INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI, INC. MINUTES 55th GRAND CHAPTER CONGRESS AUGUST 17-19, 2023 HOUSTON, TEXAS

The 55th Grand Chapter Congress of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, Inc. was called to order at 8:54 a.m. on Thursday by Grand President Cory Stopka at the Marriott Marquis Houston in Houston, Texas.

Present and in person at this meeting were the following members of the Board of Directors:		
Cory P. Stopka (<i>Theta Tau</i>)	Grand President	
Patricia (Tricia) A. Bonfrisco (<i>Theta Kappa</i>)		
Jodi L. Schoh (<i>Kappa Upsilon</i>)	Vice President-Finance	
Nicole Orlando (<i>Kappa Upsilon</i>)	North Central Provincial Vice President	
Monica Monroe (<i>Epsilon Kappa</i>)	Northeastern Provincial Vice President	
Henry K. McDaniel (<i>Nu Xi</i>)	South Central Provincial Vice President	
•	Southern Provincial Vice President	
Meghan L. Hill (Nu Pi)		
Erica J. Kolsrud (<i>Epsilon</i>)	Western Provincial Vice President	
Brennen Feder (Gamma Psi)	Collegian of the Year-2021 (leaves Board effective August 19)	
Christian Loeb (Omega Phi)	Collegian of the Year-2022	
Sydney Sampson-Webb (Xi Chi)	Collegian of the Year-2023	
Sydney Sampson-Webb (Xi Chi)	(on Board effective August 19)	
Jeremy Levine (Pi Tau)	Executive Director	
Regional Vice Presidents present among the delegate	es included:	
Trina Kirk (<i>Kappa Pi</i>)	Atlantic Coast Regional Vice President	
Ma Melanie Legaspi Parazo (Zeta Tau)	Bay Area Regional Vice President	
Noel Niles Miller (<i>Pi Tau</i>)	Capital Regional Vice President	
Rebecca Wells Ruthrauff (Kappa Omega)	Central Regional Vice President	
Kyle W. Bischoff ($Nu Pi$)	Central Gulf Regional Vice President	
Grissel R. Rodriguez (Gamma Phi)	Desert Mountain Regional Vice President	
James E. Kuhn (<i>Xi Upsilon</i>)	East Central Regional Vice President	
Angi Coston Jones (<i>Mu Pi</i>)	Eastern Regional Vice President	
Charles A. Weening (<i>Zeta Eta</i>)	Empire Regional Vice President	
	Gateway Regional Vice President	
Joseph M. Shaver (<i>Iota Nu</i>)		
Zachary D. Hanson (<i>Theta Tau</i>)	Great Lakes Regional Vice President	
Jody E. Hayek (<i>Mu Psi</i>)	Great Plains Regional Vice President	
Laura Bensabat Olivencia (<i>Beta Zeta</i>)	Gulf South Regional Vice President	
Gilbert Landras (<i>Eta Psi</i>)	Gulf Western Regional Vice President	
Anna Marie Trenshaw (<i>Lambda Xi</i>)	Huron Regional Vice President	
Chelsey Fix (Nu Chi)	Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President	
Madison E. Whitehouse Monnin (Kappa Psi)		
Katie McGrath (Gamma Epsilon)	Midwestern Regional Vice President	
Jennifer Huynh-Doto (Gamma Upsilon)	New England Regional Vice President	
Robert Lee Fosdick (Epsilon Lambda)	Niagara Regional Vice President	
Danielle Gohman (Theta Tau)	North Central Regional Vice President	
Timothy G. Beasley (Lambda Sigma)	Pacific Coast Regional Vice President	
Nicolas J. Rizzi (Alpha Nu)	Rocky Mountain Regional Vice President	
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Cody Heimerdinger (<i>Delta Pi</i>) Ronald Neto-Taylor (<i>Zeta Phi</i>) Kenneth L. Cook (<i>Alpha Tau</i>) Sara Casey (<i>Delta Epsilon</i>) Patrick A. Bonfrisco (<i>Lambda Sigma</i>) Mark R. Wernette (<i>Epsilon Zeta</i>)	Sierra Nevada Regional Vice President South Atlantic Regional Vice President Southeastern Regional Vice President Southwestern Regional Vice President Steel Valley Regional Vice President Tornado Alley Regional Vice President
Regional Vice Presidents absent:	
Samantha Clark (<i>Alpha Nu</i>)	Pacific Northwest Regional Vice President
Julian Juan Reyes-Cruz (Delta Sigma)	South Pacific Regional Vice President
Also in attendance were the following members o	f the Central Office Staff:
Aidan Cannon (<i>Iota Nu</i>)	Educational & Leadership Consultant
Lisa Christie	Associate Director of Events
Sara Erl (Zeta Xi)	Growth Consultant
Jasmin Flores (Delta Pi)	Associate Director for Chapter
	Development
Shanda R. Gray (Kappa Omicron)	Chief Operating Officer, Leadership Foundation
Tyler Havens (Chicago Alumni)	Director of Chapter Services
Brandon Hays	Associate Director of Message and Brand
Yiannoula Katsadas	Growth Consultant
Luke Schamer	Director of Education
Jeanna M. Tipton (Cincinnati Alumni)	Senior Director of Finance and Administration
Vicky Tran (Alpha Theta)	Educational and Leadership Consultant
Jeanine Triplett (Louisville Alumni)	Executive Vice President, Leadership Foundation
Heather Troyer (Alpha Chi)	Senior Director of Member Engagement

Prior to officially calling the meeting to order, Stopka presided as Chair of the Congress, per policy. Other positions were as follows: Jeff Neurauter (*DC Metro*), Parliamentarian; Havens (*Chicago*), Credentials Committee Chair; William R. Kinsella (*Delta Sigma*), Chancellor; Nominations Committee Chair, T. Bonfrisco; Greg Howell (*Lambda Mu*), Voting Assistant; and Recording Secretary, Levine.

Stopka conducted Opening Ritual and then introduced Feder for additional introductions. Feder then introduced the Board of Directors and Regional Vice Presidents. faculty members, Chapter Advisors, District Directors and Assistant District Directors. Feder then introduced the Past Grand Presidents and Past Executive Directors as they entered into the room.

Stopka then officially called the Grand Chapter Congress to order. He then made announcements and introduced some of the individuals that supported the operations of the business meeting, and then recognized National Committee and Task Force Chairs, the Trustees of the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation, National, Provincial and Regional Committee members, Host Committee members and Lifetime Achievement Award honorees.

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:

Faculty Initiate Debra Bishop, *Alpha Iota*; Golden Council member William Bowen, *Beta Gamma*; Golden Helmet recipient Robert Brittingham, *Epsilon Psi*; Former District Director Eddika Duarte, Epsilon Upsilon; Golden Council member George Eide, *Alpha Epsilon*; Silver Helmet recipient and past Provincial Vice President Carlos Hazday, *Beta Omega*; Silver Helmet recipient Lothar Jacobsen, *Beta Omicron*; 1997 National Chapter Advisor of the Year Iris Johnson, *Eta Omega*; Golden Council member and former Central Office staff member Hilda Krueger, *Atlanta Alumni*; Golden Council member Andrew Marincovich, *Phi*; Golden Council member and Golden Helmet recipient Carl Schneider, *Beta Kappa*; Golden Helmet recipient and 1994 Career Achievement honoree, A. Marvin Strait, *Gamma Omega*; Golden Helmet recipient George Tienken, *Kappa*; Former Regional Vice President Aimee Underwood Thorn, *Nu Upsilon*; and Golden Council member, Golden Helmet recipient and 2011 Lifetime Achievement honoree H. Nicholas Windeshausen, *Alpha Delta*.

At this time, Stopka relinquished the chair to Chancellor Kinsella and the voting software was tested to ensure all delegates were comfortable using the tool. Kinsella introduced Credentials Chair Havens. Havens then presented the Roll Call of Delegates and the report of the Credentials Committee. He announced 215 delegates were confirmed with 211 present and eligible to vote. Fort Worth Cowtown moved to adopt the report of the Credentials Chair. The **motion was** seconded by Austin and **adopted**.

At this time, Parliamentarian Neurauter presented the report of the Rules and Resolutions Committee. Neurauter noted there was no old business to address and proposed the order for handling new business. Atlanta moved to adopt the agenda for New Business as presented by the Rules and Resolutions Committee with legislation being handled in the order it is presented in the legislation packet and allowing flexibility on the stated timing. The **motion was** seconded by St. Louis and **adopted**.

Mu Pi moved to adopt the standing rules as presented by the Rules and Resolutions Committee. The **motion was** seconded by Nu Phi.

Alpha Sigma moved previous question. Tornado Alley Regional Vice President seconded. Motion **adopted**.

Cincinnati moved to adopt the minutes of the 54th Grand Chapter Congress as distributed. The **motion was** seconded by Delta Sigma and **adopted.**

Kinsella then introduced Stopka and Leadership Foundation Chair Beth Keith to present the "State of Delta Sigma Pi" report to the Grand Chapter.

At this time, T. Bonfrisco presented the report of the Nominations Committee.

The following nominations were received after July 1, 2023:

- 1. <u>Eastern Regional Vice President</u> Name: Angela Coston Jones
- 2. <u>Gulf South Regional Vice President</u> Name: Laura Olivencia

3. <u>Huron Regional Vice President</u> Name: Christina Nicholson

Lambda Phi moved to accept the report of the Nominations Committee. The **motion was** seconded by Oklahoma City-Tornado Alley and **adopted**.

Kinsella recessed at 10:02 a.m. for 10 minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

At 10:22 a.m., Chancellor Kinsella brought the meeting back to order and brought to the floor **Proposal #1** (proposed by Board of Directors): This proposal removes the ability for a delegate at Grand Chapter Congress to proxy their vote to the Executive Director. The motion was made by Zeta Mu and seconded by Mu Rho.

Proposal #1 was **adopted** by a vote of 151 yeses and 56 nos.

Article II, Section 7 of the Bylaws will now read:

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

Section 7. Voting by Proxy --- Voting by proxy shall not be allowed for any Fraternity meeting. This provision includes the Board of Directors, the Grand Chapter Congress, all Chapters, and any other entity recognized by this Fraternity.

Chancellor Kinsella brought to the floor **Proposal #2** (proposed by Board of Directors): This proposal moves the provincial boundary line between the North Central and Northeastern Provinces and moves the chapters of the East Central Region into the North Central Province, effective immediately upon passage. The motion was made by Cincinnati Alumni and seconded by Kappa Omega.

Alpha Tau moved to end debate. Richmond seconded. Motion adopted.

Proposal #2 was adopted by a vote of 172 yeses and 29 nos.

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

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

Section 11. Provinces --- The Chapters of this Fraternity shall be combined for the purposes of administration into the following five (5) Provinces:

a. Northeastern Province -- To consist of the Collegiate and Alumni Chapters in the states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Northeastern Ohio (east of State Route 13, east of State Route 79, east of

State Route 13, east of State Route 79, east of Interstate Highway 71 (including Cuyahoga County), and north of Interstate Highway 70), Eastern West Virginia (east of Interstate Highway 77 and west of Route 219), northern Virginia (Iota Kappa and Mu Tau chapters and the Northern Virginia alumni chapter) and the provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Ontario in Canada.

c. North Central Province -- To consist of the Collegiate and Alumni Chapters in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana, as well as western and southern Ohio (north and west of the intersection of Interstate Highway 71 (except for Cuyahoga County and State Route 13, west of State Route 13, west of State Route 79, and all points south of Interstate Highway 70); the Cincinnati Metropolitan area counties located in Kentucky (Kenton, Campbell and Boone); and western West Virginia (west of Interstate Highway 77), and the province of Manitoba in Canada. Except for the St. Louis metropolitan area counties of Bond, Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair in the state of Illinois.

Chancellor Kinsella brought to the floor **Proposal #3** (proposed by Board of Directors): This proposal eliminates confusion on who constitutes the Grand Chapter and the definition of quorum for business sessions. It also removes the right to speak at debate for non-delegates (can still be yielded the floor per Standing Rules or Chancellor discretion), removes the right to make motions and speak at debate for Regional Vice Presidents (can still be yielded the floor at debate per Standing Rules or Chancellor discretion), and voting members of the Board of Directors are given the right to vote (on motions and national elections – not on Provincial Vice President or Regional Vice President elections). The motion was made by Epsilon Upsilon and seconded by Alpha Zeta.

Milwaukee amend to strike A. Hartford Connecticut seconded. **Amendment adopted** by a vote of 122 yeses and 80 nos.

Pacific Coast Regional Vice President moved to amend to add D and E as follows:

D: "Regional Vice Presidents shall have the right to introduce or second motions or to make nominations on the floor of the Grand Chapter Congress."

E: "Any collegiate member, alumni member, faculty member, or honorary member in good standing may be present at or speak to any question before the Congress."

Seconded by Orange County. Amendment adopted by a vote of 187 yeses and 23 nos.

Austin moved to consider Section 3 and 4 separately. Sierra Nevada Regional Vice President seconded. **Motion failed.**

Iota Upsilon moved to end debate. Cincinnati seconded. Motion failed.

Louisville moved to amend D by adding "charter members". Seconded by Hartford Connecticut. **Amendment adopted** by a vote of 156 yeses and 45 nos.

Alpha Pi moved to replace "Grand Officers" with "Regional Vice Presidents". Pi Rho seconded. **Motion failed.**

Austin moved to postpone Proposal #3 until afternoon business session. Seconded by Lincoln-Nebraska. **Motion adopted**.

Kinsella recessed until 2:30 p.m. Thursday, August 17.

Chancellor Kinsella made announcements and then reconvened the Grand Chapter at 2:34 p.m. Thursday, August 17.

Pacific Coast Regional Vice President moved to strike all of the amended Section 3 and replace with:

Section 3. Representation and Participation –
A). The following shall be voting delegates of the Grand Chapter Congress:
1.) One delegate from each Collegiate chapter In Good Standing. This delegate must be a collegiate member of the chapter who will return the following academic term as a student in a qualified program where the chapter is situated.
2.) One delegate from each Alumni chapter In Good Standing with a minimum of Ten members. This delegate must be a Member of the chapter who will return to the locality in which the chapter is situated as a

Member of the chapter who will return to the locality in which the chapter is situated as a member of that chapter.

B). The following shall be non-voting delegates of the Grand Chapter Congress:

1.) Grand Officers.

Orange County seconded.

Havens then presented the Roll Call of Delegates and the report of the Credentials Committee. He announced 216 delegates were confirmed with 210 present and eligible to vote.

Amendment adopted.

Proposal #3 failed by a vote of 131 yeses and 75 nos.

Chancellor Kinsella brought to the floor **Proposal #4** (proposed by the South Central Province): This proposal improves clarity around when and how a Provincial Council can meet, improving ability for chapters to be part of organizational change processes. It also adds language to allow the Provincial Vice President to call a special Provincial Council meeting and improves clarity around actions of the Provincial Council between meetings. The motion was made by Fort Worth-Cowtown and seconded by Austin.

Proposal #4 was **adopted** by a vote of 201 yeses and 9 nos.

Article VII. Section 2 of the Bylaws will now read:

ARTICLE VII.

PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Section 2. Meetings – Each Provincial Council shall conduct a Provincial Council Meeting each year during the months of November, December, January, February or March, in conjunction with the Provincial Conference. Additional Provincial Council Meetings may be called by the Provincial Vice President or a majority vote of the Provincial Council Delegates. A Provincial Council may act by mail or electronic mail between council meetings.

Chancellor Kinsella brought to the floor **Proposal #5** (proposed by the South Central Province): This proposal removes the amounts of the alumni chapter charter and franchise renewal fees from Bylaws. It also allows the Board of Directors to adjust these fees, within limits, without a vote of the Grand Chapter. The motion was made by Gamma Xi and seconded by Kappa Psi.

Proposal #5 was **adopted** by a vote of 164 yeses and 42 nos.

Article XI. Section 1 and 2 of the Bylaws will now read:

Article XI. Alumni Chapters

Section 1. Charter – Each chapter which seeks to be chartered by the Board of Directors shall pay a charter fee. In addition, it shall submit a list of officers and a roster of its membership. Only after this is done will the issuance of a charter be considered. The charter fee is determined by the Board of Directors for each fiscal year. The fee is subject to change at an annual rate of no more than ten (10) percent. If a situation arises where the fee must be increased by an amount greater than the cap, that amount must be approved by the Grand Chapter prior to implementation.

Section 2. Franchise Renewal – Each chapter chartered by the Board of Directors shall remain chartered as long as it submits a list of officers annually and a membership roster annually. An annual franchise renewal fee shall be due, payable and postmarked on or before June 30th of each year. Failure to remit this fee by the above date shall cause the chapter to be placed on inactive status. If any alumni chapter becomes inactive, it may become active again by submitting a new list of officers, a new roster of members, the franchise renewal fee and a charter renewal fee. The annual franchise renewal fee and the charter renewal fee are determined by the Board of Directors for each fiscal year. The fees are subject to change at an annual rate of no more than ten (10) percent. If a situation arises where the fees must be increased by an amount greater than the cap, that amount must be approved by the Grand Chapter prior to implementation.

Chancellor Kinsella brought to the floor **Proposal #6** (proposed by the Board of Directors): This proposal removes the Scholarship Key Program from Bylaws allowing the Board of Directors to potentially terminate the program. The motion was made by Lambda Phi and seconded by Mu Pi.

Proposal #6 was adopted by a vote of 149 yeses and 45 nos.

Article XVII. Section 12 will be removed from the Bylaws.

Chancellor Kinsella brought to the floor **Proposal #7** (proposed by the Board of Directors): This proposal confirms the ability for Regional Vice Presidents and Provincial Vice Presidents to submit amendments to Bylaws to their respective Provincial Councils. It also eliminates confusion on when proposals must be submitted for Provincial Council meetings. The motion was made by Alpha Rho and seconded by Epsilon Zeta.

Orange County moved to indefinitely postpone #7. Detroit-Motown second. Motion adopted.

Chancellor Kinsella brought to the floor **Proposal #8** (proposed by the Board of Directors): This proposal creates an opportunity for any member to submit proposed Bylaw amendments to a Provincial Council meeting. The motion was made by Kansas City and seconded by Iota Pi.

Proposal #8 failed by a vote of 111 yeses and 94 nos.

Chancellor Kinsella brought **Proposal #7** back to the floor.

Proposal #7 was adopted by a vote of 163 yeses and 36 nos.

Article XVIII. Section 2 and 3 from the Bylaws will now read:

ARTICLE XVIII AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICIES

Section 2. Changes Proposed by a Chapter --- Any chapter of this Fraternity in good standing may, by majority vote of the chapter members in good standing, propose changes to the Policies. Changes proposed by a chapter shall be presented in writing to the Provincial Vice President of the Province in which the chapter is located not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Provincial Council meeting of the Province they are a member of. The Provincial Vice President shall notify the Delegates of the Provincial Council in writing of the proposed changes no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Council Meeting. Proposed changes approved by a majority of the Delegates of the Provincial Council, present and voting, shall be presented in writing and within twenty-one (21) days to the Board of Directors by the Provincial Vice President. The Board of Directors shall have sixty (60) days after receipt of the proposal in which to consider the proposal. All chapters and Grand Officers shall be notified, in writing and/or by electronic means, of all changes to the Policies within sixty (60) days of such approval.

Section 3. Changes Proposed by a Provincial Vice President or Regional Vice President ---Any Provincial Vice President or Regional Vice President, may propose changes to the Policies. Changes proposed by a Provincial Vice President or Regional Vice President shall be presented in writing to the Provincial Vice President of the Province in which the Provincial Vice President or Regional Vice President is a member of not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Provincial Council meeting of the Province they are a member of. The Provincial Vice President shall notify the Delegates of the Provincial Council in writing of the proposed changes no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Council Meeting. Proposed changes approved by a majority of the Delegates of the Provincial Council, present and voting, shall be presented in writing and within twenty-one (21) days to the Board of Directors by the Provincial Vice President. The Board of Directors shall have sixty (60) days after receipt of the proposal in which to consider the proposal. All chapters and Grand Officers shall be notified, in writing and/or by electronic means, of all changes to the Policies within sixty (60) days of such approval.

Article XIX. Section 3 and 4 from the Bylaws will now read:

ARTICLE XIX AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Section 3. Changes Proposed by a Chapter --- Any chapter of this Fraternity in good standing may, by majority vote of the chapter members in good standing, propose amendments, suspensions in whole or in part, or revocation of these Bylaws. Changes proposed by a chapter shall be presented in writing to the Provincial Vice President of the Province in which the chapter is located not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Provincial Council Meeting of the Provincial Council in writing of the proposed changes no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Council Meeting. Proposed changes approved by a majority of the Delegates of the Provincial Council, present and voting, during the Provincial Council Meeting conducted in an odd-numbered year, will be submitted to the Grand Chapter for consideration as hereinafter provided in these Bylaws. Changes proposed by a chapter and approved by the Delegates of the Provincial Council, present and voting, during the Provincial Council Meeting conducted in an odd-numbered year may be presented to the Grand Chapter for consideration by mail ballot, as hereinafter provided in these Bylaws, or may, at the request of the proposing chapter, be presented to the Grand Chapter Congress.

Section 4. Changes Proposed by a Provincial Vice President or Regional Vice President ---Any Provincial Vice President or Regional Vice President may propose amendments, suspensions in whole or in part, or revocation of these Bylaws. Changes proposed by a Provincial Vice President or Regional Vice President shall be presented in writing to the Provincial Vice President of the Province in which the Provincial Vice President or Regional Vice President is a member not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Provincial Council Meeting of the Province they are a member of. The Provincial Vice President shall notify the Delegates of the Provincial Council in writing of the proposed changes no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Council Meeting. Proposed changes by a Provincial Vice President or Regional Vice President approved by a majority of the Delegates of the Provincial Council, present and voting, will be submitted to the next succeeding Grand Chapter for consideration as hereinafter provided in these Bylaws.

All remaining sections of article XIX will be renumbered as needed.

Kinsella recessed at 3:25 p.m. for 10 minutes.

The Chancellor brought the meeting back to order at 3:40 p.m. and brought to the floor **Proposal** #A (proposed by the Board of Directors): This proposal confirms the ability for Regional Vice Presidents and Provincial Vice Presidents to submit Ritual amendments to their respective Provincial Councils. It also eliminates confusion on when proposals must be submitted for Provincial Council meetings. The motion was made by Alpha Nu and seconded by Theta Pi.

Havens then presented the Roll Call of Delegates and the report of the Credentials Committee. He announced 216 delegates were confirmed with 211 present and eligible to vote.

Hartford Connecticut moved to indefinitely postpone Proposal #A. Sioux Falls/Greater South Dakota seconded. **Motion adopted.**

The Chancellor then brought to the floor **Proposal #B** (proposed by the Board of Directors): This proposal creates an opportunity for any member to submit Ritual amendments to a Provincial Council meeting. The motion was made by Delta Sigma and seconded by Zeta Tau.

Proposal #B failed by a vote of 56 yeses and 151 nos.

The Chancellor brought **Proposal #A** back to the floor.

Proposal #A was **adopted** by a vote of 169 yeses and 28 nos.

Article VIII. Section 1. from Ritual will now read:

Article VIII. Amendments to the Ritual

Section 1. Proposed changes or suspensions in whole or in part relating to the Ritual must be presented in writing.

- a. Changes Proposed by the Board of Directors—The Board of Directors may, by majority vote, propose changes, suspensions in whole or in part of this Ritual.
- b. Changes Proposed by a Chapter—Any chapter of this Fraternity in good standing may, by a majority vote of its members in good standing, propose changes, suspensions in whole or in part of this Ritual. Changes proposed by a chapter shall be presented in writing to the Provincial Vice President of the Province in which the chapter is located not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Provincial Council Meeting of the Province they are a member of. The Provincial Vice President shall notify the delegates of the Provincial Council in writing of the proposed changes no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Council delegates, present and voting, during the Provincial Council Meeting shall be submitted, in writing, to the office of the Executive Director for consideration by the Grand Chapter under Section 3 of this Article.
- c. Changes proposed by a Provincial Vice President or Regional Vice President—Any Provincial Vice President or Regional Vice President may propose changes, suspensions in whole or in part of this Ritual. Changes proposed by a Provincial Vice

President or Regional Vice President shall be presented in writing to the Provincial Vice President of the Province in which the Provincial Vice President or Regional Vice President is a member of not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Provincial Council Meeting they are a member of. The Provincial Vice President shall notify the delegates of the Provincial Council in writing of the proposed changes no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Council Meeting. Proposed changes by a Provincial Vice President or Regional Vice President approved by a majority of the Provincial Council delegates, present and voting, during the Provincial Council Meeting shall be submitted, in writing, to the office of the Executive Director for consideration by the Grand Chapter under Section 3 of this Article.

At this time, any remaining non-members were removed from the meeting and due to Ritual, the Chancellor reminded brothers to be mindful of their surroundings. These minutes are purposely vague in places to honor the secrecy of Ritual.

After ensuring only brothers were present, the Chancellor then brought to the floor **Proposal #C** (proposed by the South Central Province): This proposal combines the Collegiate and Honorary Initiation Ceremonies. The motion was made by St. Louis and seconded by Mu Chi.

Richmond moved to amend by deleting lines 412-419. Denver seconded.

Denver moved to divide Proposal into two parts: line 1-411 and 412-419. Seconded by Epsilon Lambda. **Motion adopted.**

St. Louis moved to recess. Following a report by the Nominations Committee, Midwestern Regional Vice President seconded. **Motion was adopted.**

T. Bonfrisco presented a supplemental report of the Nominations Committee.

The following nominations were received after July 1, 2023:

1. <u>Pacific Northwest Regional Vice President</u> Name: Benjamin Migliuri

Detroit-Motown **moved to accept supplemental report**, second by Fort Worth Cowtown. **Motion adopted**.

T. Bonfrisco and Levine made announcements.

Chancellor Kinsella recessed the meeting at 4:20 p.m. until Friday, August 18 at 8:00 a.m.

Friday, August 18, 2023

Chancellor Kinsella made announcements and then reconvened the Grand Chapter at 8:14 a.m., Friday, August 18.

Havens then presented the Roll Call of Delegates and the report of the Credentials Committee. He announced 216 delegates were confirmed with 209 present and eligible to vote.

T. Bonfrisco noted no new candidates.

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The Chancellor brought **Proposal #C Part 1** (lines 1-411) back to the floor.

St. Louis moved to amend by striking line #2. Tornado Alley Regional Vice President seconded. **Motion adopted.**

Psi moved to close debate. Seconded by Fort Worth-Cowtown. Motion adopted.

Proposal #C Part 1 failed by a vote of 39 yeses and 168 nos.

The Chancellor brought **Proposal #C Part 2.** Richmond withdrew amendment to eliminate lines 412-419 without objection.

Richmond moved to end debate. Lambda Pi seconded. Motion adopted.

Proposal #C failed by a vote of 26 yeses and 181 nos.

The Chancellor then brought to the floor **Proposal #D** (proposed by the South Central Province): This proposal changes the term "Head Master" to "Presiding Officer". The motion was made by St. Louis and seconded by Iota Chi.

Proposal #D failed by a vote of 59 yeses and 148 nos.

The Chancellor then brought to the floor **Proposal** #**E** (proposed by the South Central Province): This proposal updates references to the color red in our heraldry to signify courage. The motion was made by St. Louis and seconded by Theta Pi.

Dallas Area moved to strike words after "unity". Midwestern Regional Vice President seconded. **Amendment failed.**

Delta Upsilon moved to end debate. Epsilon Chi seconded.

Proposal #E failed by a vote of 18 yeses and 190 nos.

Chancellor Kinsella brought to the floor **Resolution #1** reading:

The Board of Directors/Grand President shall bring legislation for delegates to vote on prior to fall 2024 that supports a Board of Directors (responsible for strategic advancement) separate from a management team (responsible for day-to-day activities).

The motion was made by Louisville and seconded by Eta Tau. The **Resolution** was **adopted** by a vote of 183 yeses and 18 nos.

Levine made announcements.

Chancellor Kinsella recessed the meeting at 6:44 p.m. until Saturday, August 19 at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Chancellor Kinsella reconvened the Grand Chapter at 8:38 a.m. Saturday, August 19 and made announcements.

Chancellor Kinsella brought to the floor a resolution reading:

Resolved, that the Congress Secretary, in consultation with the Rules and Resolution Committee, be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, spelling and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the Grand Chapter in connection with any Bylaws amendment or Ritual change adopted at the 55th Grand Chapter Congress.

The motion was made by Alpha Rho and seconded by Iota. The Resolution was adopted.

Havens then presented the Roll Call of Delegates and the report of the Credentials Committee. He announced 216 delegates were confirmed with 207 present and eligible to vote.

Further instructions were then provided before the Grand President election, and Havens presented a supplemental Credentials report. He announced 216 delegates were confirmed with 209 present and eligible to vote.

Before the Vice President-Finance election, Havens presented a supplemental Credentials report. He announced 216 delegates were confirmed with 211 present and eligible to vote.

ELECTIONS

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

<u>Grand President</u> Candidates: Paul Carpinella Henry K. McDaniel

Vice President-Finance Candidates: Elected: Carpinella

Elected: Hotwagner

Jerry Hotwagner Jenna Markowitz Kevin Salazar

<u>Vice President, North Central Province</u> Candidates: Nicole Orlando	Elected by acclamation: Orlando
<u>Vice President, Northeastern Province</u> Candidates: Stacy Jordan Monica Monroe	Elected: Jordan
<u>Vice President, South Central Province</u> Candidates: Sara Casey	Elected by acclamation: Casey
<u>Vice President, Southern Province</u> Candidates: Meghan Hill	Elected by acclamation: Hill
<u>Vice President-Western Province</u> Candidates: Erica Kolsrud	Elected by acclamation: Kolsrud
Atlantic Coast Regional Vice President Candidates: Trina L. Kirk	Elected by acclamation: Kirk
Bay Area Regional Vice President Candidates: Ma Melanie Parazo	Elected by acclamation: Parazo
<u>Capital Regional Vice President</u> Candidates: None	Elected: No election held.
<u>Central Regional Vice President</u> Candidates: None	Elected: No election held.
<u>Central Gulf Regional Vice President</u> Candidates: Kyle Bischoff	Elected by acclamation: Bischoff
<u>Desert Mountain Regional Vice President</u> Candidates: Davis Levy Grissel Rodriguez	Elected: Levy

East Central Regional Vice President Candidates: James E. Kuhn		Elected by acclamation: Kuhn
Eastern Regional Vice President Candidates: Angela Coston Jones		Elected by acclamation: Coston Jones
Empire Regional Vice President Candidates: Charles A. Weening		Elected by acclamation: Weening
Gateway Regional Vice President Candidates: Joseph Shaver		Elected by acclamation: Shaver
Great Lakes Regional Vice President Candidates: Ronald Neto-Taylor		Elected by acclamation: Neto-Taylor
Great Plains Regional Vice President Candidates: Jody E. Hayek		Elected by acclamation: Hayek
<u>Gulf South Regional Vice President</u> Candidates: Laura Olivencia		Elected by acclamation: Olivencia
<u>Gulf Western Regional Vice President</u> Candidates: Tiphanie Contreras		Elected by acclamation: Contreras
<u>Huron Regional Vice President</u> Candidates: Christina Nicholson		Elected by acclamation: Nicholson
<u>Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President</u> Candidates: Chelsey Fix		Elected by acclamation: Fix
<u>Mid-South Regional Vice President</u> Candidates: Madison Whitehouse Monnin		Elected by acclamation: Whitehouse Monnin
Midwestern Regional Vice President Candidates: Kris McDaniel		Elected by acclamation: McDaniel
<u>New England Regional Vice President</u> Candidates:	15	Elected by acclamation: McAllister

Kelsie McAllister

Niagara Regional Vice President		
Candidates: Robert Fosdick		Elected by acclamation: Fosdick
<u>North Atlantic Regional Vice President</u> Candidates: Travis Brodbeck		Elected by acclamation: Brodbeck
<u>North Central Regional Vice President</u> Candidates: Danielle Gohman		Elected by acclamation: Gohman
Pacific Coast Regional Vice President Candidates: Timothy Beasley		Elected by acclamation: Beasley
Pacific Northwest Regional Vice President Candidates: Jazzle Paraiso Benjamin Migliuri	<u>t</u>	Elected: Paraiso
Rocky Mountain Regional Vice President Candidates: Austin Odle		Elected by acclamation: Odle
<u>Sierra Nevada Regional Vice President</u> Candidates: Cody Heimerdinger Aaron Rivera		Elected: Heimerdinger
South Atlantic Regional Vice President Candidates: Sarah Lowe		Elected by acclamation: Lowe
South Pacific Regional Vice President Candidates: Julian Reyes-Cruz		Elected by acclamation: Reyes-Cruz
Southeastern Regional Vice President Candidates: Kenneth Cook		Elected by acclamation: Cook
Southwestern Regional Vice President Candidates: Sally Hinkle		Elected by acclamation: Hinkle
Steel Valley Regional Vice President Candidates:	16	Elected by acclamation: Bonfrisco

Patrick Bonfrisco

<u>Tornado Alley Regional Vice President</u> Candidates: Yvonne Moore

Elected by acclamation: Moore

Testimonials were then presented by many members. (Refer to Testimonial Addendum).

At the conclusion of the testimonials, Levine made announcements. Kinsella asked non-brothers to leave the meeting and Past Grand President Tricia Smith conducted the ritualistic installation of all new national officers. Carpinella conducted the closing Ritual and adjourned the 55th Grand Chapter at 11:42 a.m. after a **motion** by Lambda Psi, Gamma Omega second, **was approved** by consensus.

Cory Paul Stopka, Grand President

Jeremy Levine, Executive Director and Recording Secretary

William R Kinsella

William R. Kinsella, Congress Chancellor

TESTIMONIAL ADDENDUM

Twin Cities Alumni Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

Delta Sigma Pi is very lucky Jodi Schoh served as their VP-Finance over the past four years. While on the Board of Directors for the Fraternity and the Leadership Foundation Board, a lot was accomplished the past two biennia.

Jodi led the financial operations of the Fraternity during a pandemic, kept us financially stable, made decisions that brought more programming to collegiates, and found ways to hire more staff, so volunteers could spend more time supporting chapters. Jodi made tough decisions on a daily basis and she always did so with strategic vision, empathy, and grace.

Jodi--thank you for your service and for inspiring so many brothers in the Fraternity. To many, you're so much more than our VP-Finance. You are a brother, a friend, a mentor, and predating VP-Finance you were a Provincial Vice President, Regional Vice President, DD, alumni chapter president, and more.

While you're so many things to so many people--we're all lucky to call you brother. One thing we all have in common is that we owe you one big thank you. Thank you for your time. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for your leadership. Thank you for orchestrating many flash mobs and hype videos. Thank you for being a great friend and brother. Thank you for your dedication, Jodi, and for all you've given to Delta Sigma Pi. We love you long time.

2021-2023 Board of Directors then offered the following Testimonial:

Be it resolve that the 2021 through 2023 Delta Sigma Pi Board of Directors would like to thank Tricia and Cory for their service and leadership. Over the last biennium, we have faced many challenges, but have prevailed with the strength of Cory and Tricia's leadership, accomplishing numerous feats as we worked through navigating the COVID pandemic, hiring our new Executive Director, advancing and progressing towards our Strategic Priorities, and partnering with organizations like the Foundation raising funds that progress the Purpose of Delta Sigma Pi.

Tricia, your leadership and service on the Board of Directors for the last ten years is so appreciated, and nothing can sum up the amount of energy and time that you have invested into this organization. We thank you for the tough decisions, sacrifices, and many hours you have dedicated to our brotherhood.

Cory, your service as our Grand President the past two years while balancing your work life and family commitments has been inspiring. Thank you for your service as our GP and we are cheering for you as you continue your service on the Board of Directors in your new capacity as PGP. While every day has not been easy, you have taken it day by day, making us all better in every way.

We thank you both! It has been an honor and privilege to serve with you.

East Central Regional Vice President James Kuhn then offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas, over the years, Jim and Gayle Gerhardt have served in various volunteer positions in Delta Sigma Pi, including being the president of more than one alumni chapter.

Whereas, they have helped chapters raise money for their Chapter Leadership Funds

Whereas, they have given of their time and talent to present at national events, as well as local chapter events

Whereas, they have so graciously opened their home to brothers

Whereas, they have fed many hungry collegiate and alumni brothers

Whereas, during their time at the Cincinnati Alumni Chapter, they have provided tours to approximately 600 brothers and guests

And while Jim is known for his wisecracking ways and Gayle is known for her hugs

The truth is that they are always here to help

Therefore, be it resolved that, from this day moving forward, that Jim and Gayle Gerhardt will be known, as the godfather and godmother of Delta Sigma Pi. Thank you for all that you have done to help so many. You exemplify the best of Delta Sigma Pi. We truly appreciate you for setting an example for all of us.

2021 Collegian of the Year Brennen Feder then offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas, I would like to recognize the Collegiate Advisory Committee for their contributions over the course of the last biennium. Their dedication to making Deltasig a great organization is inspiring and I am so thankful for the many hours of feedback and advice that you have provided to the Board, National Committees, and Task Forces to ensure the collegiate perspective was integrated into our decisions.

Whereas, Christian will continue to chair this committee next year and will provide strong leadership as he has consistently demonstrated to amplify the voices of others. Despite falling off stages, your stability in our Fraternity will yield tremendous value. You have been not only a great leader, but a phenomenal brother and I have loved serving with you.

Whereas, Sydney joins the Board as the 2023 National Collegian of the Year and will deliver great value for our organization. Thank you for your service as a collegiate brother and an extra thank you for your continued dedication to making Delta Sigma Pi the best it can be.

Former Executive Director Michael Mazur then offered the following Testimonial:

This is a Testimonial in recognition of the late Brother Carlos Hazday. I ask any and all brothers who were inspired by Brother Hazday to please stand and be recognized. Please be seated. For those who are quoted in this testimonial, please stand when you are quoted.

Whereas, Carlos Hazday was a 1980 initiate of the Beta Omega Chapter at the University of Miami where he served as treasurer, historian, Ritual Chair and fundraising chair and shortly thereafter attended his first Regional Conference in Jacksonville, Florida and in 1981 at Mackinac Island, Michigan his first of numerous Grand Chapter Congresses;

Whereas, upon first meeting Carlos, those first impressions were memorable and indelible and ranged from "oh wow!", "how cool!", "how sexy!" to "WTF??";

Whereas, Golden Council member Marlow Kee has been quoted: 'I was lucky to be able to call Carlos a friend. We had a friendship that went back to the late 80's when we were both on the Delta Sigma Pi Board and the Executive Committee. There were many shared DSP trips and adventures over the years. So much fun, so many good memories... Many of my

best, and sometimes craziest adventures during that time, were because of him. In what alternate reality was an introvert like myself, from conservative St. Louis, doing on the dance floor in a South Beach club at 2 a.m.

Carlo just had a way of convincing you to take a chance and enjoy all life had to offer. Carlos definitely had a lust for life and lived large; larger than most. He loved his Harley and the open road and took every chance to road trip. He also had a big heart and cared deeply about his family, his friends, and Delta Sigma Pi. He was always his authentic self and for that I always admired him and continue to remind myself how important that is.'

Whereas, our London Brother Ashok Arora has been quoted: 'I first met Carlos Hazday when I was a pledge back in 1985 and he was my Regional Director (Regional Vice President). We hit it off right away and he was truly unforgettable. A larger than life character - we had some wonderful adventures over the years, none of which can ever be spoken about.'

Whereas, Regional Vice President Noel Miller states: 'I'll never forget meeting you for the first time (as an adult - they actually "met" when she was in the womb of her mother, Brother Gail Baumer). Your smile, your laughter, your direct no-bullshit opinions. The willingness to share with others, disagree, and keep being brothers at the end of the day.

I'll never forget introducing you to the love of my life. You were the 'enforcer Uncle' who was protective and supportive all at once. You made me feel loved and cherished and helped David feel included at his first GCC.

I was looking forward to seeing you soon. To share laughs, a bit of time with Jordan, David, and maybe even a few kicks from our newest addition. Your legacy and impact will live on in the lessons and love you shared.'

Past Grand President Mike Mallonee shared: 'Carlos touched so many lives, and I'm sure that we're just a part of his vast network of friends. He was so easy to like with his infectious personality.'

Whereas, I, Past Executive Director Mike Mazur will tell you directly, when Carlos was on the Board and I was Executive Director, he was a bit of a nemesis, a thorn in my side at times – he pushed buttons, but that did not last long as we worked to better understand each other and became good friends. He was so much more than the brash Cuban from Miami with the Harvey Firestein voice...He was introspective, caring, and loving as well....the quiet Carlos was an experience to behold.

I also can be quoted as saying; 'Instant shivers up the spine upon receiving a Facebook message--Carlos Hazday has tagged you in a photo!'

Whereas, our dear brother and friend, Charles Albert Hazday departed this life too soon on June 16, 2023 at age 65. He served as a District Director in South Florida, South Atlantic Regional Director, Southern Provincial Vice President and was a Cornerstone Level donor to the Foundation.

Therefore, be it resolved, that this 55th Grand Chapter Congress expresses its condolences to Saloman and Jennifer Hazday, Salvador and Cristina Hazday, brothers and sisters-in-law, and beloved nieces and nephews, Alexandra, Natalia, Cooper and Graham, and let it heretofore be know that the world was a better, more fun and more loving place because Carlos dwelt upon it and brought a laugh and a smile to all.

Please join me in a round of applause for our departed Brother Carlos.

Clayton Chong from Hawaii Alumni Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

Hi. I'm Clayton Chong from the Hawaii Alumni Chapter. Could we have a moment of silence for the victims of the Maui fires last week? (silence) Thank you.

96 people died and 1,000 are missing. 4,000 people lost their homes. Could Deltasigs at GCC ask their chapters to donate to the Maui food bank?

I called a Deltasig from Lahaina to check if she was ok. She was half crying on the phone. Her family home and elementary school burned to the ground. The town of Lahaina is gone. I told her I'd ask the brothers at GCC for help. Thank you.

Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President Chelsey Fix then offered the following Testimonial:

To the person who has always been a sounding board, a burst of laughter and countless inside jokes, I'd like to thank Jasmin Flores for her guidance, leadership and friendship. May she never forget the time I popped out of the small closet on the top floor of the Central Office and scared the poop out of her. In this same testimonial I'd also like to thank the man who's been a great mentor, guide and who's seen me drive my first U-Haul. Thanks for wearing your seat belt, Tyler Havens. These two inspire me to be a better leader, think critically and sometimes laugh at my dad jokes. I wouldn't be where I am today without the two of you. Love you both!

Leon Niles from Detroit-Motown Alumni Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

The Detroit-Motown Alumni Chapter on behalf of all collegiate and alumni members in the Huron Region would like to recognize and thank Anna Trenshaw for her service and dedication as the Huron Regional Vice President. It has been an honor and a pleasure working with you! We wish you the best as you move forward into this next exciting chapter of your life. I am proud to call you my brother and my friend.

Southern Provincial Vice President Meghan Hill then offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas: In August of 2021, elections were held virtually and Grand Officers were installed via Zoom—many physically alone in their own living rooms, offices, dining rooms, or kitchens.

Seven leaders, five of which (including me) were completely brand new to their positions, came together to form the SoPro Leadership team. Most of them did not even know each other—in fact, I was the only one of the seven that had at least met each of the others.

Whereas: Among this team, our Deltasig experience ranged from one Silver Helmet recipient (another has been awarded and another is eligible), to a recent grad who was just four years past initiation. We have Golden Council Members, two two-term tenured returning Regional Vice Presidents, experienced DDs who had served numerous chapters between them (one of whom I'd served with as a DD and Regional Vice President), a fresh-from-the-mother-ship Educational & Leadership Consultant who had never served in a volunteer role with our Fraternity, but brought an amazing wealth of experience and knowledge from her time on staff, and my former chapter president, whom I've now known for more than 25 years. I'm pretty sure neither of us ever expected to serve together again in THIS capacity.

Whereas: I asked these brothers to commit to a regular cadence of meetings, THEY shocked ME by saying they wanted to meet twice a month and immediately our SoPro virtual 'Happy

Hours' were born. And twice a month, with very few exceptions, this team has gathered for two hours to first determine what everyone is drinking, to show off their 'mascots' and find out what flavor candle CJ is burning, and then we get down to the business of figuring out how to help our brothers succeed while doodling on a Zoom whiteboard.

Whereas: We've all heard many times 'They just do things differently in the South.'

Let it be resolved: That the brothers of Delta Sigma Pi and especially the Southern Province are so lucky to have the leadership of Trina Kirk, Kyle Bischoff, CJ Cook, Madison Whitehouse Monin, Chelsey Fix, and Ron Neto-Taylor. I simply can't explain the magic that happens with this group is together. It's pure "SoPro Deltasigginess". I fiercely love every one of you and thank you for everything you do to help me be better. You make me so proud to be a Deltasig.

Adam Cavanaugh from Nu Sigma Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

As our nation's sixth President, John Quincy Adams once famously said, 'If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.' I wish that he could have met one of the best leaders in Delta Sigma Pi, Jennifer Huynh-Doto to see that his quote rings true.

Jen has legitimately been a figure in my Delta Sigma Pi journey from the third week of the pledging process during the fall of 2019. Back when I was pledging, (dating myself a little bit) for most their Regional Vice President was simply a name to memorize. But for me, Jen was the embodiment of a true role model when she encouraged me to become more involved and join the executive committee after initiation. She was the only person at knew at the Baltimore LEAD in February 2020 and introduced me to everyone she could think of while getting me out of my comfort zone since I was the only one from my chapter attending.

Through the ups and downs of COVID, Jen was there to support Nu Sigma and myself during the COVID years and lack of engagement. And of course, she was there to be a part of the Nu Sigma comeback story. A story still being created but with chapters already written including becoming a Chapter of Excellence for the first time (after never being accredited), bringing 12 brothers to Montreal, Canada for a professional development weekend, and culminating with our chapter advisor, John McQuilkin, being named National Chapter Advisor of the Year.

Nu Sigma, the New England Region, the Northeastern Province, and Delta Sigma Pi as a whole are better because of Jen's leadership, drive, and dedication. I am so thankful that someone cared and sacrificed enough to make an indelible impact. Jen, you truly have taught me to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more and I can't thank you enough for that. But most importantly, I am proud to call you a friend and a brother.

Congratulations on a successful four year run as New England's best Regional Vice President!

Empire Regional Vice President Charles Weening and Kelsie McAllister from Boston Alumni Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

Kelsie: It's not for four years, it's for life. We are formally recognizing Jen Huynh-Doto for her four years as New England Regional Vice President which has made an impact on all of us for life. Honesty and transparency are Jen's best leadership qualities. She has inspired and befriended so many of us in this room. She has helped me, as well as Travis through months detailed transition ensuring all 14 chapters are cared for.

Jen is there for everything - life events, fraternal involvement, or attending a First and Forever concert so we can support a brother she hadn't seen or talked to in a long time. Shout out former Regional Vice President and current finance man and drummer David Pratt.

You have helped me gain experience and grow to be a better Deltasig leader. Jen, you are truly one to follow.

Charles:

Jen, geographically being in Empire and directly under New England, I look up to you. But now and back in our collegiate years--I look up to you. We are a witness to your incredible achievements.

For your next chapter be sure to focus on yourself and your Deltasig husband Chris.

We know you LOVE $\Delta\Sigma\Pi$. Not even a thousand blue shells in Mario Kart could stop your dedication to make us better. The human body is not able to process pure oxygen because it's so strong. Jen is with us in human form because her raw love and passion for us is just as powerful.

Jen is the ideal member that lives the values of Delta Sigma Pi. Brothers, please join us in sharing your gratitude for Jen Huynh-Doto.

Adam Katch from Des Moines-Central Iowa Alumni Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

Jodi, welcome back! Cory, batter up! Sincerely, The "HR" Department

The South Central Provincial Leadership Team then offered the following Testimonial:

When the South Central Province found that we were in need of a leader to fill the Provincial Vice President role, Brother Henry McDaniel stepped up to the plate. Henry was quick to bring the leaders in the Province together and include us all in the conversations and decisions made for our Province.

Henry has been the leader we deserved to have as we navigate the various challenges we each faced in our various leaderships roles. Henry has never shied away from hard conversations, he encourages us to lead our areas how we see best fit and provides mentorship to all of us as we find we need it. Essentially, he showed us how the sausage was made and was more than happy to serve it to us for dinner. Jokes aside, Henry's leadership has been essential to the greater success of the South Central Province.

Henry, we are so lucky to have had the honor to work with you over the past year and half as the South Central Provincial Vice President, and so many of us agree that every instance you have stepped up to serve we have been better because of it. You keep things light and fun, and you know how to communicate the seriousness of important conversations.

Thank you for all your support, guidance and encouragement over the past year and a half, and thank you for providing a wonderful experience to your leadership team and chapters alike.

Vice President-Finance Jodi Schoh then offered the following Testimonial:

Where as, my first memory of Brother Cory Stopka was in his early collegiate days when I politely asked him to stop dancing on a table at a DSP event. Cory, you have continued to make an impression on me and Delta Sigma Pi.

From inspiring your collegiate chapter to the numerous chapters you motivated and educated during your days as an Educational & Leadership Consultant. Your passion for this Fraternity continued to grow as you served the North Central Region as Regional Vice President. Luckily we survived our trip through Lower, Lower Wacker so you could then go on to lead the North Central Province for four years.

And now the past two years, you have served as our Grand President. While life did not go as planned, you continued each and every day to be better and do better.

I wish your Dad was with us here today as he was at your election. Besides reminding you how much he loves you, I can imagine he would be telling people with so much pride 'that's my son'.

While your service and leadership to Delta Sigma Pi is not over, I am so happy you will be able to have more time for Anna and Finn.

You are an incredible dad, friend, mentor mentee, and leader and not too bad at sales either. You are one amazing brother. Thank you for your service as our Grand President.

Calum Binnie from Rho Tau Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

Good morning and hello.

My name is Calum Binnie, I am the chapter president and delegate for the Rho Tau Chapter at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. I am here today to tell you about the most excellent 72-brother fraternity student group in the history of Fraternity, students... and just groups.

The brothers of the Rho Tau chapter hold positions at prestigious firms such as Goldman Sachs, Microsoft, Deloitte, Johnson & Johnson, KPMG, Deloitte, Bank of America, and more. The chapter boasts a diverse array of investment bankers, analysts, consultants, accountants, lawyers, marketers, entrepreneurs, lowly chapter presidents, and more. They, along with their grand chapter brothers are defining the next generation of the global business community. Their ambition and work ethic has excelled both them and our chapter to the top of one of the fastest-growing business schools in the country.

Now, am I exaggerating... NO!

Professionalism is only the beginning of the Rho Tau Chapter. It extends into the brothers' passions in unimaginable variety. From a self-started clothing business (Google Anjuna threads!) to a Korean Pop group with over 100,000 monthly listeners (OKPOP on Spotify, look them up!) to a real estate marketing firm that has shot footage for over \$150 million in real estate in just five years! (Look for Dynasty Vacation Homes in Florida!) The energy of this testimonial is only a fraction of the commitment and enthusiasm that the brothers of the Rho Tau Chapter have for their passions, their professionalism, and their brothers of Delta Sigma Pi.

Thank you so much for a great Grand Chapter Congress, you are all welcome any time at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and on behalf of all 72 brothers in the Rho Tau Chapter — Long Live Delta Sigma Pi!

Gracianna Campbell from Delta Iota Chapter then offered the following Testimonial:

Last year, our executive committee came together to set our intentions, and coined the term "the year of revival". We said our goal was to build the chapter, and can now confidently say we did exactly that. The Delta Iota Chapter has had exponential growth this past year, reaching the largest recruitment and chapter membership we have seen in a long time, while strengthening our brotherhood and professionalism. This year we made Chapter of Excellence, after not receiving Accredited Chapter the year before, we fundraised a total of \$10,000, and we raised our average Chapter GPA. We're honored to have received the national award for Most Improved Chapter for the 2022-2023 term. This was a difficult journey, and while there are numerous individuals that helped get us to this place, there are certain ones we'd like to specifically thank today.

Whereas, we'd like to thank Dean Michael Weber of the Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise, for his efforts to help grow the business organizations at Florida Southern College, and who has generously invested his time, guidance, and funds on behalf of the business school to the Delta Iota Chapter. Whereas we extend thanks to our local leadership team, with District Director Mark Iannuzzi, Assistant District Director Kaylee Burns, and Chapter Advisor Joshua Hall - who was just named Advisor of the Year for the South Atlantic Region. Whereas we'd like to thank our amazing Regional Vice President, Ron Neto-Taylor, for his amazing service to our chapter over the past few years. We are so lucky to have had the chance to work with you, and to even bring in Edgard Neto-Taylor as an honorary initiate of our chapter. The two of you have played a significant role in Delta Iota, and we are so sad to see you go. Whereas we extend our gratitude to the amazing Southern Provincial Vice President Meghan Hill for her faithful support across our region, and of course, our province over the last two years. We are looking forward to our continued work with you. Whereas we extend a final thank you to DSP's influential Grand President, Cory Stopka, for the contributions he has made to help our chapters, our fraternity, and our brothers grow. You have greatly supported and guided us during your term.

Whereas I want to recognize our amazing Executive Committee that has given their time, talent, and treasure to Delta Iota, constantly working behind the scenes to plan and implement the events this year that led to our growth and improvement. Namely, Chapter President Alex Blankinship, who led our chapter with clear goals, unmatched determination, immense knowledge, and personal mentorship. I am proud to have served alongside you as Senior Vice President, and to learn from you now as our new Chapter President. Whereas I'd like to recognize Vice President-Chapter Operations, Allison Pascarella, who helped us to achieve the Most Improved CMP in the Southern Province, and our Vice Presidents-Alumni Relations, Aidan Lee and Caitlin McDaniel, for their hard work that awarded us the Outstanding Alumni Relations award for the South Atlantic Region. With the help of everyone who served as an executive member in the fall and spring terms, we have accomplished goals, set high standards for the future, and finally revived our chapter. Thank you.