

INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI, INC.
MINUTES
52nd GRAND CHAPTER CONGRESS
AUGUST 15-17, 2019
ATLANTA, GA

The 52nd Grand Chapter Congress of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, Inc. was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2019 by Grand President Tricia Smith at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia.

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
Kelly J. Rabin (<i>Alpha Iota</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
Olivia Joan Malice (<i>Iota Mu</i>)	Collegian of the Year-2017 (leaves Board effective August 17)
Travis Brodbeck (<i>Theta Upsilon</i>)	Collegian of the Year-2018
Kristen Wilhelm (<i>Sigma Psi</i>)	Collegian of the Year-2019 (on Board effective August 17)
William C. Schilling (<i>Alpha Delta</i>)	Executive Director

Regional Vice Presidents seated among the delegates included:

Trina L. Kirk (<i>Kappa Pi</i>)	Atlantic Coast 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 (<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
Jacqueline Torres Napalan (<i>Lambda Phi</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
Ellie L Godwin (<i>Gamma Eta</i>)	Great Plains Regional Vice President
Megan LeBouef (<i>Eta Tau</i>)	Gulf South Regional Vice President
Musanna Al-Muntasir (<i>Iota 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
R. Nicole Moeller (<i>Kappa Omicron</i>)	Midwestern Regional Vice President
Daniel Gary DelPiano (<i>Theta Iota</i>)	New England Regional Vice President
Richard M. Garber (<i>Alpha Pi</i>)	Niagara Regional Vice President
Mark E. Dorn (<i>Epsilon Iota</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
Cody Heimerdinger (<i>Delta Pi</i>)	Sierra Nevada Regional Vice President

Gabriella Del Carmen Leto (*Theta Phi*)
Erica J. Kolsrud (*Epsilon*)
Meghan L. Hill (*Nu Pi*)
Joshua T. Robinson (*Epsilon Zeta*)
Jennifer Mayes (*Beta Epsilon*)

South Atlantic Regional Vice President
South Pacific Regional Vice President
Southeastern Regional Vice President
Southwestern Regional Vice President
Tornado Alley Regional Vice President

Absent Regional Vice Presidents were:

Nyonohseyonyon Wreh (*Zeta Tau*)
Jen McCanty (*Alpha Gamma*)
Kristyn Lyn Koller (*Mu Rho*)
Jason Ewing (*Beta Pi*)

Bay Area Regional Vice President
Eastern Regional Vice President
Rocky Mountain Regional Vice President
Steel Valley Regional Vice President

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

Dale M. Clark (*Kappa Nu*)

Chelsey Fix (*Nu Chi*)
Jasmin Flores (*Delta Pi*)
Shanda R. Gray (*Kappa Omicron*)

Senior Director of Membership Growth
and Expansion
Educational & Leadership Consultant
Educational & Leadership Consultant
Associate Executive Director: Education
and Events
Associate Director of Chapter Services
Operations and Events Specialist
Chief Operating Officer
Educational & Leadership Consultant
Director of Finance and Administration
Senior Director of Member Engagement
Executive Vice President of the Leadership
Foundation

Tyler Havens
Brittany M. Kyger
Jeremy S. Levine (*Pi Tau*)
Haley Spellman (*Phi Chi*)
Jeanna M. Tipton (*Cincinnati*)
Heather Troyer (*Alpha Chi*)
Tyler C. Wash (*Chicago*)

Smith presided as Chairman of the Congress, per policy. Other positions were as follows: Kimberly D. Loudon (*Nu Phi*), Parliamentarian; Norman Kromberg (*Alpha Delta*), Credentials Committee Chair; Meagan L. Hagerty (*Eta Rho*), Chancellor; Nominations Committee Chair, Ibe; and Recording Secretary, Schilling.

The first order of business was the opening Ritual, followed by the initiation of National Honorary Initiate Alba Castillo Baylin, Vice President Community and Stakeholder Relations, North America Group, with The Coca-Cola Company.

Smith then offered a welcome to the Congress. The Delta Sigma Pi Memorial Service was conducted in memory of all brothers who passed away since the last Grand Chapter Congress. Specifically memorialized were these brothers: Founder of H&R Block Tax Services Henry Bloch, *Nu Xi*; Golden Council member Marc Bowman, *Alpha Delta*; Golden Council member Walt Brower, *Beta Xi*; 2008 Career Achievement Recipient Alan Elkin, *Alpha Rho*; Deltasig of the Year 1969 Harold Hook, *Alpha Beta*; Golden Council member Burell Johnson, *Alpha Sigma*; Golden Council member Susan Lackey, *Nu Omicron*; 1995 National Honorary Initiate and CEO of The Kellogg Foundation Russ Mawby; 2001 Career Achievement Recipient Michael Mescon, *Kappa*; 2006 Career Achievement Recipient Pete Petersen, *Chi*; Southern Provincial Vice President Carrie Burns' stepfather Donald Smith, *Beta Omega*; collegiate member Winton Vernon, *Tau Upsilon*; and Golden Council member William Wilson, *Gamma Omega*.

Smith then introduced the Board of Directors and Regional Vice Presidents, the Trustees and Trustee Emeriti of the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation, National Committee Chairs, Past Grand Presidents attending the Grand Chapter Congress, Golden Council members, Lifetime and Career Achievement Award honorees, faculty members, Chapter Advisors, District Directors, National and Provincial Committee members, host committee attendees, members of the Central Office Staff and colony members.

At this time, Smith relinquished the chair to Chancellor Hagerty, who introduced Credentials Chair Kromberg. Kromberg then presented the Roll Call of Delegates and the report of the Credentials Committee. He announced 253 delegates were confirmed with 245 present and eligible to vote. Kappa Pi moved to adopt the roll of voting delegates and to accept the report of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded by Jacksonville and adopted.

Motion by Fort Worth Cowtown to amend the Standing Rules to state “an abstention by a seated delegate will not be counted as either a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ vote. It will be counted as a ‘non-vote’ on any resolution, bylaw amendment or Ritual proposal.” Seconded by Hartford Connecticut.

Motion to amend the Standing Rules carried.

At this time, Hagerty introduced Parliamentarian Loudon to present the report of the Rules and Resolutions Committee. Cincinnati Alumni moved to adopt the Proposed Standing Rules for the 52nd Grand Chapter Congress as amended. The **motion was** seconded by Columbia and **adopted**.

Kappa Omega then moved to adopt the agenda for Old Business—which exclusively was a referral from the 2017 Grand Chapter to the Board to review the member selection bylaw and present proposals to the 2019 Grand Chapter—as presented by Loudon. The **motion was** seconded by Mu Chi and **adopted**.

The Chancellor brought to the floor **Bylaw Amendment #2** (proposed by Board of Directors): Amend National Bylaws, Article XII, Section 11 to clarify voting on pledges. The motion was made by Chicago and seconded by Upsilon.

Bylaw Amendment #2 was then **adopted** by approval of over 2/3 of the delegates.

Article XII, Section 11 of the Bylaws will now read:

Section 11. Election of Pledges --- Except as provided hereinafter, no person shall be initiated into this Fraternity except via a Collegiate Chapter and by an anonymous vote of the members of said chapter, in good standing, constituting a quorum present at a regularly called meeting as may be defined by the Bylaws of the chapter and the Laws of this Fraternity. All members in good standing of the chapter present shall vote. Abstentions shall be counted as a favorable vote for the candidate. If twenty percent (20%) of the members present and in good standing, or five (5), whichever is greater, cast an unfavorable vote for the prospective pledge, the candidate shall be considered rejected. Should the prospective pledge receive a favorable election for membership, but be unable to complete Initiation, an election must be held for any subsequent pledge program in which the prospective pledge’s name is proposed again.

Eta Chi moved to adopt the agenda for New Business as presented by Loudon. The **motion was** seconded by Eta Upsilon and **approved**. The proposed Bylaw Amendments will be considered in this order: Amendment #1, Amendment #3, Ritual Proposal #1, Ritual Proposal #2, Ritual Proposal #3 and last, Ritual Proposal #4.

Lambda Sigma moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 51st Grand Chapter Congress and to approve the minutes as distributed. The **motion was** seconded by Iota Pi and **approved**.

Atlanta moved to receive the printed Official Reports as distributed to the delegates. Beta Eta seconded and the **motion was adopted**.

Hagerty then introduced Smith to present the “State of the Organization” report to the Grand Chapter. Organizational Development Committee Chair Jodi Schoh (*Kappa Upsilon*) supported Smith’s presentation with additional information on the Fraternity’s Strategic Priorities. (This report and those of the Vice Presidents, Committee Chairs and others are contained in these proceedings.)

Mu Rho moved to receive the report of the Grand President. The **motion was** seconded by Delta Epsilon and **approved**.

Randy Hultz, Chair of the Leadership Foundation, was invited to say a few words on behalf of the Foundation.

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

The following nominations were received after July 1, 2019:

1. Niagara Regional Vice President
Name: Robert Fosdick
2. Mid-South Regional Vice President
Name: Madison Whitehouse

The following nominations were withdrawn:

1. Vice President-Finance
Name: Eddie E. Stephens III

Alpha Epsilon moved to receive the report of the Nominations Committee. The **motion was** seconded by Twin Cities and **approved**.

Hagerty recessed the meeting at 11:40 a.m., reconvening at 2:15 p.m.

A new delegate count was taken by Credentials Chair Kromberg and he certified 240 delegates present and voting. Before voting took place, one additional delegate (Omicron Chi) was seated, making the voting count 241.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Chancellor Hagerty then noted the only item of Old Business was a referral from the 2017 Grand Chapter asking the Board to review the member selection bylaw and present proposals to the 2019 Grand Chapter.

The Chancellor brought to the floor **Bylaw Amendment #1** (proposed by Board of Directors): Amend National Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5 to add additional language for recall of a Regional Vice President. The motion was made by Theta Sigma and seconded by Delta Pi.

Bylaw Amendment #1 was then **adopted** by approval of over 2/3 of the delegates.

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

Section 5. Recall of Regional Vice Presidents ---

- a. Should two-thirds (2/3) of the chapters in a Region, or a majority of the Provincial Council Delegates, agree that the Regional Vice President representing a Region should be recalled for any reason, the chapters or the Provincial Council Delegates must submit the charges in writing, specifying the particular circumstances surrounding the reasons for requesting a recall to the Provincial Vice President. The recall shall be effected by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Provincial Council Delegates.
- b. Should two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors agree that the Regional Vice President representing a Region should be recalled for any reason, the Board of Directors must submit the charges in writing, specifying the particular circumstances surrounding the reasons for requesting a recall to the office of the Executive Director. The recall shall be effected by a seventy-five percent (75%) vote of the Board of Directors.

The Chancellor brought to the floor **Bylaw Amendment #3** (proposed by Board of Directors): Amend National Bylaws, Article XII, Section 13 to provide the flexibility to initiate National Honorary Members as needed to support the Fraternity's objectives. The motion was made by Des Moines-Central Iowa and seconded by Zeta Eta.

Bylaw Amendment #3 was then **adopted** by approval of over 2/3 of the delegates.

Article XII, Section 13 of the Bylaws will now read:

Section 13. Election of Additional Honorary Members — In addition to Honorary Members initiated by Collegiate Chapters, the Board of Directors may approve the initiation as Honorary Members of persons who have been duly elected by the secret unanimous vote of a quorum present at a regularly scheduled meeting of a fully franchised Alumni Chapter. Such persons, after approval of the Board of Directors, may be initiated by the Alumni Chapter at a time and place of the chapter's choice. The Board of Directors may elect persons who will be initiated into the Fraternity as National Honorary Members.

At 2:37 p.m., Chancellor Hagerty then moved into the Ritual Proposals. Due to Ritual, she moved the Congress into Executive Session and non-brothers left the room. These minutes are purposely vague in places to honor the secrecy of Ritual. Refer to the “Confidential 52nd Grand Chapter Congress Ritual Proposals” for additional specifics.

The Chancellor brought to the floor **Ritual Proposal #1** (proposed by the Board of Directors): To create one single Initiation Ceremony. The motion was made by Phi Omega and seconded by Tau Upsilon.

After 15 minutes of debate had expired, motion by Kappa Tau, second Alpha Gamma, to extend debate 10 minutes. **Motion carried.**

Original **motion** for **Ritual Proposal #1** was then **failed**, having not met 3/4 vote of the delegates.

Motion to reconsider by Pi Sigma, second Beta Kappa, then **failed**.

The Chancellor then recessed the meeting from 3:58 p.m. until 4:11 p.m.

Upon reassembling, Kromberg noted 241 voting delegates were seated.

The Chancellor brought to the floor **Ritual Proposal #2** (proposed by Alpha Epsilon): To revise and add more inclusive language. The motion was made by Alpha Epsilon and seconded by Pi Rho.

Motion to amend **Ritual Proposal #2** by Alpha Nu, second Beta Sigma to change “they were persons of commerce” on page 63 of the Ritual Book to “they were a person of commerce.” **Motion to amend Ritual Proposal #2 carried.**

The section would now read: They were a person of commerce, a Delta Sigma Pi, the world is better because they dwelt upon it.

A second motion to amend by Hartford Connecticut, second Alpha Rho to change “our communities” on pages 64 and 68 of the Ritual Book to “all people”. **The second motion to amend Ritual Proposal #2 carried.**

The section would now read: As the Senior Warden has already enlarged upon the value of service to the Fraternity and all people, we need only to repeat here that each brother in the Fraternity must be ready at all times to help every other brother, individually, and the Fraternity as a whole.

A third motion to amend by Zeta Nu, second Pi Sigma, to remove “a man a man” and “a person a person” on page 62 of the Ritual Book. **The third motion to amend Ritual Proposal #2 then failed.**

A **motion** by North Central Regional Vice President Mark Dorn to table **Ritual Proposal #2** until the Friday business session, second Zeta Theta, **carried. Ritual Proposal #2 was tabled.**

See page 8 of the minutes for the remaining actions on **Ritual Proposal #2.**

The Chancellor brought to the floor **Ritual Proposal #3** (proposed by Twin Cities): To remove unnecessary language that suggests additional expectations are required to be initiated into Delta Sigma Pi. The motion was made by Twin Cities and seconded by Hartford Connecticut.

Hartford Connecticut moved to reconsider Ritual Proposal #1, seconded by Lake Charles-Lagniappe, which was called out of order.

Hartford Connecticut moved for the Board to use Emergency Powers to create a single ceremony, which was also called out of order.

Pi Sigma **moved to reconsider** Ritual Proposal #1, seconded by Beta Kappa. Debate was heard and the motion **failed.**

A motion was made to amend **Ritual Proposal #3** by Nu Phi, second Atlanta, to replace all exclamation marks in the proposed new language with periods. **Motion to amend Ritual Proposal #3 then failed.**

A second motion to amend was made by Zeta Nu, second Epsilon Rho, to strike “Brother Scribe! You will record the answers of the neophytes.” on page 46 of the Ritual Book. **The second motion to amend Ritual Proposal #3 carried.**

A third motion to amend was made by Hartford Connecticut, second Lambda Sigma, to remove “Sit upright” on page 44 of the Ritual Book. **The third motion to amend Ritual Proposal #3 then carried.**

The main motion, as amended, for Ritual Proposal #3 was then carried by the required 3/4 vote of the delegates.

Hagerty made a final call for nominations from the floor and any withdrawals. There were none.

Chancellor Hagerty recessed the meeting at 5:32 p.m. until Friday, August 16 at 8:00 a.m.

Friday, August 16, 2019

Chancellor Hagerty reconvened the Grand Chapter at 8:06 a.m., Friday, August 16. Schilling made announcements. Nominations Chair Ibe noted no further nominations or withdrawals were received by the deadline.

Upsilon Phi **moved to close nominations**, second by Rho Kappa. **Motion carried.**

Credentials Chair Kromberg certified 234 delegates present and voting.

The Chancellor brought to the floor **Ritual Proposal #4** (proposed by the Board of Directors): To remove the part of the Ritual that states neophytes be led in with their hands on the shoulder of the person before them. The motion was made by Mu Chi and seconded by Tau Chi.

Motion to amend **Ritual Proposal #4** by Zeta Eta, second Eta Pi, to remove “in the Initiation Room” after “and seat them” from page 51 of the Ritual Book. **The motion to amend Ritual Proposal #4 carried.**

The section would now read: The Senior and Junior Guides should then bring the neophytes into the initiation room and seat them.

The main motion, as amended, for Ritual Proposal #4 was then carried by the required 3/4 vote of the delegates.

Lambda Sigma then moved to bring **Ritual Proposal #2** from the table, Alpha Iota second. **Motion carried.**

Motion to amend **Ritual Proposal #2** by Atlanta, second by Fort Worth Cowtown, to change “a person a person” to “a professional a professional” on page 62; and to change "The grip of the Fraternity should be used only when you are introduced 'Brother, meet Brother.'" on page 70 of the Ritual Book to "The grip of the Fraternity should be used only when you are introduced to another brother of Delta Sigma Pi." Note the next sentence which includes "Mr., meet Mr." would remain removed. **The fourth motion to amend Ritual Proposal #2 carried.**

North Central RVP Mark Dorn moved to close debate on the amendment. **Motion to close debate carried.**

A fifth motion to amend **Ritual Proposal #2** was made by Zeta Eta, second Lake Charles-Lagniappe, to change “always should give the grip when you shake hands” on page 70 of the Ritual Book to “should always”. **The fifth motion to amend Ritual Proposal #2 carried.**

A sixth motion to amend **Ritual Proposal #2** was made by Alpha Zeta, second Phi Omega, to change “partner” back to “fiancé” on page 67 of the Ritual Book. **The sixth motion to amend Ritual Proposal #2 failed.**

A motion to close debate on the main motion was made by Epsilon Omicron, second Greenville/Upstate SC. **The motion to end debate failed.**

A seventh motion to amend **Ritual Proposal #2** was made by Pi Sigma, second Pi Rho, to change “a professional a professional” to “a leader a leader”. **The seventh motion to amend Ritual Proposal #2 failed.**

Epsilon Omega moved to close debate on the main motion, Theta Iota second. **The main motion, as amended, for Ritual Proposal #2 was then carried by the required 3/4 vote of the delegates.**

Boston Alumni offered a recommendation to the Board of Directors to consider use of Emergency Powers to consider options for those chapters which cannot perform Part I, such as Capital University.

Gamma Lambda offered a recommendation to the Board not to use Emergency Powers to remove Part I.

Zeta Eta offered a recommendation to the Board that the cover of the new Ritual Book be Old Gold.

Recommendation to the Board from Eta Pi to refer Ritual Part I to a committee to develop language.

The meeting was then recessed at 9:12 a.m., after which caucuses for Grand President and Vice President-Finance were held.

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Chancellor Hagerty reconvened the Grand Chapter at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 17. Schilling made several announcements.

Kromberg gave a supplementary credentials report and certified 233 voting delegates on the floor.

Smith then presented charters to members from Chi Omega, Psi Omega, Beta Omicron, and Omega Psi. She also welcomed new alumni chapters Farmington South Metro (MN), North Hollywood (CA), Pomona Valley (CA) and Saginaw-Great Lakes Bay (MI).

ELECTIONS

At this time the following elections for Fraternity office were held, with the results as shown below. Many testimonials were also presented throughout the morning. (Refer to the Testimonial Addendum.)

Grand President

Candidates:
Patricia A. Smith

Elected by acclamation: Smith

Vice President-Finance

Candidates:
Jodi L. Schoh

Elected by acclamation: Schoh

Vice President, North Central Province

Candidates:
Cory P. Stopka

Elected by acclamation: Stopka

Vice President, Northeastern Province

Candidates:
Daniel J. Collins

Elected by acclamation: Collins

Vice President, South Central Province

Candidates:
Mark R. Wernette

Elected by acclamation: Wernette

Vice President, Southern Province

Candidates:
Carrie Burns

Elected by acclamation: Burns

Vice President-Western Province

Candidates:
Crystal A. Justice

Elected by acclamation: Justice

Atlantic Coast Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Trina L. Kirk

Elected by acclamation: Kirk

Bay Area Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Nyohonseyonyon Wreh

Elected by acclamation: Wreh

Capital Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Monica Monroe

Elected by acclamation: Monroe

Central Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Jessica M. Anderson

Elected by acclamation: Anderson

Central Gulf Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Holly N. Vernon

Elected by acclamation: Vernon

Desert Mountain Regional Vice President

Candidates:
David Pratt

Elected by acclamation: Pratt

East Central Regional Vice President

Candidates:
James E. Kuhn

Elected by acclamation: Kuhn

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:
Matthew M. Hudson

Elected by acclamation: Hudson

Great Lakes Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Nicole Orlando

Elected by acclamation: Orlando

Great Plains Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Elise L. Godwin
Jody E. Dierickx

Elected: Dierickx

Gulf South Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Megan LeBouef

Elected by acclamation: LeBouef

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:
Aimee S. King

Elected by acclamation: King

Mid-South Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Madison Whitehouse

Elected by acclamation: Whitehouse

Midwestern Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Angela Schelp

Elected by acclamation: Schelp

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:
Brikken M. Jensen

Elected by acclamation: Jensen

Pacific Coast Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Jen P. Lee

Elected by acclamation: Lee

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:
Gabriella Del Carmen Leto

Elected by acclamation: Leto

South Pacific Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Erica J. Kolsrud

Elected by acclamation: Kolsrud

Southeastern Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Meghan L. Hill

Elected by acclamation: Hill

Southwestern Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Joshua T. Robinson

Elected by acclamation: Robinson

Steel Valley Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Kyra L. Cahill
Richard M. Garber

Elected: Cahill

Tornado Alley Regional Vice President

Candidates:
Jennifer Mayes

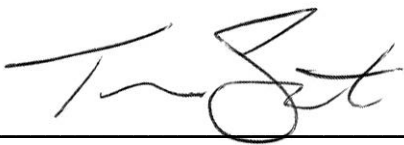
Elected by acclamation: Mayes

TESTIMONIALS (See Addendum)

Smith and Ibe then presented thanks and testimonials of service to Grand Officers, staff, committee chairs and others.

Additional testimonials were presented by many members. (Refer to Testimonial Addendum).

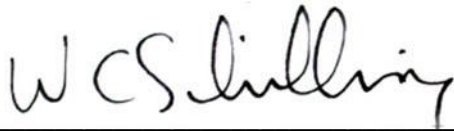
At the conclusion of the testimonials, Schilling made announcements. Hagerty then asked non-brothers to leave the room and Past Grand President Mark Chiacchiari conducted the ritualistic installation of all new national officers. Smith made remarks, conducted the closing Ritual, and adjourned the 52nd Grand Chapter at 10:39 a.m. after a **motion** by Iota Nu, Theta Kappa second, **was approved** by consensus.



Tricia Smith, Grand President



Meagan L. Hagerty, Congress Chancellor



William C. Schilling, Executive Director and
Recording Secretary

TESTIMONIAL ADDENDUM

Alex Emmert of Rho Psi Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

Proud to announce that the Rho Psi chapter at the University Of South Florida - St. Petersburg completed our endowment fund a year ahead of schedule with the help of brothers both collegiate and alumni, family, friends, and national officers. We are so proud of this accomplishment of raising \$20,000!

Trina Kirk, Atlantic Coast Regional Vice President, then offered the following Testimonial:

I, Trina Kirk, Atlantic Coast RVP would like to give a huge thank you to my District Director Leadership team: Mary Moon, Shawn Weidner, Emily Kazdin, Teddy Moore, Sarah Lawrence, Saisha Delevoe, & Daniel Botero for your hard work, dedication, & support to our collegiate and alumni chapters for the last two years. Your positive impact has made a difference for the betterment of the chapters in our Region.

Charles Rilli of Beta Omega Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

This testimonial is for Beta Omega's district director- Tina Lewert. When I first joined DSP, we had no district director and very little guidance. Tina Lewert came in after the 2017 GCC and immediately made an impact helping our chapter grow. As a former president, i worked closely with Tina who was always available to come to our events or talk on the phone. Tina has come to all of our initiations, pledge ceremonies, transition eboards and many other chapter events to help give her guidance on practices that work to help grow a chapter that has needed some help. Because of Tina's hard work and guidance, our 100 person chapter has grown to win awards nationally, become a chapter of recognition and improve our attendance at events to over 80%. Tina has always given advice on how to improve all aspects of our chapter and I personally thank her for making a difficult year as president into a very memorable and enjoyable year of growing our chapter.

Erin Van Geffen of New Orleans Crescent City Alumni Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

I have never and will never meet anyone like Susan Lackey. This miraculous woman somehow managed to encompass every amazing aspect of the ideal member of Delta Sigma Pi AND to be everyone's' kool adoptive grandmother. She not only showed me what it meant to live like for every debit there is a credit, but she also showed me that she would never stand to be a book judged by her cover.

Her life's work was a vast accomplishment that could take a normal person many lifetimes to complete, but she managed to do it all in the short 69 years she graced this earth. From raising 3 children with her beloved husband, Milton, to graduating valedictorian with her BS later in life, Susan was always a gleaming lighthouse, showing all of those around her how to cherish life no matter the storm that appears.

I honestly thought from our first interactions that she was just a dedicated DSP woman, but the more I discovered, the more I learned that Susan was not just one thing. She was an avid advocate for the less fortunate with her job at the Catholic Charities of New Orleans, a passionate supporter for the gift of higher education in her community by staying highly involved in her alma matter, the University of Holy Cross, and she was a devoted member of this fraternity, of which she held so sacred. Susan and Milton are also was the only people I have ever met that are die-hard fans of just about EVERY sport New Orleans has to offer – I'm even talking about the girl's roller derby team here!

Whether it was someone saying, “you can’t have a party here” or “the Saint’s can’t make it to the Superbowl”, she has shown that “can’t” is never an acceptable answer. This woman radiated passion like the sun.

Susan and Milton have been some of the biggest pillars in my Deltasig experience. She is the reason I have seen what staying involved leads to. All the many, MANY fond memories I now look back on only bring tears of joy since I have had the greatest pleasure of having known Susan. She truly was what made a brother a brother. The world is greater because she dwelt upon it.

Theresa Ramirez of Lambda Sigma Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

Two words, Patrick Bonfrisco. Starting from his collegiate days, he has held 18 various positions over the last 13 years and is still as active as he was back then. But most importantly, he has changed the lives of those at Lambda Sigma in his last two years as our District Director.

Patrick applies his knowledge and experience in directing us towards a positive and prosperous future. For every low and high moment, Patrick is there to experience it alongside us. How far would you go for a brother in need? The answer... As far as I would go for my own family. Patrick does not just hold the district director position in our chapter; he is also a brother and friend in our chapter. Thank you, Patrick, for all that you do for our chapter, region, province, but most of all, the national fraternity itself. Without his guidance or push, Lambda Sigma would not be here at Grand Chapter Congress. We have the best district director, and that is a fact.

Henry McDaniel then offered the following Testimonial:

Brothers this biennium the brothers of the Gulf South Region and the South Central Province lost a dear friend and as members of Delta Sigma Pi we lost a great brother.

Brother Susan Lackey never sought accolades for herself, but through her tireless work and dedication she earned the respect and love from all who crossed her path. She was a charitable human being and the pure definition of what it means to be an ideal Brother and the world was truly better because she dwelt upon it.

Susan was dedicated to helping those around her and improving the world for the better.

She was dedicated and proud to be from New Orleans and was involved in multiple charities, had season tickets to multiple sports teams in the area and continued to give back to her alma mater Holy Cross University.

Susan was a dedicated mother and grandmother and we thank her family for sharing her with us. We were honored to be able to call our Southern Grandma.

Susan taught all of us about hard work and to be passionate about what excites you. While Susan was passionate about many things in life one of her greatest passions was travel. Everyone was always excited to live vicariously through Susan as we all wanted to be world travelers like her and Milton. While we miss Susan immensely we have solace in the fact she passed while doing the thing she loved doing the most, traveling.

It is important for us to remember Susan and everything that she gave to us from her cornucopia, however she left us with a treasure that we will be honored to hold in trust, her

friend, travel partner and husband, Milton Lackey. The Brothers of Delta Sigma Pi are lucky that Susan gave us the opportunity to call Milton our friend and adoptive family member.

Milton was Susan's constant companion in all she did and traveled with her to many events, one of those being Grand Chapter Congress.

I ask that this 52nd Grand Chapter Congress honor Milton as he has attended 7 previous Grand Chapters and keeping Susan's spirit alive is here with us today, attending his 8th Grand Chapter.

On behalf of the Brothers of Delta Sigma Pi I want to thank Milton for being with us today carrying on Susan's dedication to Delta Sigma Pi.

We are thankful for the time that we got to be with Susan and she is and will always be missed. She was a true Deltasig and the world was better because she dwelt upon it.

J. Barrett Carter, Atlanta Alumni Chapter, then offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas, a thousand plus brothers, guests and family descended to the most hospitable city in the south, Atlanta, Georgia;

And whereas, Velvet Simmons accepted the challenge to chair the Host Committee for the 52nd Grand Chapter Congress, along with some special alumni, Marc Cohen, Denita Morin and Dustin Paschal; and the members of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter.

And whereas, we hope that you all enjoyed yourselves in our great city. We thank you for joining us and look forward to you visiting us again. See y'all in Cleveland.

Theresa Ramirez of Lambda Sigma Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

Jen Lee embodies the attributes of Fraternity and pushes the Pacific Coast Region to thrive in all areas. We have had the privilege of having her as our Regional Vice President for the last two years. She has set goals for our region to bring us closer together and strive for Excellence. Jen encourages the region to aim for the highest standards and apply for all awards, no matter how big. She believes every collegiate member can make a difference in the Fraternity if they set goals they want to achieve. Whenever there is a question, big or small, Jen is there for all the Chapters. As a Regional Vice President and brother, Jen represents the values we state in ritual, "he who profits most who serves best; it is our obligation to serve." Jen has served our region and Fraternity with the utmost influence, and she deserves the recognition for all of her hard work. We are thankful to Jen for preparing us to be ethical leaders by helping guide us with her knowledge and experience. She is a true example of extending her undergrad experience to a lifelong journey. Thanks, Jen, for being our Regional Vice President and a constant role model.

Meghan Hill, on behalf of the Southern Provincial Leadership Team, then offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas: it has been said that if you want something done, you should ask a busy person because they will be accurate, efficient, and thorough.

Whereas: great leaders listen twice as often as they speak so they can best understand how to be a catalyst for identifying solutions rather than problems.

Whereas: the best mentors lead by example; seeking as much feedback as they give, and are constantly adjusting and improving based on the observations of those closest to them.

Therefore: we the assembled SoPro ChickBros, express our deepest gratitude to Southern Provincial Vice President Carrie Burns for her relentless encouragement, representation, and leadership example not only for us and our Province but for all Deltasigs. Brother Burns is the QUEEN of GSD (Get Shit Done), yet always has time to listen and assist when her team of green RVPs (Five first-timers and one veteran) needs anything from a late-night phone call to a chapter visit (or a much-deserved ChickBros Night In). Thank you, Carrie, for helping us to best serve our brothers. We could not be the leaders we are without your guidance and example.

- Trina Kirk, Atlantic Coast RVP
- Amy King, Mid-Atlantic RVP
- Holly Vernon, Central Gulf, RVP
- Madison Whitehouse, Mid-South RVP
- Gabby Leto, South Atlantic RVP
- Meghan Hill, Southeastern RVP

Linda Dorn, on behalf of the North Central Provincial Leadership Team, then offered the following Testimonial:

This testimonial honors and celebrates Mark Dorn for his service to the fraternity as North Central Regional Vice President. During the past biennium, Mark worked with his team of District Directors to provide support and guidance to the collegiate chapters. Whereas Mark's passion for expansion is shown through his development of a new alumni chapter, a reactivation of an alumni chapter, providing support for the new colony at St. John's St. Ben's in Minnesota and a possible new chapter at the University of MN Duluth. Whereas Mark brought the North Central Region Collegiate brothers together twice each year with their district directors for a president's planning summit that resulted in great collaborations across the region and the chapters. Whereas Mark was devoted to DSP even though he went through a serious medical issue that resulted in 4 hospital stays with the 4th resulting in an amputation--through this ordeal, Mark was courageous and continued to provide guidance to his chapters and his district directors all while learning a new way of life and a new normal. We thank Mark Dorn for his service, his vision, his friendship, and for the opportunity to serve others.

Charlie Kenney then offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas we spent hours in debate.

Whereas there were amendments after amendments after amendments made & hours of debate.

Whereas there were countless points of order and points of information.

Whereas this congress would not have been kept in order and organized, even if she ruled herself out of order, & even cursed on the floor.

Be it hereby resolved Chancellor Hagerty that Grand Chapter Congress would not have been the same without her leadership and control of this congress as chancellor and we hope we didn't scare her away and look forward to having her with us in Cleveland and serve as chancellor again for the 53rd Grand Chapter Congress. Brothers, rise if able and join me in thanking Chancellor Hagerty for her service at the 52nd Grand Chapter Congress.

Amy Briggs then offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas Delta Sigma Pi started in 1907 as an organization of all men. Over the years we've grown and diversified with many firsts along the way:

Laurie Gail Senko was initiated in the spring of 1976, the first semester women could be initiated, and set another first when she received her Silver Helmet in 2001.

Theresa Drew was selected the first female Collegian of the Year, and first female member of the Executive Committee in 1979.

Lynette Servaes was hired as the first female Chapter Consultant in 1989.

Beth Keith was the first female elected as Provincial Vice President in 1993.

Catherine Merdian was the first female elected as Vice President for Alumni Benefits and Services in 1995.

Joelle Berlat was the first female elected as Vice President of Finance 2001,

Kathy Jahnke was the first female elected as Grand President in 2001,

Claire Salmon Roberts was the first female awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017, and

Meagan Hagerty is now the first female to serve as Chancellor of the Grand Chapter Congress in 2019

Whereas Meagan has joined the ranks of other talented Grand Chapter Chancellors like Robert Tavarez, Randy Hultz, and Onuka Ibe

Whereas Meagan Hagerty is a talented educator and professional who surrounds herself with other talented brothers, fiancées, partners, leaders, persons, and spouses.

Be it resolved that with the greatest respect and admiration of the entire 52nd Grand Chapter Congress attendees, Brother Hagerty laid of the high ones this week, and knocked it out of the park!

William Tran of Eta Chi Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

Hello everyone, the Eta Chi chapter from Cal Poly Pomona, hailing from the suburbs of Los Angeles, California, was reinstalled at Cal Poly Pomona on May 12, 2018 and received our charter at the 2019 Western Provincial LEAD in Irvine. It has been two years of hard work, going from the colony stages to a fully-fledged chapter, achieving Chapter of Excellence this past year.

We are happy to announce that we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of our original founding this November, as our chapter was installed in 1969, the same year our College of Business Administration was established at Cal Poly Pomona. Over the years, our chapter has faced challenges that have pushed us to reflect and grow, but we recognize that we would not be here today without the efforts and support from the Central Office, the Board of Directors, and all those that have led and guided us in revitalizing our chapter.

Thank you to Delta Sigma Pi for providing the best platform for professional business development and brotherhood, and may the Eta Chi Chapter continue to prosper for years to come.

Crystal Justice, Western Provincial Vice President, then offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas I was able to serve as the Western Provincial Vice President for the 2017-2019 biennium; Nyonohse Wreh, David Pratt, Jen Lee, Morgan Conklin, Patrick Bonfrisco, Sam Clark, Kristyn Koller, Cody Heimerdinger and Erica Kolsrud are the true heroes and heroines of the Western Province. They have gone where no man or woman has gone before, and served as Regional Vice Presidents during my first term as PVP. I could not have asked for a better leadership team. And while the Pacific Coast Region was the Belle of the ball this year; Sleeping Beauty, Hercules, Elsa, Simba, Snow White and Ariel are all ohana and celebrate Belle's success! You have all truly shown that "If you dream it, you can do it" (Walt Disney). I have learned so much from each and every one of you and truly appreciate all of your hard work, dedication, love for the fraternity, and most of all fun attitudes! Whereas the committee chairs for the Western Province - Patrick Bonfrisco, Nick Rizzi, Patrick Lewis and Alex Warrick have shown that your focus really does determine your reality and your reality is to serve the fraternity best! We all say thank you for your dedication because "Do. Or do not. There is no try." I look forward to the next biennium for the Western Province as we just keep swimming, swimming, swimming and reach for the sky! Because hakuna Maratha means no worries for the rest of your days. The greatest gift and honor, is being able to serve with all of you!