating in the Regional Initiations. We look to continue this tradition as a means to raise fraternal spirit, increase our networking opportunities, and increase alumni participation. This coming semester's Spring Initiation will be hosted by the Iota Psi chapter of Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi.

Midwestern Region RVP – 2015 Spring Report Completed by R. Nicole Moeller

Travel(s)

| Date | Chapter/Event | Reason |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 8/12-8/16/15 GCC | | |
| 9/22/15 | Nu Omega | Pledging Ceremony |
| 9/24/25 | Iota | Pledging Ceremony |
| 10/29/15 | Iota Omicron | Chapter Visit/ presentation |
| 11/14/15 | Iota | Initiation |
| 11/21/15 | Nu Omega | Initiation |
| 11/21/15 | Nu Xi | Initiation |

DD Appointment List

| Chapter | District Director | Alumni Advisor/Assistant DD |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Iota | Tyler Scroggs | |
| Iota Omicron | Rachel Merlos | |
| Nu Omega | Oliva Burden | |
| Nu Xi | Ben Price | |

Chapter Updates

- **Iota – University of Kansas**
 - CMP Progress - 50% completed and approved for accredited chapter. Will not become accredited chapter since they didn't seat a delegate at GCC.
 - Chapter is doing well overall. They reach out when they need help. We need to work on maintaining knowledge as officers graduate, specifically on trial procedures and ritual. Continue on working on increasing attendance at national events such as GCC and LEAD.
- **Iota Omicron– University of Central Missouri**
 - CMP Progress – 57.14 % completed and approved for accredited chapter. Will continue to work to make sure CMP reporting deadlines are met.
 - Chapter is doing well overall. They continue to work with their DD from the officers down on brotherhood, chapter motivation, and participation. They reach out to the DD and RVP when they have questions on anything they are unsure of, and make sure to always follow risk management.
 - There are potential national officers from this chapter.

- **Nu Omega – Rockhurst University**

- CMP Progress – 57.14% completed and approved for accredited chapter. Will continue to work on meeting CMP reporting deadlines.
- Nu Omega has successfully completed this past semester without any notable problems. The members were able complete activities and fill out the forms promptly and accurately. Any problems that did arise were handled quickly and professionally. There are not any issues that need to be addressed at this time.

- **Nu Xi – University of Missouri Kansas City**

- CMP Progress – 57.14% completed and approved for accredited chapter. Will continue to work on meeting CMP reporting deadlines.
- The chapter is doing well overall. They are working on attendance problems at this time, but are making progress.

Regional Expansion Activity – There is currently no expansion activities happening at this time, but will keep looking for opportunities.

Regional Goals For 2015/2016

- 1) Work with chapters to send larger numbers of brothers and pledges to national events, with a focus on LEAD.
- 2) Encourage chapters to reach for Chapter of Recognition and Chapter of Excellence in CMP.
- 3) Work with chapters on perfecting ritual, with a focus on initiation.
- 4) Reach out to brothers to encourage alumni development and participation.

**Gulf South Region
RVP – 2015 Fall Report
Completed by Susan Lackey**

Travel(s)

| Date | Chapter/Event | Reason |
|---------------|------------------------|--|
| 08/11-16/2015 | GCC-Chicago, IL | Attend Grand Chapter Congress – Chicago, IL |
| 08/31/2015 | Delta Nu - Loyola | Consultation Visit w/Dale Clark – New Orleans, LA |
| 09/01/2015 | Kappa Xi - ULL | Consultation Visit w/Dale Clark – Lafayette, LA |
| 09/02/2015 | Eta Tau - McNeese | Consultation Visit w/Dale Clark – Lake Charles, LA |
| 09/11-13/2015 | Cincinnati, OH | Attend Volunteer Leadership Retreat – Cincinnati, OH |
| 09/18/2015 | Delta Nu - Loyola | Pledge Ceremony – New Orleans, LA |
| 10/16-18/2015 | LEAD - Springfield, MO | Attend South Central LEAD – Springfield, MO |
| 11/15/2015 | Beta Psi - LA Tech | Initiation – Ruston, LA |
| 11/21/2015 | Gamma Mu - Tulane | Initiation – New Orleans, LA |

DD Appointment List

| Chapter | District Director | Alumni Advisor/Asst. DD |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Beta Psi | Quindarien Price | N/A |
| Beta Zeta | Griffin Smith | N/A |
| Delta Nu | Joseph Daher | N/A |
| Eta Tau | Megan LeBouef Valencia | N/A |
| Kappa Xi | Roman Guillory | N/A |
| Tulane Colony | Alexis Carville | N/A |

Chapter Updates

- **Beta Psi – Louisiana Tech University (LA Tech) – Ruston, LA**
 - Complete 52.38% Approved 47.62%
 - Beta Psi had a Delegate at GCC Chicago, eleven Brothers registered and attended LEAD in Springfield, and several are registered for Dallas LEAD Provincial. Although the only Regional chapter functioning on the Quarter System, they continue to embrace an energetic can-do attitude and have successfully developed their chapter, winning every award they applied for last year. Outstanding efforts and self-motivation are evident as they continue to improve.
 - Potential National Officer: Tyre Kenney has served as Chapter President for the last year and is an integral part of Beta Psi's continued success and recognition with Delta Sigma Pi on campus. He has been to several National Events, including serving as Delegate for GCC. Tyre has expressed interest in continued involvement post-graduation on a local level possibly as a District Director.
- **Beta Zeta – Louisiana State University (LSU) – Baton Rouge, LA**
 - Complete 66.67% Approved 61.90%
 - As the largest chapter in the Gulf South Region, they consistently have representation at National Events, including GCC and LEAD. They continue to incorporate a wide array of professional, community service, and social events, eliciting great responses and participation from collegiate brothers and alumni. Required number of Professional and Service Events are historically completed by end of fall semester, and they continue with events through the spring. Beta Zeta does not just aim to meet expectations, but is intent on exceeding them.
- **Delta Nu – Loyola University – New Orleans, LA**
 - Complete 45.24% Approved 38.10%
 - Delta Nu is currently on CMP Guidance until August 2016. Although struggling to meet deadlines and some financial responsibilities in a timely manner, they are constantly improving and making every effort to correct the situation. Communication with leadership has improved greatly, and they had a Delegate at GCC and representation at fall LEAD. New opportunities for joint events and activities in conjunction with neighbor Gamma Mu are being discussed. They have a new District Director who is a Delta Nu Alum and is anxious to help them succeed.
- **Eta Tau – McNeese State University – Lake Charles, LA**
 - Complete 40.48% Approved 23.81% No representation at Fall LEAD
 - Eta Tau has experienced time management problems this past fall, submitting several reports and payments late. Although they had a seated Delegate at GCC, they failed to have representation at fall LEAD. Their previous longtime Advisor retired last year, thereby producing a large gap in their support system. I believe as the new Advisor becomes acclimated to the Chapter the situation will improve. They have an experienced DD (an Eta Tau Alum) who is an excellent resource for information and to answer questions.
 - (William) Jennings Vincent is a chapter officer is very involved in all aspects of Delta Sigma Pi. He was the Chapter Delegate at GCC and maintains contact with other Brothers in the Region. He attended Beta Psi's Initiation (a several hour drive). Jennings has the potential to continue with DSP on a National Level in the future.

- **Gamma Mu – Tulane University – New Orleans, LA**
 - Complete 40.48% Approved 28.57% No representation at Fall LEAD
 - As a newly reactivated Chapter, Gamma Mu is still in a learning phase. They have no alumni base to rely on (Gamma Mu initially deactivated in the 1960s), but they are eager to succeed. More communication with their DD and RVP would be beneficial and prevent “trial and error” situations. They are having difficulty securing a new Advisor to replace their original one who “resigned” when they were still a colony. Alpha Kappa Psi has a strong foothold at Tulane University, and practically every professor in the School of Business is a member. They have strong leadership in their DD, and they are encouraged to connect with Delta Nu, which is literally next door. A partnership with hosting and attending events would be beneficial to both Chapters.

- **Kappa Xi – University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL) – Lafayette, LA**
 - Complete 38.10% Approved 28.57% No representation at GCC
 - Kappa Xi was removed from Probation last June and is now under Guidance until June of 2016. They were unable to seat a Delegate at GCC. They did, however, have representation at fall LEAD. Kappa Xi has a new DD who is an alum of the Chapter and has done much to help them return the chapter to functionality. Many of the Brothers who were involved in the Chapter’s past difficulties have graduated, and the Chapter is anticipating continuous improvement. Kappa Xi is aiming for success by securing sponsors and developing creative ways to fundraise.

Regional Expansion Activity

Consideration has been given to the feasibility of an Alumni Chapter in Ruston, LA (LA Tech).

Regional Goals For 2015/2016

These goals are inclusive for Chapter Officers/Members and Leadership (RVP, DDs, etc.):

- 1) Promote stronger attendance at National Events – LEAD, Provincial, GCC
- 2) Stress a more conscientious effort to comply with deadlines – CMP, Awards, etc. and encourage early registrations for National Events
- 3) Encourage and ensure chapters maintain a clear line of communication with leadership and alumni
- 4) Encourage chapters to achieve Accredited Chapter status and beyond
- 5) Continue to encourage communication/interaction/brotherhood among Chapters

Suggestions and Comments

Is it possible for an RVP to receive some type of confirmation e-mail as to whether or not Chapter Awards are received by the Central Office? Gulf South has come a long way from “0” award submissions 3 years ago to approximately 15 this past year. Unfortunately, several chapters were extremely disappointed and disheartened when it was realized that their efforts were for naught, and they were not recognized at GCC. I also believe these “lost” submissions could have cost a chapter a Provincial Award, as well.

The Awards Chair had documentation they were submitted, however, they were lost in the web somewhere. I am aware of the categories that have submissions, therefore, if I could just receive acknowledgement of CO’s receipt of an award recipient in said categories (I do not need to know the name of the winner), this could be avoided.

Community Service Committee – 2016 Spring Report Completed by Kris McDaniel

Travel(s)

| Date | Chapter/Event |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 10/17/2016 | LEAD School in Springfield, MO |

Committee Member List

| Name | Region |
|----------------|---------------|
| Kris McDaniel | Chair |
| Open & Needed | Gulf Western |
| Olivia Burden | Midwest |
| James Glunt | Southwestern |
| Maddie Mount | Southwestern |
| Chelsey Garner | Tornado Alley |

Committee Report

During the 2015 LEAD School, we had 21 chapters participate in the Ronald McDonald House drive, collecting items for the local RMHC in Springfield, MO. The Kappa Omicron Chapter at Missouri State transported all donations to the house.

Committee Goals for 2015/2016

- 1) Support local RMHC for each LEAD & LEAD School during the biennium.
- 2) Work with and support the National Community Service Committee

Suggestions and Comments

This biennium we are continuing to support Ronald McDonald House Charities. Each LEAD we will be collecting items from the local house's Wish List. A list will be published and available with LEAD registration.

South Central Province | Delta Sigma Pi
SCHOLASTIC DEVELOPMENT & AWARDS COMMITTEE
 Completed by Allan Schuster, Chair

Committee Goals

- More Chapters Submitting Award Winners
- 100% of Regions Submitting a District Director of the Year
- More Certified Deltasig Leaders
- Recertify current Certified Deltasig Leaders

Committee Members

| Member | Region |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Allan Schuster – Chair | Southwestern |
| Katy Slusser | Midwestern |
| Erik Gonzalez | Gulf Western |
| Karen Kitchens | Gateway |
| Ashley McCormick | Tornado Alley |
| Megan Valencia | Gulf South |

Committee Activity and Updates

- **2016 COY Award Applications**
 - 100% of Chapters Submitted a Nominee for Collegian of the Year
 - Worked harder with candidates on tips for applications so we have a stronger pool of candidates for review
 - 71% (27/38) of Nominees submitted an application
- **Certified Deltasig Leader Program**
 - 35 Total Certified Deltasig Leaders in South Central as of 12/7/15
 - Increase from 27 as we prepared for GCC – Great Improvement
 - Regional Breakdown:

| | Tier 2 | Tier 1 |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| • Gateway: | 3 | 0 |
| • Gulf Western: | 5 | 6 |
| • Gulf South: | 0 | 0 |
| • Midwestern: | 3 | 1 |
| • Southwestern: | 8 | 5 |
| • Tornado Alley: | 3 | 1 |
 - Goals to be achieved before Overland Park LEAD School
 - All Provincial Leadership be Tier 2 certified (PVP, RVPs, Chairs)
 - RVPs identify 2-3 alumni per region to be certified, including new graduates for minimum Tier 1 Certification
 - Each Alumni Chapter have at least 1 Chapter Officer with at least a Tier 1 CDL
 - Recertify 100% of current Certified Deltasig Leaders

Suggestions and Comments

- This year we need to focus on working with the collegiate on feedback from their applications this year so they can learn how to more effectively write an application based on their strengths. To help facilitate that I would like to:
 - Work with the Regional Awards Chairs, RVPs and through them their DDs on showing them where they could improve their writing for next year.
- Plan a webcast for chapter officers to learn how to use awards module on the Hub.