

**INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI, INC.**  
**MINUTES**  
**50<sup>th</sup> GRAND CHAPTER CONGRESS**  
**AUGUST 13-15, 2015**  
**CHICAGO, IL**

The 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Congress of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, Inc. was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2015, by Grand President Onuka Ibe at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel near Chicago, Illinois.

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

Onuka Ibe ( <i>Iota Nu</i> )	Grand President
Mark A. Chiacchiari ( <i>Beta Nu</i> )	Past Grand President
Shane T. Borden ( <i>Theta Sigma</i> )	Vice President-Finance
Jodi L. Schoh ( <i>Kappa Upsilon</i> )	North Central Provincial Vice President
Patricia A. Smith ( <i>Theta Kappa</i> )	Northeastern Provincial Vice President
Henry K. McDaniel ( <i>Nu Xi</i> )	South Central Provincial Vice President
Janene W. Markuske ( <i>Theta Sigma</i> )	Southern Provincial Vice President
Patrick A. Bonfrisco ( <i>Lambda Sigma</i> )	Western Provincial Vice President
Richard M. Brandt ( <i>Epsilon Rho</i> )	Collegian of the Year – 2013 (leaves Board effective August 15)
Nicolas J. Rizzi ( <i>Alpha Nu</i> )	Collegian of the Year – 2014
Chad A. Robinson ( <i>Theta Tau</i> )	Collegian of the Year – 2015 (on Board effective August 15)
William C. Schilling ( <i>Alpha Delta</i> )	Executive Director

Regional Vice Presidents seated among the delegates included:

Diana Beauge ( <i>Iota Rho</i> )	Capital Regional Vice President
Jeanette L. Buie ( <i>Iota Omicron</i> )	Gateway Regional Vice President
Thomas B. Calloway ( <i>Mu Pi</i> )	Eastern Regional Vice President
Daniel J. Collins ( <i>Xi Phi</i> )	New England Regional Vice President
Whitney Dixon-Reed ( <i>Iota Sigma</i> )	Great Lakes Regional Vice President
Richard M. Garber ( <i>Alpha Pi</i> )*	Steel Valley Regional Vice President
Jillian E. Gartner ( <i>Alpha Iota</i> )	Great Plains Regional Vice President
Kevin L Gore ( <i>Nu Xi</i> )	Southwestern Regional Vice President
Trey Hernandez ( <i>Delta Sigma</i> )	South Pacific Regional Vice President
Hannah Hutton Hoes ( <i>Nu Tau</i> )	North Central Regional Vice President
H. Lee James ( <i>Lambda Rho</i> )	Central Gulf Regional Vice President
Crystal A. Justice ( <i>Lambda Mu</i> )	Sierra Nevada Regional Vice President
Susan S. Lackey ( <i>Nu Omicron</i> )	Gulf South Regional Vice President
Erika Lea Lakey ( <i>Gamma Iota</i> )	Desert Mountain Regional Vice President
Gilbert Landras ( <i>Eta Psi</i> )	Gulf Western Regional Vice President
Harmony Lazore ( <i>Theta Sigma</i> )	Atlantic Coast Regional Vice President
Erin R. Lee ( <i>Zeta Theta</i> )	Mid-South Regional Vice President
Kayleigh E. Lot ( <i>Alpha Kappa</i> )	Niagara Regional Vice President
Kelly J. Rabin ( <i>Alpha Iota</i> )	Pacific Northwest Regional Vice President
Monica J. Ramey ( <i>Omicron Tau</i> )	East Central Regional Vice President
Carrie Sagel Burns ( <i>Alpha Tau</i> )	Southeastern Regional Vice President
Christopher M. Sands ( <i>Gamma Lambda</i> )	South Atlantic Regional Vice President
Jackie Shaw Soetmelk ( <i>Nu Omega</i> )	Midwestern Regional Vice President
Alexandra Warrick ( <i>Iota Sigma</i> )	Central Regional Vice President
Charisse N. Welborn ( <i>Delta Rho</i> )*	Huron Regional Vice President

Mark R. Wernette (*Epsilon Zeta*)  
Scott J. Wong (*Zeta Tau*)

Tornado Alley Regional Vice President  
Bay Area Regional Vice President

\*Partially missing throughout Congress due to personal matters

Absent Regional Vice Presidents were:

Joy Cable Carroll (*Delta Sigma*)  
Rodney T. Carswell Jr. (*Beta Xi*)  
Karin Olivo (*Omicron Pi*)  
Crystal Marie Varela (*Gamma Iota*)

Pacific Coast Regional Vice President  
Empire Regional Vice President  
Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President  
Rocky Mountain Regional Vice President

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

Rochelle Carnegie (*Kappa Pi*)  
Dale M. Clark (*Kappa Nu*)  
Brooke Crail (*Iota Sigma*)  
Shanda R. Gray (*Kappa Omicron*)

Educational & Leadership Consultant  
Director of Chapter & Expansion Services  
Educational & Leadership Consultant  
Associate Executive Director/Executive Vice  
President- Leadership Foundation  
Event and Member Services Coordinator  
Director of Information and Operational Services  
Communications Coordinator  
Director of Finance and Administration  
Director of Member Services

Lea M. Kayton (*Alpha Delta*)  
Jeremy S. Levine (*Pi Tau*)  
Anne Strychalski  
Jeanna M. Tipton (*Cincinnati*)  
Heather A. Troyer (*Alpha Chi*)

Ibe presided as Chairman of the Congress, per policy. Other positions were as follows: Wendy L. Eilers (*Epsilon Omega*), Parliamentarian; Norman Kromberg (*Alpha Delta*), Credentials Committee Chair; Randy L. Hultz (*Iota Nu*), Chancellor; Nominations Committee Chair, Chiacchiari; and Recording Secretary, Schilling.

The first order of business was the opening Ritual, followed by the initiation of National Honorary Initiate Barry Salzberg, retired Global Chief Executive Officer of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited. Theresa J. Drew (*Zeta Omega*) conducted an interview with Brother Salzberg following his initiation.

Ibe 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: Bridget Achenbach, *Eta Rho*; Dale Bails, *Epsilon Psi*; Jordan Basl, *Beta Gamma*; Joshua Beach, *Omicron Pi*; Robert G. Busse, *Beta Omicron*, 1953-1955 Grand President; S. Truett Cathy, *Iota Mu*, founder of Chick-Fil-A; Jack Cilek, *Gamma Psi*; Dwight Clark, *Beta Xi*; John Cookson, *Gamma Rho*, 1999 Lifetime Achievement Honoree; and his wife June, *Eta Omega*; Bylli Daniels, *Eta Kappa*; Gayla (Glaspie) Eagen, *Iota Nu*; Clarence "Red" Frank, *Gamma Rho*; Scott French, *Xi Upsilon*; Marc Anthony Gaines, *Lambda*; Harry Gamble, *Beta Xi*, 2007 Career Achievement Honoree; Lateef Gazal, *Omicron Chi*; Michael Harper, *Epsilon Omega*; Greg Koch, *Kappa Omicron*, former Leadership Foundation Chair; Thu Yain Kyaw, *Phi*; Daryl Logullo, *Gamma Lambda*; Juston Martin, *Alpha Sigma*; Kali Munzel Hendrickson, *Nu Tau*; Joe Nadicksbernd, *Epsilon Psi*; James Pair, *Kappa*; Heather Price Papayoti, *Beta Pi*; Anne Pirkle Cohen, *Iota Mu*; Michael Ramsey, *Zeta Mu*; Robert Smith, *Alpha Theta*; and Paul Sweet, *Alpha Kappa*.

Ibe then introduced the Board of Directors and Regional Vice Presidents, the Trustees 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 chapter attendees, members of the Central Office Staff and colony members.

At this time, Ibe relinquished the chair to Chancellor Hultz, who introduced Credentials Chair Kromberg. Kromberg then presented the Roll Call of Delegates and the report of the Credentials Committee. He announced 236 delegates were confirmed with 228 present and eligible to vote. Philadelphia Alumni moved to adopt the roll of voting delegates and to accept the report of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded by Louisville Alumni and adopted.

At this time, Hultz introduced Parliamentarian Eilers to present the report of the Rules and Resolutions Committee. Zeta Omega moved to adopt the Proposed Standing Rules for the 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Congress as presented. The motion was seconded by Eta Psi and adopted.

Long Beach Pier 9 then moved to adopt the agenda for Old Business—which was “none”—as presented by Eilers. The motion was seconded by Xi Rho and approved.

Epsilon Iota moved to adopt the agenda for New Business as presented by Eilers. The motion was seconded by Lambda Pi and approved. The proposed Bylaw Amendments will be considered in this order: Amendment #1, Amendment #3, Amendment #2 and last, Ritual Proposal #1.

Cincinnati Alumni moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Congress and to approve the minutes as distributed. Seconded by Eta Pi and approved.

Nu Tau moved to receive the printed Official Reports as distributed to the delegates. Gamma Tau seconded and the motion was adopted.

Hultz then introduced Ibe to present the “State of the Organization” report to the Grand Chapter. (This report and those of the Vice Presidents, Committee Chairs and others are contained in these proceedings.) Ibe introduced Gabe Ottolini, representative of national philanthropy partner Ronald McDonald House Charities, who thanked Delta Sigma Pi for our involvement, summarized past contributions and outlined future opportunities.

Iota Nu moved to receive the report of the Grand President. The motion was seconded by Theta Chi and approved.

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

Ibe then presented charters to members from Gamma Mu, Gamma Sigma, Sigma Omega, Tau Upsilon and Tau Phi. He also welcomed new alumni chapters Charlotte (NC), Honolulu-Oahu (HI), Long Beach-Pier 9 (CA), Miami/Fort Lauderdale (FL), Florence, SC, Portland Cascadia (OR), and St Pete-Clearwater (FL).

Hultz recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m., reconvening at 2:15 p.m.

A new delegate count was taken by Credentials Chair Kromberg and he certified 229 delegates present and voting.

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

The following nominations were withdrawn: Patrick Flynn for Steel Valley Regional Vice President and Erica Lakey for Desert Mountain Regional Vice President.

Gamma Theta moved to receive the report of the Nominations Committee. The motion was seconded by Omicron Pi and approved.

The following nominations were taken from the floor:

1.     Vice President-Finance  
      Name: Claire Sammon Roberts
2.     Vice President-Finance  
      Name: Mathew R. Temple
3.     Southwestern Regional Vice President  
      Name: Charles M. Kenney
4.     Niagara Regional Vice President  
      Name: Kayleigh E. Lot
5.     North Central Regional Vice President  
      Name: Mark E. Dorn
6.     Desert Mountain Regional Vice President  
      Name: Alexandra Warrick
7.     Bay Area Regional Vice President  
      Name: Lisa Brown
8.     Central Regional Vice President  
      Name: Jessica M. Anderson

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

Chancellor Hultz then noted there was no old business and moved into new business. The first items were the proposed amendments to the bylaws.

The Chancellor brought to the floor **Bylaw Amendment #1** (proposed by Onuka Ibe/Board of Directors): Amend Bylaw Article XVI, Section 3 to determine the naming of collegiate chapters after Psi Omega. The motion was seconded by Psi Omega.

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

Article XVI, Section 3 of the Bylaws will now read:

**Section 3. Designation of Collegiate Chapters** --- The Collegiate Chapters shall be designated alphabetically, in the order of their installation, using the Greek alphabet. When the Greek alphabet has been used through, the chapters shall be designated as Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, and so on through Alpha Omega; and as Beta Gamma, Beta Delta, and so on through Beta Omega; and Gamma Delta, Gamma Epsilon, and so on through Gamma Omega; and Delta Epsilon, Delta Zeta, and so on through Delta Omega; and Epsilon Zeta, Epsilon Eta, and so on through Epsilon Omega; and Zeta Eta, Zeta Theta, and so on through Zeta Omega, etc. The combination of Alpha Alpha and Beta Beta shall not be used. When the Greek alphabet has been used through Psi Omega, the chapters shall be designated with two

Greek letters in reverse order: Omega Psi, Omega Chi and so on through Omega Alpha; and as Psi Chi, Psi Phi and so on through Psi Alpha; etc. Prior to 2015, Bylaws prohibited the combination of letters in reversed alphabetical order (e.g. Beta Alpha) to be used to designate chapters.

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The Chancellor brought to the floor **Bylaw Amendment #3** (proposed by Jodi Schoh/Board of Directors): To amend Bylaw Article XIV, Section 5 to allow the Board of Directors to align discipline of a chapter with the university discipline.

An amendment to the proposal was moved by Chicago Alumni and seconded by Zeta to add text at the end of the proposed new Section 5 stating "Additional ninety (90) day periods may not exceed a total of sixteen (16) consecutive periods (4 years), at which time the chapter shall be removed from probation, or shall have its charter revoked per article XIV, Section 6 of the bylaws." The amendment failed to be approved by a simple majority.

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

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

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

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The Chancellor brought to the floor **Bylaw Amendment #2** (proposed by Joe Ward and Andrew Sawa/North Central Province): To amend Bylaw Article VI, Sections 4 and 8 to replace the current National Alumni Development Committee with an elected National Alumni Chapter Committee.

**Bylaw Amendment #2** then **failed** to gain approval of over 2/3 of the delegates. Article VI, Sections 4 and 8 of the Bylaws will remain unchanged.

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Kromberg confirmed 226 delegates were present and eligible to vote.

Chancellor Hultz then moved into the Ritual Proposal. These minutes are purposely vague in places to honor the secrecy of Ritual. Refer to the "Confidential 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Congress Ritual Proposals" for additional specifics.

The Chancellor brought to the floor **Ritual Proposal #1** (proposed by Pi Tau): To remove Part I in its entirety.

An amendment to the proposal was moved by Pi Tau and seconded by Xi Omicron to retain Part I but remove some of its content. Ibe spoke on behalf of the board in favor of the amended proposal. Standing rules of debate were suspended unanimously and continued to 35 minutes. Dallas Area Alumni moved to extend debate for an additional 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Long Beach Pier 9 Alumni. The motion to extend failed. The amendment was adopted by a simple majority.

The **amended Ritual Proposal #1** then **failed** to gain approval of over 3/4 of the delegates. Part I will remain unchanged.

At the suggestion of the Chancellor, Shepherdstown Alumni moved to refer the research (including consultation with the Provincial Councils) of Part 1 of the Initiation Ritual to the Board of Directors with a report, including recommendations, due back to the 2017 Grand Chapter Congress. The motion was seconded by Sigma Phi and approved.

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The following nominations were taken from the floor:

1. Desert Mountain Regional Vice President  
Name: Justin M. Cranmer

Chancellor Hultz recessed the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

### **Friday, August 14, 2015**

Chancellor Hultz reconvened the Grand Chapter at 8:02 a.m., Friday, August 14. Schilling made announcements.

Credentials Chair Kromberg certified 225 delegates present and voting.

Nominations Chair Chiacchiari noted there was one candidate withdrawal from the floor:

1. Gulf Western Regional Vice President  
Name: Jaclyn M. Romero

Hultz made a final call for nominations from the floor. The following nominations were taken from the floor:

1. Southern Provincial Vice President  
Name: Daniel M. Gaines

Theta Pi moved to close nominations, second by Lambda Xi. Motion carried.

The meeting was then recessed at 8:15 a.m., after which caucuses for Grand President and Vice President-Finance were held.

### **Saturday, August 15, 2015**

Chancellor Hultz reconvened the Grand Chapter at 8:31 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2015. Schilling made several announcements.

Kromberg gave a supplementary credentials report and certified 223 voting delegates on the floor.

### **ELECTIONS**

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

Grand President

Candidates:  
Onuka Ibe

Elected by acclamation: Ibe

Vice President-Finance

Candidates:  
Gilbert L. Landras  
Kelly J. Rabin  
Claire Sammon Roberts  
Mathew R. Temple

Elected: Kelly J. Rabin  
Landras was eliminated in the initial vote;  
Rabin elected in the second vote.

Vice President, North Central Province

Candidates:  
Jodi L. Schoh

Elected by acclamation: Schoh

Vice President, Northeastern Province

Candidates:  
Patricia A. Smith

Elected by acclamation: Smith

Vice President, South Central Province

Candidates:  
Henry K. McDaniel

Elected by acclamation: McDaniel

Vice President, Southern Province

Candidates:  
Daniel M. Gaines  
Janene A. Markuske

Elected: Markuske

Vice President-Western Province

Candidates:  
Patrick A. Bonfrisco

Elected by acclamation: Bonfrisco

Atlantic Coast Regional Vice President

Candidates:  
Opeola O. Bukola

Elected by acclamation: Bukola

Bay Area Regional Vice President

Candidates:  
Lisa N. Brown

Elected by acclamation: Brown

Capital Regional Vice President

Candidates:  
Joshua Panwala

Elected by acclamation: Panwala

Central Regional Vice President

Candidates:  
Jessica M. Anderson

Elected: Anderson

Central Gulf Regional Vice President

Candidates:  
Holly N. Vernon

Elected by acclamation: Vernon

Desert Mountain Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Justin M. Cranmer

Alexandra Warrick

Elected: Warrick

East Central Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Monica J. Ramey

Elected by acclamation: Ramey

Eastern Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Thomas B. Calloway

Elected by acclamation: Calloway

Empire Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Bryan M. Carlo

Elected by acclamation: Carlo

Gateway Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Jeanette L. Buie

Elected by acclamation: Buie

Great Lakes Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Nicole Orlando

Elected by acclamation: Orlando

Great Plains Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Jillian E. Gartner

Elected by acclamation: Gartner

Gulf South Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Susan S. Lackey

Elected by acclamation: Lackey

Gulf Western Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Musanna Al-Muntasir

Elected by acclamation: Al-Muntasir

Huron Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Charisse N. Welborn

Elected by acclamation: Welborn

Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Karin Olivo

LaDeshia S. Parker

Elected: Olivo

Mid-South Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Erin R. Lee

Madison E. Whitehouse

Elected: Lee

Midwestern Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Renee N. Moeller

Elected by acclamation: Moeller

New England Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Daniel J. Collins

Elected by acclamation: Collins

Niagara Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Kayleigh E. Lot

Elected by acclamation: Lot

North Central Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Mark E. Dorn

Hannah H. Hoes

Elected: No one was elected. An interim Regional Vice President and an election will be held by mail ballot within 60 days.

Pacific Coast Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Shanna Emrich

Elected by acclamation: Emrich

Pacific Northwest Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Catherine R. Leslie

Elected by acclamation: Leslie

Rocky Mountain Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Kristyn L. Childress

Elected by acclamation: Childress

Sierra Nevada Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Crystal A. Justice

Elected by acclamation: Justice

South Atlantic Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Christopher M. Sands

Elected by acclamation: Sands

South Pacific Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Erica J. Kolsrud

Elected by acclamation: Kolsrud

Southeastern Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Carrie Sagel Burns

Elected by acclamation: Burns

Southwestern Regional Vice President

Candidates:

Kevin L Gore

Charles M. Kenney

Elected: Gore

Steel Valley Regional Vice President

Candidates:  
Kristen Kralik

Elected by acclamation: Kralik

Tornado Alley Regional Vice President

Candidates:  
Mark R. Wernette

Elected by acclamation: Wernette

**TESTIMONIALS (See Addendum)**

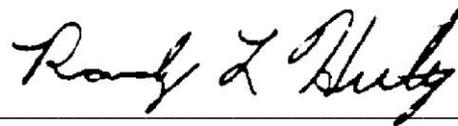
Ibe and Chiacchiari then presented thanks and testimonials of service to Grand Officers, staff, committee chairs and others.

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

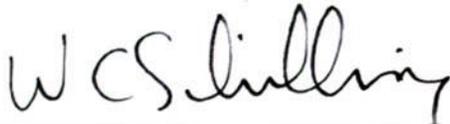
At the conclusion of the testimonials, Schilling made announcements. Ibe then asked non-brothers to leave the room and Past Grand President Mitch Simmons conducted the ritualistic installation of all new national officers. Ibe made remarks and then adjourned the 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter at 11:39 a.m. after a motion by Psi, Pi Chi second, was approved by consensus.



Onuka Ibe, Grand President



Randy Hultz, Congress Chancellor



William C. Schilling, Executive Director and  
Recording Secretary

## TESTIMONIAL ADDENDUM

Adam Katch of Twin Cities Alumni then offered the following Testimonial:

Brothers-

The Twin Cities Alumni chapter at Minneapolis/St. Paul Minnesota would like to extend an invitation to all Brothers and Guests for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Roast. The TCAC Pig Roast will be held at Antlers Park in Lakeville, MN on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, “Like” us on Facebook or see a TCAC member.

Thank you!

Ashley Abed of Alpha Iota then offered the following Testimonial:

The Alpha Iota Chapter of Drake University will be hosting Halsey in February of 2016. The volleyball and basketball tournament will take place on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines, Iowa. Themed Heroes Villains Halsey the event will be hosted at the Holiday Inn by Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. Registration will start at \$70, and open in early October at drakedsp.org. Please contact the Alpha Iota Chapter with any questions you may have.

Christopher Wood of Gamma Tau then offered the following Testimonial:

As delegate for the Gamma Tau chapter at the University of Southern Mississippi, I, too, would like to express our congratulations to the Tau Phi chapter from Jacksonville State University. It has been an inspiring experience to watch your colony at Birmingham’s Provincial Conference turn into brothers sitting next to us here at GCC. We are proud to call you brothers and cannot wait to see where your hard work and dedication which you have already shown will lead to in the future. The road is not easy, but steel in tempered in the fire, and adversity breeds perseverance. Stay strong and rest easy in knowing that your colony who was but a few is now an appendage to a body of many thousands. Welcome to the brotherhood where while we are one, we are also part of a whole. Also: Tau Phi to the Top!

Cheyenne Moon of Beta Lambda then offered the following Testimonial:

On behalf of the Beta Lambda Chapter at Auburn University, we would like to congratulate the Tau Phi Chapter on receiving their charter at this Grand Chapter Congress. Welcome to the Central Gulf Region officially and we are so excited to see the direction your chapter heads in, as we know you all have already faced adversity in your journey as a colony. We loved being able to participate in y’all’s spring initiation and look forward to the years to come as brothers in our Region. War Eagle!

Shane Borden, Vice President – Finance, then offered the following Testimonial:

As many of you know, this is my wife's GCC, but rest assured this is my testimonial. There are so many to thank, but second to none are my cohorts on the Board of Directors. Believe me when I say that you all have elected a great group of people. Onuka, thanks for asking all of your creative questions, it really makes us think outside the box. Mark, over the past 17 years we have been through a lot and I want to thank you for the guidance and "EXTRA" conversation. Janene, I remember meeting you long ago during a Theta Sigma recruiting event and I always knew we would serve together on the Board. Thank you for your passion and thoughtfulness over the years. Patrick, thanks for keeping the fun in it. The Western Province is lucky to have you. Henry, just keep being you and make sure you ask enough questions for the both of us. Jodi, you are one of the most creative leaders I have ever come across and thank you for making this analytical guy see more than just the numbers. Trish, thank you for your patient leadership. I appreciate your ability to evaluate the landscape and consider all opinions before making your own. Mitch, thank you for always setting me in the direction of "STELLAR".

I've been lucky enough to work with six COYs over my tenure and be assured that they have your back and all of them are awesome!

To my committee: Michelle, Mark, Chetta, Shawn and Matt. Thank you for always being there. We did some great work over the past few years and I couldn't have done it without you.

Lastly and not least, thank you to the staff. Nothing here happens without them. Jeanna, thanks for being my sounding board and keeping me straight. The pleasure was all mine.

To everyone else, thank you for believing in me and letting me serve this great organization.

As they say in the aviation world, until next time, keep the blue side up.

Henry McDaniel, South Central PVP, then offered the following Testimonial:

While many of us feel we are family, we wanted to take a moment and recognize a special bond we have created with our 2013 National COY, Richard Brandt. Richie, you have become a special part of our fraternal lives and earned a special place in our hearts. However, we thought we should take a moment to take a walk down memory lane over the past several years and let you know what some of our favorite memories of you are.

[Jackie]

My dearest brother, in more than one way. Our first time spending quality time together, you serenaded me with Disney songs the entire bus ride from Cincinnati to Oxford. I knew at that time that I loved you, and we would become great friends, even if you didn't sing all of my favorite songs. I've loved getting to know you the past couple years and am never disappointed when we get together. I also love that you take the time to speak to my collegiates about how to become a COY, and the true reason you are COY. Wink, wink.

[Kris]

I remember how I met you – and the night that ensued. While at LEAD in Atlanta, being introduced to you by Jeanne Gregory as the next COY, the argument that followed, and more importantly – how the night ended. That night continues to be the highlight of our friendship, and while I am competitive, I will openly admit that I lost to you in an epic diva-off. Richie – congrats on being a bigger diva than me. You earned that title!

[Henry]

Richie, my son, my love... Being on the board when you were announced as COY, I was a little nervous, being the only thing of you at that point was that you are a bigger diva than my wife. However, when I first met you in Seattle at GCC, we instantly started having fun. Like when you jumped on my back at the Grand President's Dance and told me I was your pony, to when you were congratulated to being COY and knew who I was only as Kris' husband, to being pulled over on the way from St. Louis LEAD to Kansas City because, honestly, I still believe the cop thought I was kidnapping you, but since you were of age, he let us continue along I-70.

These memories, naturally, only scratch the surface of great times we have shared, but they are some of our fondest. Thank you for your dedication to the fraternity, your service on the Board of Directors and being part of our "Awkward Family"! PS – don't forget our awkward family photo needed tonight...

Nicole Rein of Alpha Delta Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

Alpha Delta Chapter would like to thank our District Director, Chelsea Hayes. Brother Hayes has guided us and helped us improve our chapter through our initiation of 60 new brothers this year, showed us the importance of ritual and the planning and organization of many chapter events, especially the Halsey basketball-volleyball tournament. We are so grateful that she is our district director and can't wait to see how she will guide us in the continuous improvement of Alpha Delta. She is a great mentor, leader and brother of the Fraternity.

Elizabeth Reetz of Gamma Eta Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

District Directors rarely received the credit they deserve. Ellie Pelto, District Director of the Gamma Eta Chapter helped us to earn the chapter of excellence award. She challenged us to become better Deltasigs and to always strive for a stronger brotherhood. With her guidance, we also earned the Most Improved Regional and Provincial Awards. Without her constant help and mentoring, we would not have been able to achieve our goals of improving our chapter to the extent we did. Thank you Ellie for everything you have done. Gamma Eta cannot wait to see how you will help us continue to improve our chapter.

Samuel Maduig of Zeta Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

My name is Samuel Maduig and I am the one delegate attendee to Grand Chapter Congress from Zeta Chapter at Northwestern University. We, as a chapter, have struggled with

attendance, as well as involvement over the past few years. However, that has started to change as a result of our growing connection with the Alpha Omega Chapter at DePaul. Specifically, Brother Mikey Mayers has been an amazing resource and brother to the Brothers at Zeta Chapter. He has organized multiple inter-chapter events that have allowed for new connections and friendships to grow that likely would have not developed without the efforts of Brother Mikey Mayers. He has been extremely helpful and generous to me personally, by helping me secure a room with him and the other brothers from Alpha Omega. Without his help, I would not be here at Grand Chapter Congress, and for that I am extremely grateful. I have been able to learn new things during the breakout sessions, create lasting bonds with brothers from across the nation, and, perhaps most importantly, represent my chapter as a delegate with week. Mikey Mayers, and all of my brothers here from Alpha Omega deserve to be recognized for all that they have done to help make this week an amazing experience for everyone.

Michael Mayers of Alpha Omega Chapter, on behalf of the Great Lakes Region, then offered the following Testimonial:

On behalf of the Great Lakes Region, we would like to recognize and thank Brother and Regional Vice President Whitney Dixon-Reed for the years of service, dedication, and guidance to all of our chapters. You will be severely missed and we wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors. Thank you.

-Great Lakes Region

Delta	Zeta	Psi	Alpha Omega
Gamma Pi	Zeta Xi	Eta Mu	Kappa Phi
Lambda Omicron	Xi Chi	Chicago Alumni Chapter	
Milwaukee Alumni Chapter			

Nicole Moeller of Kansas City Alumni Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

Without Jackie Shaw Soetmelk, I would not be here as an active alumni member, or at least as active as I am. I mentioned to someone that I wanted to be an active alumni member at the Overland Park LEAD and they suggested I speak with Jackie. She handed me her card and disappeared. So I sent her a text and that was the start of it all. I helped her with the grunt work at MARS, I became a DD and now a RVP. I can't believe you have retired! You have shown me great love and brotherhood and introduced me to so many new friends and Deltasig opportunities in post Grad life. I can't imagine what I would be doing in Deltasig if I hadn't met you. Oooo Look! Shiny!!!

Whitney Dixon-Reed then offered the following Testimonial:

Those who know me know I have the patience to write a speech and the impulse to immediately throw it away once I start speaking. Today, I have put my thanks in writing because there are so many people who have made an impact during my time as Great Lakes Regional Vice President.

First to the North Central Provincial Leadership Team, Lady Province. For putting up with my weirdness, for sharing your amazing ideas and helping me grow as a leader. I love you all and have such respect for each of you.

Next, thank you to the wonderful Great Lakes volunteers. The District Directors and committee members, you have sacrificed your time and effort and occasionally your sanity. I truly could not have done my job without you.

To the friends and mentors who have guided me these past years. For giving me a shoulder to cry on and the creative ways to solve problems.

Finally, to the chapters themselves. I am consistently blown away by your creativity, intellect and brilliance. I am so excited for all your success and I know you will continue to do great things. Two years ago you gave me the opportunity to serve as your RVP. You've given me your trust and support. For that I am eternally grateful.

Trey Hernandez, South Pacific Regional Vice President, then offered the following Testimonial:

To the chapters and brothers of the South Pacific Region, congratulations on all of your success. Thank you for all your passion and effort to develop your leadership and brotherhood. Thank you for participating in our first ever regional initiation.

To my District Directors, thank you for all that you have accomplished. You have been great examples of what leaders can be!

A special thank you to Silver Helmet recipient, Jamie Ball! Your service throughout our fraternity is exemplary and we are honored to have you as part of our South Pacific Region.

Thank you to alumni brothers Nate Woerner, Jim and Rochelle Siegrist, Adrian Avalos, Matt Temple and Rick Boner for your continued support and progress of our region and fraternity!

Jodi Schoh, North Central Provincial Vice President, then offered the following Testimonial:

WHEREAS CAR otherwise known as Chad Allen Robinson will be serving all of you as the 2015 Collegian of the Year.

WHEREAS one of Chad's first LEAD events, he attempted to teach me the Cat Daddy Dance.

WEREAS as I still cannot do the Cat Daddy Dance.

Let it be resolved when CAR attends an event in your area that he will not only represent himself with pride, professionalism and passion for DSP. He too will teach you the Cat Daddy.

Dan Collins, Monica Ramsey, and Kayleigh Lot, Northeastern Provincial Leadership Team, then offered the following Testimonial:

On behalf of all the RVPs in the Northeastern Province, we would like to thank Tricia Smith for her service, dedication, and support these past two years.

Your passion, friendship, turkey chili, and leadership have contributed to the support and progress of the Northeastern Province and specifically make the Leadership Team a joy to be a part of.

We look forward to making your life complicated over the next biennium and providing you many opportunities to utilize your impressive array of nonverbal communication skills.

Thank you for opening your home and your heart.

Yours truly – Team Northeast  
Green Green Green Green!

Vanessa Hickey of Mu Pi Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

The Mu Pi Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi would like to cordially invite all brothers to our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration by attending our Rose Formal in April 2016. We will also be celebrating our Faculty Advisor, Bob Patterson, for his 25 years of dedicated service and congratulate him on attending his 1<sup>st</sup> ever GCC this year. You can contact me, Vanessa Hickey, at [hickey016@gmail.com](mailto:hickey016@gmail.com) for more information.

Henry McDaniel, South Central Provincial Vice President, then offered the following Testimonial:

Richie what can we say. You have made an impact by being the 2013 COY that will be seen for years to come. We want to recognize all your hard work and dedication to DSP. At board meetings, you always seemed to have an opinion even if you yourself didn't agree with it.

You were also a faithful attendee at our board meetings even if it was a disembodied head on TV! Richie you will be missed on the board and we wish you luck in your future endeavors.

Henry McDaniel, South Central Provincial Vice President, then offered the following Testimonial:

Shane we stand here today with saddened hearts that you will be leaving not just the board, but our team. We have to wonder how we will survive now that your final day is here. We wonder what board meetings will be like without someone talking before they raise their hand. We wonder who will be able to explain the reports when the PVP's get lost in conversation. We wonder who will be able to guide our meetings with your expert mumbling. We wonder who will be there to make sarcastic remarks at the perfect time.

Guys honestly it sounds like Shane leaving us will be awesome!

Just kidding Shane. Your PVP's will miss you and all you have done for us, the board and our Fraternity.

Karon Drewniak then offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas, Brother Robert G. Busse was initiated into the Beta Omicron Chapter at Rutgers University on October 9, 1937,

And

Whereas, he served as the Delta Sigma Pi Grand President from 1953-1955 which included moving the Central Office to Oxford, OH,

And

Whereas, Bob experienced the joy of having his daughter, Laurie, become a brother making them the first father-daughter-brother pair.

And

Whereas, Bob and his wife Dottie retired to Atlanta, GA where he was an active brother and leader of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter for over 30 years. The Atlanta Alumni Chapter created the Robert G. Busse Service Award in his honor because he believed in service to others before self.

And

Whereas, Bob was awarded the Delta Sigma Pi Lifetime Achievement award in 1997 and he received the Order of the Diamond Helmet for 75 years of brotherhood in 2012.

And

Whereas, Bob had three personal goals he wanted to achieve which included Rotary International's centennial, Delta Sigma Pi's centennial, and his own 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, which he realized.

And

Whereas, his legacy lives on through the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation Bob and Dorothy Busse Scholarship Fund.

Be it resolved, that we dedicate our attendance at this 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Congress and our celebrations of brotherhood to our respected and dedicated brother, Bob Busse, and to remember to celebrate his life, love and service for Delta Sigma Pi.

May he rest in peace.

Beth Keith then offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas, Brothers John and June Cookson served Delta Sigma Pi for many years.

John Cookson was initiated at Gamma Rho (University of Detroit) on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1955. June Cookson was initiated as an honorary brother on April 17, 1999 Virginia Commonwealth,

And

Whereas, John served as the Regional Vice President for many years for the Mid-Atlantic region,

And

Whereas, he received the Order of the Silver Helmet for 25 years of brotherhood in 1996,

And

Whereas, John was awarded the Delta Sigma Pi Lifetime Achievement award in 1999,

And

Whereas, John was an official “Active” member of the Cigar Aficionados,

And

Whereas, John and June graciously opened their home to brothers visiting their area,

And

Whereas, their legacy will live on through the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation John and June Cookson Memorial fund

Be it resolved, that we keep in our hearts and minds John and June Cookson during the 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Congress and in years to come. Let’s celebrate their lives and love for Delta Sigma Pi.

Whitney Dixon-Reed, Hannah Hoes and Jillian Gartner, North Central Province RVPs, then offered the following Testimonial:

There are so many things we can say about Jodi Schoh. The North Central Provincial Vice President. The Queen of the Yellow Knight. A leader. An outstanding brother. A wonderful friend.

Each of her RVPs have stories we could tell. Like how she's taught each of us patience by flying across states to help struggling chapters. Or how she's counseled individual brothers, alumni or collegiate.

Many collegiate may only know their PVP as a name they have to memorize. Jodi is not content being a name on a pledge exam. What many brothers don't realize is the amount of time, travel and effort her position entails. She's not required to be available to every brother day or night. But she does. She's not tasked with planning LEAD dance parties, countless networking events, and the occasional flash mob. But she has. She didn't have to take the time to understand and support and mentor her RVP team. But she did.

She has made each of us better leaders. She had made each of us better people. Thank you, Jodi, from the leadership team. From the North Central Province. Thank you.

Mitch Simmons then offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas, Brother Bylli Roy Daniels was initiated into Eta Kappa Chapter, Troy State University on November 10, 1989.

And

Whereas, As a collegiate member, his first time out of the state of Alabama was in 1990 to attend a Southeast Regional Area Conference in Atlanta, GA.

And

Whereas, that 1990 trip to Atlanta made such an impression on him that he moved to Atlanta once he graduated and joined the Atlanta Alumni Chapter.

And

Whereas, since 1993, Bylli served the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, Southeast Region, Southern Province, and our fraternity nationally in a variety of roles including: Delegate, Congress and Provincial volunteer, District Director, Alumni chapter officer and a mentor and friend to all,

And

Whereas, he received the Order of the Silver Helmet for 25 years of brotherhood in 2014,

And

Whereas, he made many friends all across the country, let's just face it, something was wrong with you if you didn't love Bylli,

And

Whereas, Friday, August the 7<sup>th</sup>, we suddenly, tragically lost a bright ray of sunshine known as Brother Bylli Daniels.

And

Whereas, we are still in a state of shock for having suffered that tragic loss of our brother, he will always be in our hearts and minds through our stories. We all have a Bylli story...

And, Whereas, today at 2:30 this afternoon, Bylli will be laid to rest after the funeral at the Mary Magdalene Baptist Church in Abbeville, AL.

Be it resolved, that we dedicate our attendance at this 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Congress and our celebrations of brotherhood across all social and demographic lines to our most cherished of brothers, Bylli Daniels, and to pledge that we all raise our glasses tonight to celebrate his life and his love for Delta Sigma Pi, and every brother he ever met.

Janene Markuske, Southern PVP, then offered the following Testimonial:

Richie Brandt – When I met you 4 or 5 years ago right after you pledged, you told me excitedly that we would be on the National Board together. I laughed at you because I thought you were kidding. But 2 years ago, it became true. I will miss my travel buddy to board meetings, your sarcastic remarks and quirky facial expressions.

But since you only live 5 minutes away from me, I know I'll see you often at local fraternity events. And when you decide you need some puppy kisses from Nala and come over to my house.

Kristen Lobo, Sigma Omega Chapter, then offered the following Testimonial:

The Sigma Omega Chapter would like to thank all those who supported them in the process of chartering; in particular, the other Boston area chapters.

Jen Huynh, Gamma Upsilon Chapter, then offered the following Testimonial:

To all my brothers, thank you for a week that has enhanced my Brotherhood more than I thought possible. As someone who is in love with Delta Sigma Pi, the conversations, discussions, and sharing of ideas has inspired me to make my mark with the time left in my undergraduate career and for my professional career to come. To the Northeast Province and New England Region, the new friends made I hope will lead to more events and ideas that will bring us new success. To Nick Steinkrauss, our DD, thank you for all the support and guidance you've given to our chapter that has brought us tremendous results. Thank you Brothers for using the Snapchat filter for this Congress, especially to Anne Strychalski and Burton Bridges for helping with the design and implementation. Finally thank you to my chapter for allowing me to serve as your delegate and to let me be the Delta Sigma Pi nerd I am.