

# Congress Beacon



Newsletter of the 2019 Grand Chapter Congress

Candidates Edition – Updated 2/15/2019

## **Nominations Committee Reports Candidates for Grand Offices -- More Needed!**

*by Past Grand President Onuka Ibe, Chairman*

The Nominations Committee, pursuant to Bylaws Article VI, Section 1, reports its activities with respect to submitting a slate of nominees for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Grand Chapter Congress in the *Congress Beacon-Candidates Edition*. In addition to myself as Past Grand President and Chair, the committee is composed of Kathy Jahnke, Avery Moore, Brittany Salazar, and Darrick Williams. Each of the candidates listed in this report has consented to have his or her name placed in nomination. A review of each candidate's Fraternity experience is included in this *Beacon*.

Please note that along with the nomination form, a "statement of platform" and/or "comments" is requested from candidates for office. This statement provides voters a sense of the goals and views of each candidate. Statements read as submitted by the nominee, with the exception of capitalization and other elements reflecting Delta Sigma Pi styles and preferences. Each candidate is required to certify they have read and understand the Fraternity's Code of Conduct and will abide by it. In addition, each candidate for the office of Provincial or Regional Vice President is required to certify that he or she complies with residency requirements per policy N.3.

All chapters are reminded that nominations will be accepted through Grand Chapter Congress. They may be submitted at any time prior to July 1, and will be published in this document. Nominations prior to Congress are *strongly* encouraged – via [www.dsp.org](http://www.dsp.org). Campaigning by those nominated by July 1 will begin earlier than floor nominated candidates. Refer to Fraternity Policy *Section M. Grand Chapter Delegates, Credentials and Voting* and *Section N. Nominations, Campaigning and Vacancies* for more details.

Any nominations received after July 1 will be considered floor nominations and will be made from the floor during the Grand Chapter Congress, pursuant to Fraternity Policy Section N. An electronic "Official Nomination Form" must be completed in detail and submitted to the committee before the nomination will be recognized. Floor nominees will have their Nomination Forms posted in an area designated at Congress. The Official Nomination Form is available on [www.dsp.org](http://www.dsp.org) and will be available online during Grand Chapter Congress.

This report will be presented again to the Grand Chapter Congress in August. Please contact Onuka Ibe with any questions at [pastgrandpresident@dsp.org](mailto:pastgrandpresident@dsp.org).

## GRAND PRESIDENT (1 candidate)

**Name of Nominee:** Tricia Smith

**Primary Address:** Cuyahoga Falls, OH

**Name of Employer or Business:** Paladina Health

**Job Title:** Regional Account Manager

**Chapter Name and School:** Theta Kappa/University of Akron

**Date Of Initiation:** 3/4/2000

**Email Address:** [GrandPresident@dsp.org](mailto:GrandPresident@dsp.org)

**Graduation Year:** 2002

**Collegiate Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held:** President; Vice President- Pledge Education; Grand Chapter Congress Delegate 01; Northeastern Provincial Conference Delegate 02

**Brief Description of Employment Responsibilities:** As Account Manager, I oversee client development and expansion, analytical reporting, and strategic benefits collaboration. My focus is to develop and maintain relationships with primary contacts through proactive communication efforts, and developing programs and initiatives to encourage membership engagement and expansion.

**Alumni Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Akron-Canton Alumni Chapter: Membership Committee 04-05; Grand Chapter Congress 03 (alternate), 05 (delegate); Cleveland-Akron Alumni Chapter: Vice President Social Activities 06-Present; Community Service Committee 07-09; Scholarship Committee 07-08; Membership Committee 06-07; Centennial Planning Committee Chair 07; Grand Chapter Congress 07 (delegate); Northeastern Provincial Conference 05-09 (delegate)

**Alumni Chapter Affiliation:** Cleveland-Akron

**National Activities or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** District Director 04-09; Provincial Alumni Development Committee 05; LEAD Presenter 07, 11; National Leadership Volunteer Retreat 08, 10; Steel Valley Regional Vice President 09-13; Provincial Discipline Committee 09-17; Northeastern Provincial Vice President 13-17; Certified Deltasig Leader Tier II; Grand President 17-19; Leadership Foundation Trustee 17-19

**Statement of Platform:** In this ever changing business world and across campuses nationwide, Delta Sigma Pi is uniquely qualified to build the best leaders, enhance traditional college education, and serve our community.

It has been amazing to see the accomplishments and positive impact we have made throughout our organization, in our chapters, and within our communities. In the past biennium, Delta Sigma Pi continued on the path to achieving our Strategic Priorities. We hit new records in initiated members, provided new resources and tools to support our chapters, and furthered a higher standard with our advancements in educational opportunities for chapter leaders and volunteers alike.

In the next two years, we must continue to identify new opportunities for growth, focus on organizational development, and increase overall engagement, with an emphasis on the transition from involved student to involved alumnus. And by collaborating across all levels of the organization, we can identify new processes and effectively manage national initiatives. Delta Sigma Pi wouldn't be the organization it is today without the passion, dedication, and drive of each brother. It has been a privilege serving as your Grand President, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue supporting our Fraternity, chapters, and leadership teams.

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## VICE PRESIDENT-FINANCE (1 candidate)

**Name of Nominee:** Eddie Stephens

**Campaign Website:** [www.eddie4vpfinance.com](http://www.eddie4vpfinance.com)

**Primary Address:** West Palm Beach, FL

**Name of Employer or Business:** Ward Damon, PL

**Job Title:** Equity Partner

**Chapter Name and School:** Beta Omega/University of Miami

**Email Address:** [eddie@eddiestephens.com](mailto:eddie@eddiestephens.com)

**Graduation Year:** 1994

**Collegiate Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held:** President (three terms); Vice President Pledge Education (two terms); Grand Chapter Congress Chapter Delegate; Collegian of the Year

**Brief Description of Employment Responsibilities:** One of seven owners of law firm with 20 attorneys and over 70 employees. Board Certified Marital & Family Lawyer specializing in high-conflict divorce. Oversees Family Law Department of firm. Director of Community Relations. Serves on Compensation / Finance Committee.

**Alumni Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** President (2004 – 2005, 2018 – present); Vice President (2005 – 2007)

**Alumni Chapter Affiliation:** West Palm Beach (FL)

**National Activities or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** President & Chair of Leadership Foundation (2007 – 2009); Leadership Foundation Trustee (2003 – 2009); Leadership Foundation Trustee Emeritus (2009 - present); South Atlantic Regional Vice President (1995 – 1997); Served on Board of Directors of Delta Sigma Pi (1995 – 1997); Served on Finance Committee for Leadership Foundation (2005 – 2009); Created Eddie & Jacquie Stephens Travel Leadership Fund; Current Zeta Phi (Florida Atlantic University) District Director (1997 – 1999, 2017 – present); Former Theta Phi (University of South Florida) District Director (1994 – 1995); Served on National Scholarship Committee (2003 – 2011, 2015 – present); 2017 Grand Chapter Congress Keynote Speaker; Collected \$70,000 debt for Delta Sigma Pi; Founding 10K Club Member; 2007 Centennial Society Member; Living Legacy Member; Certified Deltasig Leader Trainer (Tier 2); Certified Deltasig Leader (Tier 1 and 2); Presented at over 40 Delta Sigma Pi National / Provincial Events

Events:

GCC (2017, 2015, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2007, 2005, 2003, 1999, 1997, 1995, 1993); 2018 Volunteer Leader Training; National Volunteer Leadership Retreat (2012, 2008, 2006); 2018 Albuquerque LEAD School; 2010 New Orleans LEAD School; 2008 Tampa LEAD School; 2008 Boston LEAD School; 2007 Atlanta LEAD School; 2006 Louisville LEAD School; 2005 Colorado Springs LEAD School; 2004 New Orleans LEAD School; 2004 Tampa LEAD School; 1999 Orlando LEAD School; North Central LEAD Provincial (2010, 2005); South Central LEAD Provincial (2009); Southern LEAD Provincial (2017, 2013, 2007, 2006, 2004); SE LEAD Provincial (2003, 2002); Western LEAD Provincial (2008); 1998 South Atlantic Regional Conference; 1998 Southeastern Regional Conference; Jacksonville OTiS; Lifetime Achievement Busse 1996; 1996 South Atlantic Regional Conference; 1995 Training School; 1994 Regional Conference

**Statement of Platform:** Twenty-seven years ago, I embarked on the best and most enduring leadership training program imaginable! Delta Sigma Pi has enabled me to develop into a professional who ran his own law firm for ten years. That proven track record led me to my current position as one of seven owners in a law firm that consists of twenty attorneys and more than seventy employees. In addition, my service to several local charitable organizations as a board member and program director broadened my understanding and ability to shape and improve already successful organizations.

As Vice President for Finance, I will:

- Provide appropriate, practical oversight to ensure that we are the best stewards possible of fraternal resources
- Contribute real-life business acumen to the Board of Directors
- Encourage the establishment and growth of Leadership Foundation endowments to provide new resources for leadership development opportunities, and for scholarships for brothers
- Focus Fraternity and Foundation resources on significant leadership training opportunities that are open to ALL collegiates, so as to provide incentives for those brothers to remain active Deltasigs for life
- Work to minimize costs for collegiate members to attend national events

For more on my platform, visit: [www.eddie4vpfinance.com](http://www.eddie4vpfinance.com)

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## NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCIAL VICE PRESIDENT (1 candidate)

**Name of Nominee:** Cory Stopka

**Primary Address:** Burnsville, MN

**Name of Employer or Business:** Urban Growler Brewing Company

**Job Title:** Senior Manager of Operations

**Chapter Name and School:** Theta Tau/St. Cloud State University

**Date Of Initiation:** 4/22/2006

**Email Address:** [NorthCentralPVP@dsp.org](mailto:NorthCentralPVP@dsp.org)

**Graduation Year:** 2010

**Collegiate Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held:** President (2 terms); Chancellor; VP-Professional Activities; VP-Alumni Relations; National Events Chair; Chapter Anniversary Chair; Ritual Team Member; 2007 GCC Delegate

**Brief Description of Employment Responsibilities:** Since joining Urban Growler less than two years ago, I have been promoted twice after successful implementation of a newly added sales and distribution business unit. We currently have a seven figure yearly revenue stream, and growing.

Urban Growler Brewing Company is the first women-owned brewery in the state of Minnesota. As the highest ranking manager, I report directly to the owners and am in charge of long-term strategic growth and budgets, operations in all facets of the company, leading our three key

managers who report directly to me, and our outside sales force. I am also heavily involved in community events as an ambassador.

**Alumni Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** VP-Activities (2010); Lifetime Member

**Alumni Chapter Affiliation:** Twin Cities (MN)

**National Activities or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Provincial Vice President (2017-Present); Regional Vice President (2016-2017); Educational and Leadership Consultant at Central Office (2011-13); Presidents' Academy Facilitator (2019); 2 Volunteer Leader Trainings (2018, 2019); Golden Council Member (2013-Present); Phi Omega Installation (2018); 5 Grand Chapter Congresses (2007-17), 13 Provincial Conferences (2007-Present), 9 LEAD Schools (2007-Present); 3 Honorary Initiation Ritual Teams (2018-2019); Presenter at various LEAD Schools and regional conferences; Leadership Foundation Donor (Deltasig for Life Donor); 3 National Volunteer Leadership Retreats (2012, 2016 including Career Achievement Banquet, & 2018); Chapter Bylaw and Policy documents review team (2013-15); Provincial Expansion Committee Chair (2013-15); Certified Deltasig Leader Tier II

**Statement of Platform:** Since elected as your Provincial Vice President, my main goal has been to advance the province by building on past successes and taking advantage of our opportunities. This translates to the national level as I take my fiduciary duty as a Board Member to heart. I am proud of the advancements we've made nationally with a focus on our strategic priorities.

Over the course of the next two years, our objectives in the province will be:

- Cultivate our volunteer leadership at the collegiate and alumni levels
- Explore opportunities for growth through expansion
- Improve event impact by carefully examining areas for improvement or advancement
- Utilize strategic priorities to improve operations at the chapter, provincial, and national levels
- Add more areas of communication and training through a variety of medium
- Listen to our Brothers and advance the Fraternity with their feedback

As a Deltasig, I have found joy and excitement by serving the organization at many levels. Serving as your PVP has been one of the finest accomplishments of my life. My hope is that everyone involved with Delta Sigma Pi will discover a passion that will provide a lifetime of joy whether that be personal, professional, or Fraternal.

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**NORTHEASTERN PROVINCIAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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**SOUTH CENTRAL PROVINCIAL VICE PRESIDENT (1 candidate)**

**Name of Nominee:** Mark Wernette

**Primary Address:** Lawton, OK

**Name of Employer or Business:** FSNB, National Association

**Job Title:** Compliance Officer

**Chapter Name and School:** Epsilon Zeta/Midwestern State University

**Date Of Initiation:** 4/12/2008

**Email Address:** [SouthCentralPVP@dsp.org](mailto:SouthCentralPVP@dsp.org)

**Graduation Year:** 2009

**Collegiate Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held:** Vice President–Chapter Operations; Senior Vice President (Colony); Petition Chair (Colony)

**Brief Description of Employment Responsibilities:** I am the Compliance Officer for FSNB, National Association, a National Bank headquartered in Lawton, OK with 80+ branches in 9 states. I lead the bank's Compliance Department. I oversee all aspects of compliance within the bank; including Consumer Lending Compliance, Deposit Compliance, Bank Secrecy Act, Community Reinvestment, Commercial Lending, Audit and Regulatory Exam Coordination, Complaint Management, Vendor Management, and other functions related to risk management at the financial institution.

**Alumni Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Vice President Community Service 2012-2013

**Alumni Chapter Affiliation:** Oklahoma City Tornado Alley

**National Activities or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** South Central Provincial Vice President 2017-present; Tornado Alley Regional Vice President 2013-2017; Golden Council member 2015-present; South Central Provincial Discipline Committee member 2015-present; South Central LEAD Task Force Co-Chair 2015-2017; Southwestern Region & Tornado Alley Region (STAR) Leadership Retreat Chair 2013-2017; District Director for Epsilon Zeta 2011–2013 (Awarded South Central Province and Tornado Alley Region District Director of the Year both years); South Central Provincial Scholastic Development and Awards Committee member 2010–2013; Assistant District Director for Epsilon Zeta 2010-2011; 3 Grand Chapter Congress events; 25+ LEAD events in multiple provinces; 12 regional retreats/conferences; Have led or assisted in leading breakout sessions and round tables at GCC, LEAD and regional retreats; 2018 National Volunteer Leadership Retreat; Multiple Volunteer Leadership Training events; 2017 Volunteer Online Leadership Training (VOLT); Certified Deltasig Leader (CDL) Tier 2; Leadership Foundation Supporter & Deltasig For Life Donor (DFLD)

**Statement of Platform:**

- Be a good brother to all.
- Be accessible and responsive.
- Help our Fraternity achieve a Higher Standard and our Strategic Priorities.
- Faithfully follow our Leadership Code of Conduct, and live up to our Oath and Purpose to the best of my ability.
- Carry out my duties as a Board member by upholding our Fraternity's Ritual and Bylaws, while balancing the input from brothers, what is best for our National Fraternity, and my Fraternity experience and knowledge.
- Lead and empower the Provincial Team to create a culture of excellence within the Province and our Fraternity as a whole.
- Work with Central Office staff and Provincial Team to enhance the experience of National Events.
- Travel the Province and communicate with brothers on a regular basis in order to stay connected with our members and effectively and responsibly lead the Provincial Team and make decisions on the Board. •Explore possible resource and training opportunities to help our members and leaders reach their top potential.
- Approach discipline in a fair and constructive manner consistent with other PVPs, with an emphasis on preventative training.

- Promote awareness of our Leadership Foundation, National Initiatives and Programs, National Events, and the accomplishments of our Brothers.
- Foster Innovation

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## SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)

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## WESTERN PROVINCIAL VICE PRESIDENT (1 candidate)

**Name of Nominee:** Crystal Justice

**Primary Address:** Sacramento, CA

**Name of Employer or Business:** 7 Eleven Inc

**Job Title:** Project Manager

**Chapter Name and School:** Lambda Mu/University of the Pacific

**Date Of Initiation:** 11/20/1999

**Email Address:** [WesternPVP@dsp.org](mailto:WesternPVP@dsp.org)

**Graduation Year:** 2002

**Collegiate Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held:** President; Senior Vice President; Vice President of Pledge Education; Secretary; Pledge Class Secretary; Grand Chapter Congress Delegate (2001); Provincial Conference Delegate (2002)

**Brief Description of Employment Responsibilities:** As a Construction Project Manager at 7-Eleven, Inc I am responsible for the construction of new stores, remodels of existing stores and rollouts of new projects and construction within our stores throughout the entire United States. I oversee the planning, design, and construction of a project, from its beginning to its end while using project management professional standards as designated through the Project Management Institute.

**Alumni Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Vice President Chapter Operations (2018-Present); Vice President Finance (2017-2018); President (2016-2017)

**Alumni Chapter Affiliation:** Sacramento Valley

**National Activities or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Western Provincial Vice President (2017-Present); National Alumni Development Committee Board Liaison (2017-Present); Risk Management Task Force Chair (2018-Present); Sierra Nevada Regional Vice President (2013-2017); Western Province Discipline Committee Chair (2017-Present) Member (2015-2017); VOLT Program Participant (2017); Western Province Professional Development Chair (2011-2013) Committee Member (2009-2010); National Professional Development Committee Member (2011-2013); Sierra Nevada Region Awards Committee (2005-2006); District Director - Epsilon Theta (2011-2012, 2002-2003), Delta Pi (2010-2011), Epsilon Phi (2007-2013), Lambda Mu (2006), Delta Omicron (2002-2003); Sierra Nevada Region District Director of the Year (2007-2008, 2010-2011, 2011-2012); Certified Deltasig Leader Tier I and II (2012-Present), Tier 1 (2009-2012); Golden Council (2015-Present). Events Attended: Over 30 LEAD Schools and LEAD Provincial Conferences (1999-Present); 6 Grand Chapter Congress (2001-2019); 3 National Officers Retreats; 2 National Volunteer Leadership Trainings; Inaugural Delta Sigma Pi LeaderShape (2001); 4 Volunteer Leadership Training Workshops (2017-Present); 7 Installations (2002-Present); Recurring LEAD and area conference session presenter (2002-Present); and over 30 Regional Initiations (1999-Present). Leadership Foundation Donor -

Grand President's Circle Member, Deltasig 4 Life Donor.

**Statement of Platform:** During my years in Delta Sigma Pi, I have seen how our organization truly makes an impact on each and every brother initiated. During the next biennium as your Provincial Vice President I would like to continue to grow our organization, so we can keep making an impact on brothers for years to come!

As PVP I will continue to represent the Western Province on the Board of Directors and serve in the following ways:

- Work to bring change and new ideas on a national level to keep Delta Sigma Pi relevant and a leader in the professional Greek world
- Continue to be proactive within risk management to ensure that all volunteer leaders and elected collegiate officers are properly educated and trained to approach discipline and risk management issues in a fair and consistent manner.
- Grow and improve our operational excellence by focusing on our Strategic Priorities
- Identify both alumni and collegiate brothers to participate in committees, task forces and present at LEAD events.

As your PVP I will continue to serve you, the brothers of the Western Province. I would be honored to serve as your Western Provincial Vice President for another biennium!

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**ATLANTIC COAST REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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**BAY AREA REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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**CAPITAL REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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**CENTRAL REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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**CENTRAL GULF REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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## DESERT MOUNTAIN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (1 candidate)

**Name of Nominee:** David Pratt

**Primary Address:** Scottsdale, AZ

**Name of Employer or Business:** Homeowners Financial Group

**Job Title:** Financial Analyst

**Chapter Name and School:** Gamma Psi/University of Arizona

**Date Of Initiation:** 11/17/2012

**Email Address:** [DesertMountainRVP@dsp.org](mailto:DesertMountainRVP@dsp.org)

**Graduation Year:** 2015

**Collegiate Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held:** President (Spring 2015); Vice President Pledge Education (Fall 2014); Professional Activities Committee (Fall 2013); Fundraising Committee (Spring 2013); Silent Auction Committee (Spring 2013)

**Brief Description of Employment Responsibilities:** As a Financial Analyst at Homeowners Financial Group I am responsible for managing our financial reporting and working with the HR, Payroll, Accounting, and Finance departments to complete projects and tasks as necessary. Some of my main responsibilities include compiling and submitting company-wide payroll, developing monthly financial reports for our executive team, auditing our accounting systems, providing HR consultation, and managing on-going projects for a variety of departments.

**Alumni Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Interim President Spring 2018

**Alumni Chapter Affiliation:** Phoenix-Thunderbird

**National Activities or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Desert Mountain Regional Vice President (2017-Present); Western Provincial CMP Committee Co-Chair (2017-Present); National Professional Development Committee Member (2017-2018); District Director of Gamma Psi Chapter (Fall 2015 - Spring 2017)

**Statement of Platform:** As the current Desert Mountain Regional Vice President, I feel I have gained a strong understanding of the strengths and areas of opportunity that the region has to offer.

Below are my goals for the Desert Mountain Region:

1. To appoint and maintain a strong District Director team and work with them to give each chapter individualized support and guidance.
2. To encourage CMP Excellence across the Region. The CMP serves as a road-map to success and helps chapters stay up to date with the fraternity's standards.
3. To help each chapter plan and increase travel to LEAD, GCC, and various fraternity events. Traveling provides for great fraternal experiences and provides attendees with excellent ideas and strategies to bring back to their chapters.
4. To guide and advise each chapter towards a strong future. I want to communicate efficiently and build relationships that will cultivate a positive experience for all.

I am optimistic towards the future and am constantly inspired by the brothers in the Desert Mountain Region. I cannot put into words how much respect I have for the Regional Vice President position. It would be my honor and privilege to serve you another biennium.

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## **EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (1 candidate)**

**Name of Nominee:** James Kuhn

**Primary Address:** Findlay, OH

**Name of Employer or Business:** N/A

**Job Title:** Stay-at-home Parent

**Chapter Name and School:** Xi Upsilon/Marshall University

**Date Of Initiation:** 11/18/2006

**Email Address:** [EastCentralRVP@dsp.org](mailto:EastCentralRVP@dsp.org)

**Graduation Year:** 2010

**Collegiate Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held:** Chapter President; SVP; VPF; VPCO; VPPA; VPCS; VPSA

**Brief Description of Employment Responsibilities:** I am currently a stay-at-home Father. Some of my responsibilities include: time management, inventory control, safety/risk management, and training.

**Alumni Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** N/A

**Alumni Chapter Affiliation:** Cincinnati

**National Activities or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** East Central Regional Vice President - 2017-Present; District Director, Theta Pi (Bowling Green State University) - 2016-2017; Co-District Director, Gamma Mu (Tulane University) – 2015; East Central Regional Awards Committee - 2014-2016; District Director, Alpha Omicron (Ohio University) – 2011

**Statement of Platform:** I plan to place an emphasis on improving/continuing the following:

Intra- and inter-regional communication

(I would like to have a region where chapters regularly exchange ideas and best practices with other chapters within the region, as well as other chapters that are similar to their own regardless of geographic location.)

Chapter, personal, and professional growth

(Whether it's ensuring a healthy chapter size, improving operations, or helping Brothers to get more out of their membership, I want to see our Brothers and chapters move forward.)

Adherence to ritual

(I want chapters to adhere to our ritual as written and move away from "traditions" that take away from our ritual. I find it very important that Brothers have the same experience and perform our ritual as intended and agreed upon by the Grand Chapter.)

Risk management

(I would like to ensure chapters are learning how to better identify risks and how to minimize those instances that can be troublesome to Brothers at all levels of the fraternity.)

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**EASTERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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**EMPIRE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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**GATEWAY REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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**GREAT LAKES REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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**GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (1 candidate)**

**Name of Nominee:** Ellie Godwin

**Primary Address:** Omaha, NE

**Name of Employer or Business:** Concierge Marketing Book Publishing Services

**Job Title:** Marketing Director

**Chapter Name and School:** Gamma Eta/University of Nebraska-Omaha

**Date Of Initiation:** 4/17/2010

**Email Address:** [GreatPlainsRVP@dsp.org](mailto:GreatPlainsRVP@dsp.org)

**Graduation Year:** 2013

**Collegiate Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held:** President - One semester term;  
Vice President - Chapter Operations - 2 year terms; Fundraising Chair - Two semester terms;  
Pledge Chapter Operations

**Brief Description of Employment Responsibilities:** As the Marketing Director for Concierge Marketing Publishing Services, I am responsible for a myriad of things. I do all of the industry compliance -- registering for ISBNs, copyrights, doing research on pricing and subject placement. I also proofread all books that are published through Concierge Marketing. In addition, I do marketing for our clients, whether that's creating a full marketing plan, social media campaigns, buying advertisements, creating other branded materials, and much more. For a full look at my employment history, please visit my LinkedIn page here:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/elliagodwin>

**Alumni Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** President - January 2017-January 2019; Alumni Chapter Contact - January 2017-January 2019; Vice President - Collegiate Relations - May 2014-January 2017;

**Alumni Chapter Affiliation:** Lincoln/Greater Nebraska

**National Activities or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Great Plains Regional Vice President - August 2017 to Present; North Central Province Marketing Chair - November 2015-June 2017; Ritual Review Committee - 2016-2017

Grand Chapter Congress: 19 (planned travel), 17, 15, 13, 11; North Central LEAD Provincial Conference: 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11; 2018 Minneapolis LEAD School; 2017 Omaha LEAD School; 2016 Overland Park (KS) LEAD School; 2015 Springfield (MO) LEAD School; 2013 Las Vegas LEAD School; 2013 Indianapolis LEAD School; 2012 Des Moines LEAD;

School; 2011 Omaha LEAD School; 2010 Indianapolis LEAD School (NC); 2017 National Leadership Retreat; 2016 Career Achievement Banquet; 2016 National Volunteer Retreat  
Great Plains Regional Conference: 15, 14, 13

**Statement of Platform:** In seeking a second term as Regional Vice President of the Great Plains Region, I hope to help further the success of all of the chapters in the region.

In the past biennium, the Great Plains Region has shown its excellence to the fraternity and the community as a whole, and I hope to have the opportunity to continue to serve such an outstanding region. As a strong proponent myself of national fraternity events, I hope to continue to encourage chapters to attend these events and will offer my help to increase attendance.

I want to encourage the leaders of the region to lead by example, showing our commitment to excellence. I believe that with great leaders in place as District Directors, Chapter Presidents, alumni, and all brothers in general, we can continue our great work for the fraternity and communities we live in.

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## **GULF SOUTH REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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## **GULF WESTERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (1 candidate)**

**Name of Nominee:** Gilbert Landras

**Primary Address:** Houston, TX

**Name of Employer or Business:** 1984

**Job Title:** Supervisor

**Chapter Name and School:** Eta Psi/University of Houston

**Date Of Initiation:** 4/23/2005

**Email Address:** [gilbertlandras@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertlandras@gmail.com)

**Graduation Year:** 2007

**Collegiate Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held:** Pledge Class Vice President; Chancellor; Vice President of Pledge Education; Vice President Chapter Operations; President; Delegate.

**Brief Description of Employment Responsibilities:** I run North American Crude Haul Operations desk for a third party midstream service provider for a number of large upstream oil & gas companies. I manage staff of 60 employees and independent contractors across South Texas, West Texas, Colorado, and Wyoming alongside three additional members on my team.

I also own/operate a private food & beverage tour business in Houston, TX.

**Alumni Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** President; Secretary; Alumni Contact.

**Alumni Chapter Affiliation:** Space City Houston

**National Activities or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Gulf Western Regional Vice President 2009 – 2015; Lambda Nu District Director Fall 2015 - Spring 2017; Every Gulf Western Regional initiation between 2005 – 2015; 2007 Gulf Western Region Collegian of the Year; GCC (2017, 2015, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2007, 2005); South Central LEAD Provincial (2015,

2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006); Western LEAD Provincial (2010); Southern LEAD Provincial (2009); National Volunteer Retreat (2014, 2012, 2008); 2014 St. Louis LEAD School; 2013 Houston LEAD School; 2012 Dallas LEAD School; 2012 Denver LEAD School; 2011 Tulsa LEAD School; 2011 Atlanta LEAD School; 2010 New Orleans LEAD School; 2009 St. Louis LEAD School; 2008 Denver LEAD School; 2007 Chicago LEAD School; 2007 Houston LEAD School; 2006 Baton Rouge LEAD School; 2005 Dallas LEAD School

**Statement of Platform:** Hey Gulf Western,

A lot has changed in a few short years. Though it's been a while since I was involved in this kind of capacity I feel like my personal growth and experience can lend a hand to make some amazing things happen for our region.

My goals are straight forward:

- Listen to what the chapters in the Gulf Western Region need to make their experience better and more well-rounded.
- Work with chapters on their strategic plans to achieve chapter goals and national expectations.
- Develop and empower a next generation regional leadership team to lead the years to come.

We will do things like revisit with regional committee structures to help chapters with specific critical functions in chapter operations and regional specific leadership events for development.

If I earn this opportunity again I will look forward to making all these things and more happen together with everyone!

Fraternally,  
Gilbert Landras

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**HURON REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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**MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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**MID-SOUTH REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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## MIDWESTERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)

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## NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)

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## NIAGARA REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)

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## NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (1 candidate)

**Name of Nominee:** Brikken Jensen

**Campaign Website:** <https://brikkenjensennorthcentralrvp.weebly.com/>

**Primary Address:** Saint Louis Park, MN

**Name of Employer or Business:** Open Systems International, Inc.

**Job Title:** Project Coordinator

**Chapter Name and School:** Theta Tau/St. Cloud State University

**Date Of Initiation:** 11/23/2013

**Email Address:** [brikkenjensen@gmail.com](mailto:brikkenjensen@gmail.com)

**Graduation Year:** 2017

**Collegiate Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held:** President; Senior Vice President; VP of Alumni Relations (two terms); 2015 Grand Chapter Congress Delegate; Ritual Team Member (number of times); VP of Scholarship and Awards, Marketing Chair; Big Brother (twice); Halsey (Basketball/Volleyball) Tournament Chair; 45th Anniversary Committee

**Brief Description of Employment Responsibilities:** As a Project Coordinator within OSI's internal Project Management Office (PMO) I ensure our processes are followed and maintain our quality standards. I work with multiple departments to solve problems, manage data, facilitate communication and improve processes. In addition to my recurring role, I also track down late payments globally, hold project managers accountable for project-related information or activities and lead new hire training. I am also overseeing two software upgrade projects spanning 4-5 months each and am responsible for managing my team of four, interacting with customers and maintaining our schedule. Lastly, when offered the opportunity, I have helped elsewhere like organizing our Summer Picnic, our annual holiday party (for 700+ attendees) and fill in at the front desk if needed. I see OSI as one big team and I'm more than willing to lend a hand, in any area, towards our combined success.

**Alumni Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Twin Cities Alumni Chapter (TCAC) President (2018- present); TCAC Vice President of Collegiate Relations (2017-2018); 2017 Grand Chapter Congress TCAC Delegate; (TCAC) Lifetime Member (June 2015 – present)

**Alumni Chapter Affiliation:** Twin Cities (MN)

**National Activities or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** District Director: Xi Chi – University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (2018 - present); North Central Provincial Marketing and Communications Chair (2017-present); National Honorary Initiation Junior Guide (GCC 2017); TCAC Honorary Initiation Junior Guide (2018); North Central Provincial LEAD Presenter

(2016, 2017); North Central LEAD School Presenter (2016, 2017); Certified Deltasig Leader Tier 2 (2017 – present); North Central Provincial Collegian of the Year (2017); LeaderShape 2016; Leadership Foundation Scholarship Recipient (2015); Attendance at Grand Chapter Congress (2015, 2017); LEAD Schools (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018); Provincial LEAD (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018); Deltasig Donor for Life (2015-present); Volunteer Leadership Retreat - Dallas (2018)

**Statement of Platform:** Since initiating in 2013, I've been diligently involved with Delta Sigma Pi. It is because of my experiences, I believe serving as your RVP is the next step in my fraternal career and best way to channel my passion towards supporting our organization. I've had incredible volunteer leaders who've encouraged my growth; and I would apply this same mentality to our local chapters.

Below are my goals:

Cultivate Leaders:

- Host a District Director Leadership Retreat and Empower DDs
- Organize a Regional Conference to provide educational opportunities for collegiate and alumni
- Engage former COY recipients through local initiatives

Enhance Communications

- Promote regional events via Facebook, email, phone/text or in-person
- Ensure a successful Halsey by providing guidance to student organizers
- Launch regional newsletter each May outlining chapter achievements

Participation

- Increase attendance to national events (LEAD/Provincial) and local events: Halsey, Regional Conference, Alumni Chapters, etc.
- Encourage scholarship / awards applications

Expansion

- Help install (at minimum) one new chapter at an existing colony, or seek out new venture

Having been in the workforce two years, I still remember the joys and struggles of being a collegiate Brother; which makes me relatable. I pride myself on my accountability and dedication to serving our fraternity.

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## **PACIFIC COAST REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (1 candidate)**

**Name of Nominee:** Jen Lee

**Primary Address:** Irvine, CA

**Name of Employer or Business:** Tevora

**Job Title:** Project Manager

**Chapter Name and School:** Lambda Sigma/Cal State University-Fullerton

**Date Of Initiation:** 4/26/2008

**Email Address:** [PacificCoastRVP@dsp.org](mailto:PacificCoastRVP@dsp.org)

**Graduation Year:** 2011

**Collegiate Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held:** President; Vice President-Alumni Relations; Chancellor; Vice President-Scholarship & Awards; Faculty Liaison; Vice President-Pledge Education Assistant; 2011 Pacific Coast Region Collegian of the Year; 2011 Western Provincial Conference Chancellor

**Brief Description of Employment Responsibilities:** As a project manager at a management consulting firm with a focus on security & information security, I manage a \$4-\$4.5M portfolio consisting of projects with a focus on the vendor management, privacy, and SOC programs at Tevora, in addition to clients' annual compliance programs.

**Alumni Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** 2017-2018: Vice President-Collegiate Relations; 2016-2017: President; 2015-2016: Vice President-Collegiate Relations; 2012-2013: Vice President-Chapter Operations; 2011-2012: Director of Arts & Culture

**Alumni Chapter Affiliation:** Orange County (CA)

**National Activities or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Current Positions & Responsibilities - 11/2016: Pacific Coast Regional Vice President; 10/2011: LEAD Presenter

Former Roles - 08/2011-08/2017: Pi Sigma District Director; 08/2013-11/2016: National Bylaws and Policies & Procedures Review Committee; 4/30/2016: Cal Lutheran Installation Ritual Team Fall 2014: Iota Pi Pledge Educator; 10/2013: Sigma Phi (colony) Pledge Educator; 08/2013: GCC Regional Election Caucus Moderator; 2011-2012 & 2012-2013: Western Provincial Alumni Development Committee; 08/2011-08/2013: Rho Phi (chapter & former colony) District Director; 2/27/2011: Provincial Conference Chancellor (Walnut Creek)

National Events Attended - LEAD School: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019; Western Provincial LEAD Conference: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018; Grand Chapter Congress: 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017; National Volunteer Leadership Retreat: 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018; Career Achievement Dinner: 2010

**Statement of Platform:** In my first term as RVP, I have worked to lay the groundwork for a cohesive leadership team and to support our region's volunteer leaders and chapters. With the leadership team's and chapters' support, our region has continued to host multiple successful regional events each year.

It continues to be my central goal as the Regional Vice President to lead with integrity and respect to meet the needs of our region and each chapter's unique needs.

I intend to continue focusing on recruiting future leaders in our region, introducing them into our existing cohesive regional leadership team. I also intend to focus on ensuring our members are well informed, and facilitating opportunities to create a more collaborative culture in the region.

I hope you and all of our chapters will join me in strengthening our region's commitment to excellence. I look forward to continuing to serve as your Regional Vice President for a second term!

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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (1 candidate)

**Name of Nominee:** Samantha Clark

**Primary Address:** Seattle, WA

**Name of Employer or Business:** The Boeing Company

**Job Title:** Chief of Staff

**Chapter Name and School:** Alpha Nu/University of Denver

**Date Of Initiation:** 5/21/2015

**Email Address:** [PacificNorthwestRVP@dsp.org](mailto:PacificNorthwestRVP@dsp.org)

**Graduation Year:** 2016

**Collegiate Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held:** Professional Activities Co-Chair

**Brief Description of Employment Responsibilities:** As the Chief of Staff to an IT Vice President I manage a robust operating rhythm to drive efficiency across a diverse organization, create communication strategies to be utilized across IT Employees and executives, and overall support the Vice President in any and all activities required by the office of the CIO.

**Alumni Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Assistance in event planning for general meetings.

**Alumni Chapter Affiliation:** Seattle-Pacific Northwest

**National Activities or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** - Pacific Northwest RVP August 2018-Present; Tier I Certified Deltasig Leader (2017 - Present); Tier II Certified Deltasig Leader (2017 - Present); University of Washington (Sigma Upsilon) District Director Oct 2016 - Sep 2018; Pacific Northwest District Director of the Year (2017-2018); 1 GCC (New Orleans); 2 LEAD Schools; 4 LEAD Provincial Conferences; LEAD Conference Presenter; 1 Volunteer Leadership Training at LEAD; Member of Volunteer Online Leadership Training (2018 - Present); Leadership Foundation Supporter & Deltasig for Life Donor

**Statement of Platform:** My goals as Regional Vice President for the Pacific Northwest Region are 3-fold.

- 1) Emphasize expansion within the Pacific Northwest Region. As Regional Vice President I want to utilize the large number of brothers, collegiate and alumni, within the region to increase support for additional chapters.
- 2) Promote closer affiliation between our students of commerce. The Pacific Northwest Region has a unique circumstance as a highly diverse and separated geographic region. A major challenge of the region is creating and maintaining lasting bonds between chapters within the Pacific Northwest Region and the country. I will promote more inter-chapter events to increase the sense of community within the region. I will work to expand our presence at national events by assisting the chapters in the creation of travel funds which will assist brothers in attending LEAD and GCC events to improve their ties with the national fraternity.
- 3) Gain national recognition and awards by motivating chapters to complete Chapter Management Program (CMP) Requirements, overall promoting the excellence of the Pacific Northwest Region.

It has been an honor serving as the Pacific Northwest Regional Vice President this past year and I would be honored to continue to serve for the next biennium.

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## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (1 candidate)**

**Name of Nominee:** Nick Rizzi

**Primary Address:** Parker, CO

**Name of Employer or Business:** Cloudbeds

**Job Title:** Sales Executive

**Chapter Name and School:** Alpha Nu/University of Denver

**Date Of Initiation:** 11/6/2010

**Email Address:** [Western.AlumniDevelopment@dsp.org](mailto:Western.AlumniDevelopment@dsp.org)

**Graduation Year:** 2014

**Collegiate Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held:** President; Senior Vice-President; VP Professional Activities

**Brief Description of Employment Responsibilities:** I am tasked to sell hospitality software to help bed and breakfasts, hotels, hostels, and vacation rentals run software for their business. I am expected to sell over \$15,000 in annual recurring revenue every month while building my book of business, maintaining clients, and building referrals.

**Alumni Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Board of Directors for Alumni Chapter: 2014-2016

**Alumni Chapter Affiliation:** Denver

**National Activities or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Collegiate of the Year 2014-2016; Western Alumni Development Chair 2017-2019; District Direct of Mu Chi - Colorado Springs 2015-2019

**Statement of Platform:** There are so many opportunities and paths we can take to give back to our great fraternity. After serving at the national level on the board and spending the last few years as a District Director, I feel confident in leading our region, continuing the growth of the RMR, and establishing a continuing pipeline of incredible leaders to help our chapters.

My goals for the Rocky Mountain Region are as follows:

1. Establish good practices and stability within chapters to ensure that they achieve accreditation levels, follow best practices, and have a springboard foundation to excel.
2. Focus on building great leaders. This region is filled with incredible brothers, both within the chapters and alumni. I want to help top talent by assisting in chapter guidance and growth, creating a talent pipeline for our volunteers to further their development.
3. Expansion! We have been trying to expand within the Rocky Mountain Region. In addition to this growth, I would like to see another chapter installed.

Thank you for the opportunity. I look forward to working with you all to make RMR the best!

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## **SIERRA NEVADA REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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## **SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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### **SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (1 candidate)**

**Name of Nominee:** Erica Kolsrud

**Primary Address:** Glendale, CA

**Name of Employer or Business:** Rice Gorton Pictures

**Job Title:** Post Production Accountant

**Chapter Name and School:** Epsilon/University of Iowa

**Date Of Initiation:** 12/4/2004

**Email Address:** [SouthPacificRVP@dsp.org](mailto:SouthPacificRVP@dsp.org)

**Graduation Year:** 2007

**Collegiate Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held:** Vice President-Scholarship and Awards/Historian; Vice President-Alumni Relations (two terms); Fundraising Committee; Scholarship/Awards Committee; Ritual Team Member; 2017 Grand Chapter Congress Chapter Alternate

**Brief Description of Employment Responsibilities:** As Post Production Accountant, I am responsible for the accounting of multiple films at different stages of completion. I work with film and television studios such as Lionsgate, Netflix, FOX, and AGBO Films. I manage the financial aspects of post-production, including budgeting, cash flows, cost tracking, variance analysis, projections, forecasting estimated final cost (EFC), generating cost reports, and financial statements. Other duties include reconciling bank accounts monthly for both foreign currency and USD, providing quarter close and fiscal year-end documents, managing accounts payable and receivable, working with third party companies on tax incentives and audits both within the US and abroad and supervising a team of assistant accountants and payroll accountants to ensure all outstanding items are dealt with in a timely fashion. I also coordinate with production executives, finance executives, and post production supervisors to create, revise, and track budgets and forecasts. I have worked on over 30 films and television shows. Budgets for projects I was an assistant accountant on range from \$25 - \$400 million. Budgets for projects I am the lead post accountant on range from \$4.5 - \$30 million.

**Alumni Chapter Offices or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** Los Angeles Alumni Chapter: Vice President Chapter Operations (2014-2016); Orange County Alumni Chapter: Marketing Chair (2018 - Present)

**Alumni Chapter Affiliation:**

**National Activities or Responsibilities Held (include dates):** South Pacific Regional Vice President (2015-Present); Western Provincial Discipline Committee (2017-Present); Western Provincial CMP Committee Co-Chair (2017-Present); National Finance Committee (2017-Present); Chapter Financial Management Task-force (2016-2017); Leadership Foundation Advancement Committee (2018-Present); District Director, Xi Omicron (2013-2015) Epsilon (2010-2013); Great Plains Region District Director of the Year (2011); 10 Year Alumni Service Award; Anthony Z. Fernandez Distinguished Alumni Service Award; Golden Council (2017-Present); 10+ LEAD Provincial Conferences and LEAD Schools (2010-Present); 3 Grand Chapter Congresses (2007-Present); 2 National Officer Training Schools (2015-Present); National Leadership Volunteer Retreat (2018); 3 Provincial Leadership Training Workshops (2018-Present); 5 Regional/Area Conferences (2017-Present); 2 Board of Directors Meetings

(2017-Present); Recurring LEAD, leadership training workshop, regional and area conference session presenter since 2014; Certified Deltasig Leader Tier II (2014-Present), Tier I (2012-Present); Volunteer Online Leadership Training (VOLT) (2017), VOLT 2.0 (2018-2019); Leadership Foundation Supporter & Deltasig For Life Donor

**Statement of Platform:** Serving as South Pacific Regional Vice President for the past four years has truly been an honor and privilege. The chapters within the region have accomplished great things and continue to further a higher standard. If elected to serve as South Pacific Regional Vice President for another biennium, I would continue to support the region in the following ways:

- Be the voice of collegiate and alumni brothers in the region based on their input
- Support chapters in a manner to help them achieve their CMP goals and encourage submission of award applications
- Approach discipline in a fair manner and provide risk management training
- Ensure that all District Directors have proper training and support
- Organize educational conferences based on chapters needs
- Promote and support expansion of both collegiate and alumni chapters
- Identify brothers to serve in roles at the National, Provincial and Regional levels
- Foster and encourage interaction between chapters

Ultimately, I want to serve the region in a manner that helps chapters achieve the goals they set forth, cultivate an environment that encourages new ideas, communicate openly and provide the tools necessary to help with the continued success of this region.

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**SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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**SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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**STEEL VALLEY REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**

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**TORNADO ALLEY REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (0 candidates)**