

DELTA SIGMA PI  
NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE  
Provincial Council Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2012  
South Bend, IN

- A. Opening Ritual by Provincial Vice President Jodi Schoh
- B. Installation of new officers by Grand President Mark Chiacchiari
- C. Call the meeting to order  
Time: 2:01

D. Roll call of the Delegates

Present:

|               |                 |   |
|---------------|-----------------|---|
| Delta         | Epsilon Omicron | Mu Psi                                  |
| Epsilon       | Epsilon Omega   | Nu Tau                                  |
| Xi            | Zeta Xi         | Xi Chi                                  |
| Upsilon       | Eta Mu          | Pi Tau                                  |
| Psi           | Eta Rho         | Chicago Alumni                          |
| Alpha Delta   | Theta Tau       | Des Moines- Central Iowa                |
| Alpha Epsilon | Iota Lambda     | Indianapolis                            |
| Alpha Pi      | Iota Sigma      | Lincoln/Greater Nebraska                |
| Alpha Omega   | Iota Chi        | Milwaukee                               |
| Gamma Eta     | Kappa Sigma     | Twin Cities Alumni Chapter              |
| Gamma Kappa   | Kappa Upsilon   | North Central Provincial Vice President |
| Gamma Pi      | Kappa Phi       | Central Regional Vice President         |
| Delta Rho     | Kappa Omega     | Great Lakes Regional Vice President     |
| Delta Tau     | Lambda Xi       | Great Plains Regional Vice President    |
| Epsilon Iota  | Lambda Omicron  | Huron Regional Vice President           |
| Epsilon Xi    | Mu Phi          | North Central Regional Vice President   |

Not Present:

|           |             |                 |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|
| Zeta      | Alpha Iota  | Eta Pi          |
| Alpha Eta | Gamma Theta | Winona-Lacrosse |

- E. Adopt the agenda  
Moved by: Twin Cities Alumni Chapter  
Seconded by: Mu Psi  
Motion passed
- F. Approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting
  - 1. Motion to waive reading of previous council meeting minutes  
Moved by: Epsilon Iota  
Seconded by: Lincoln Nebraska  
Motion passes

2. Motion to approve the minutes of the previous council meeting

Moved by: Des Moines

Seconded by: Kappa Omega

Motion passed

G. Review votes taken since the last meeting

1. Central Region Regional Vice President vote

H. Receive or distribute the report of the Provincial Vice President

No questions

I. Receive or distribute the reports of the Regional Vice Presidents

1. Central – Whitney Dixon-Reed

2. Great Lakes – Dennis Protasio

3. Great Plains – Kirstie Gill

4. Huron – Matt Carrington

5. North Central – Carissa Bauer

Reports available in distributed materials (See Addendum)

J. Receive or distribute a Provincial Financial report

Reports available in distributed materials (See Addendum)

K. Receive or distribute the reports of the Provincial Committees

1. Alumni Development – Teresa Schudrowitz

2. Community Service – Kim Ward

3. Professional Development – Lindsay Allen

4. Scholastic Development and Awards – Kelsey Wilhelm

5. Disciplinary – Jodi Schoh

Reports available in distributed materials (See Addendum)

L. Old Business

1. None

M. New Business

1. Approve the 2012-2013 Provincial Budget

Moved by: Alpha Epsilon

Seconded by: Psi

Motion passed

2. Determine 2012-2013 Provincial Community Service Options-American Cancer Society  
Will continue with the American Cancer Society

3. Determine meeting time of 2013 Provincial Council Meeting

Motion to keep our Provincial council meeting on Saturday

Moved by: Theta Tau

Seconded by: Zeta Xi

Motion Passed

4. Legislative Proposals/Recommendations

1. Bylaw Proposal 1- Brother Mark Chiacchiari- Bylaw Amendment-increases ceilings or eliminating all together

We are using this meeting to collect feedback to determine if we want to pursue at GCC 2013.

Straw Poll – Raising the ceiling

In Favor – 22

Opposed – 16

Straw Poll – Eliminating the ceiling

In Favor – 7

Opposed - 33

2. Bylaw proposal 2 - Brother Joe Ward

Looking for feedback-the VPOD is not needed in our organization-the main duty is strategic planning. Would like to present next spring for a vote for Grand Chapter Congress 2013.

Collected written feedback regarding the following questions.

1. Do you feel we should remove this position from the board of directors?
2. Do you feel the OD should not sit on the board but would be a committee chair Review proposals, don't violate policy etc. would do such activities for task force. We can define the committee over time as well.
3. Do you feel if the VPOD was removed, would you want it to be replaced with another position?

- N. Determine dates and location choices for 2014 Provincial Conference and Council Meeting

Historical Reference

2013      Provincial Conference      Fall LEAD

|      |                  |                  |
|------|------------------|------------------|
|      | Milwaukee, WI    | TBD              |
| 2012 | South Bend, IN   | Des Moines, IA   |
| 2011 | Madison, WI      | Omaha, NE        |
| 2010 | Chicago, IL      | Indianapolis, IN |
| 2009 | Des Moines, IA   | Omaha, NE        |
| 2008 | Indianapolis, IN | Detroit, MI      |
| 2007 | Chicago, IL      | Chicago, IL      |
| 2006 | Milwaukee, WI    | Indianapolis, IN |
| 2005 | Chicago, IL      | Omaha, NE        |
| 2004 | Detroit, MI      | Minneapolis, MN  |
| 2003 | Minneapolis, MN  | Des Moines, IA   |
| 2002 | Chicago, IL      | Indianapolis, IN |
| 2001 | Kansas City, MO  | Iowa City, IA    |

Dates: voted for 2014 Provincial Conference

1. Feb 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>
2. Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>
3. Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion to suspend Roberts's Rules to caucus in regions

Moved by: Mu Psi

Seconded by: Gamma Eta

Motion passed

Motion to reinstate Robert's Rules

Moved by: Alpha Epsilon

Seconded by: Lambda Xi

Motion passed

Locations voted for 2014 Provincial Conference

1. Chicago IL
2. Grand Rapids MI
3. Iowa City or St. Paul
4. Champaign IL

O. General announcements

1. Review schedule of upcoming meetings and events:
  - 2012 LEAD School
    - Des Moines, IA
    - November 3, 2012
  - 2013 Provincial Conference and Council Meeting
    - Milwaukee, WI
    - February 8-10, 2013

2. Other chapter announcements

- Check with your RVP for possible Regional meetings
- Chicago Alumni- Red Carpet Photo booth tonight
- Mu Psi- Looking forward to hosting Halsey next year
- Alpha Omega- 1<sup>st</sup> industry networking night on March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7
- Gamma Kappa-Just broke 100 members
- Jodi Schoh- extra Grand Chapter Congress bats hats
- Jodi- appeal to delegates-as a leader of your chapter, work with your chapter to be quiet in the halls and rooms. Go to the dance or in the lobby. Please talk to your chapters
- Whitney Dixon-Reed- Thank you to the other RVPs and Jodi for being helpful into the new position. Thank you for hosting the weekend

P. Adjournment

Time: 3:10

Moved by: Alpha Delta

Seconded by: Eta Rho

Motion passes

Q. Closing Ritual

Respectfully Submitted:

Danielle Jepson  
Theta Tau  
North Central Provincial Council Secretary

Jodi Schoh  
North Central Provincial Vice President

# Addendum

## **North Central Province Provincial Vice President – Jodi Schoh**

### Travel During Period:

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 9/14          | Xi Chi Chapter Meeting (Milwaukee, WI)  |
| 9/22 – 9/25   | Board Meeting & Leadership Retreat (Oxford, OH)                                 |
| 10/6          | Twin Cities Alumni Meeting (Minneapolis, MN)                                    |
| 10/14 – 10/16 | Omaha LEAD School (Omaha, NE)   |
| 11/5          | Alpha Omega Initiation (Chicago, IL)  |
| 11/5          | Chicago Alumni 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founder's Day Banquet (Chicago, IL) |
| 11/8          | Alpha Epsilon Founder's Day Event (Minneapolis, MN)                             |
| 11/12         | Huron Regional Conference (Grand Rapids, MI)                                    |
| 11/20         | Kappa Upsilon Chapter Meeting (Winona, MN)                                      |
| 12/1<br>MN)   | Twin Cities Alumni Chapter Community Service Event (Minneapolis,                |
| 1/6 – 1/8     | North Central Leadership Team Meeting (Chicago, IL)                             |
| 1/13 – 1/15   | Board of Directors Meeting (Oxford, OH)   |
| 1/27 – 1/28   | Halsey Tournament (Minneapolis, MN)   |

### **Provincial Goals**

The leadership team is focused on building a cohesive team and working on shared goals for the success of the chapters in the province.

- 1) CMP Achievements – 80% accredited; 40% recognition; 20% excellence.

This is an area we feel that chapters can approve upon and each RVP is working with their chapters.

- 2) Each chapter submits at least one awards application and submits a COY nomination.

The majority of the chapters submitted a COY nomination but not all submitted the application. We plan to work with the regional awards chairs to provide education and awareness for submitting awards.

- 3) Increase Alumni involvement with representation at LEAD Provincial. Encourage chapters to present New Alumni presentation.

We have been working with the alumni chapters in the province to brainstorm ideas for more involvement in Provincial LEAD. The Alumni Development committee will be meeting in early February to continue to work in this initiative.

- 4) Increase volunteer leaders – build a bench of future volunteer leaders from the current collegiate chapters.

The team is making progress on this goal by first indentifying current District Directors in each region. We are planning volunteer leadership training in the Indiana area in the Spring 2012.

### **LEAD/Provincial**

The Fall LEAD School in Omaha was a great success with brothers from the North Central and South Central Provinces in attendance. Chapters in the Province also attended the Atlanta and Tulsa LEAD Schools or the Huron Regional Conference. Currently, we have 90% of the chapters in the province registered to attend the Provincial LEAD in South Bend.

### **Provincial Committees**

This fall, we are been indentifying committee chairs and members from the province to serve in various roles. We have been able to find alumni from the regions to get involved. For more information on the committee's please review their committee reports. We are always looking for more volunteers to get involved, if you are interested in serving on a committee please let me know.

### **Expansion**

This past fall, the Iota Alpha Epsilon Colony at Central Michigan was closed due to lack of interested members. Currently, the province has no colonies.

### **Discipline and Chapter Assistance**

This fall, the province had a number of chapter discipline issues. I am pleased the chapters are making the necessary changes to adhere to our risk management policies. The Chapter Consultants have also been providing assistance for a few chapters in the province to assist in specific areas of need such as recruitment.

### **Summary**

Overall, the first half of the year started off well. The transition went smoothly and the team is starting to work well together and we have increased outreach to the collegiate chapters. I am excited to see what we can accomplish over the next year.

**Great Lakes Region  
Regional Vice President – Dennis Protasio**

Fall 2011 Travel:

| Date                | Chapter                             | Event                                       |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>August</b>       |                                     |   |
| 8/9/11 - 8/14/11    |                                     | Grand Chapter Congress                      |
| 8/27/11             | Milwaukee & Chicago Alumni Chapters | Cubs vs. Brewers                            |
| <b>September</b>    |                                     |   |
| 9/2/11-9/3/11       | Lambda Omicron                      | Chapter Visit                               |
| 9/13/11             | Gamma Pi                            | Meet the Chapter                            |
| 9/15/11             | Chicago Alumni Chapter              | Happy Hour                                  |
| 9/18/11             | Gamma Pi                            | Meet the Chapter Luncheon                   |
| 9/19/11             | Alpha Omega                         | Meet the Chapter                            |
| 9/21/11             | Alpha Omega                         | Meet the Chapter                            |
| 9/23/11 - 9/25/11   |                                     | Leadership Retreat                          |
| 9/27/11             | Zeta                                | Recruitment Event                           |
| 9/29/11             | Zeta Xi                             | Dress for Success                           |
| <b>October</b>      |                                     |   |
| 10/10/11            | Eta Mu                              | Executive & Chapter Meeting                 |
| 10/14/11 - 10/16/11 |                                     | Omaha LEAD                                  |
| 10/23/11            | Alpha Omega                         | Chapter Meeting                             |
| <b>November</b>     |                                     |   |
| 11/4/11             | Alpha Omega                         | Fundraiser                                  |
| 11/5/11             | Alpha Omega                         | Initiation                                  |
| 11/5/11             | Chicago Alumni Chapter              | 90th Anniversary                            |
| 11/12/11            |                                     | Huron Regional Meeting                      |
| 11/19/11            | Delta                               | Initiation                                  |
| <b>December</b>     |                                     |   |
| 12/10/11            | Xi Chi                              | Initiation                                  |
| <b>January</b>      |                                     |   |
| 1/7/12              |                                     | North Central Provincial Leadership Meeting |

During Grand Chapter Congress I set out to achieve 3 specific goals for our region.

1. 10 COY Nominations & Submissions

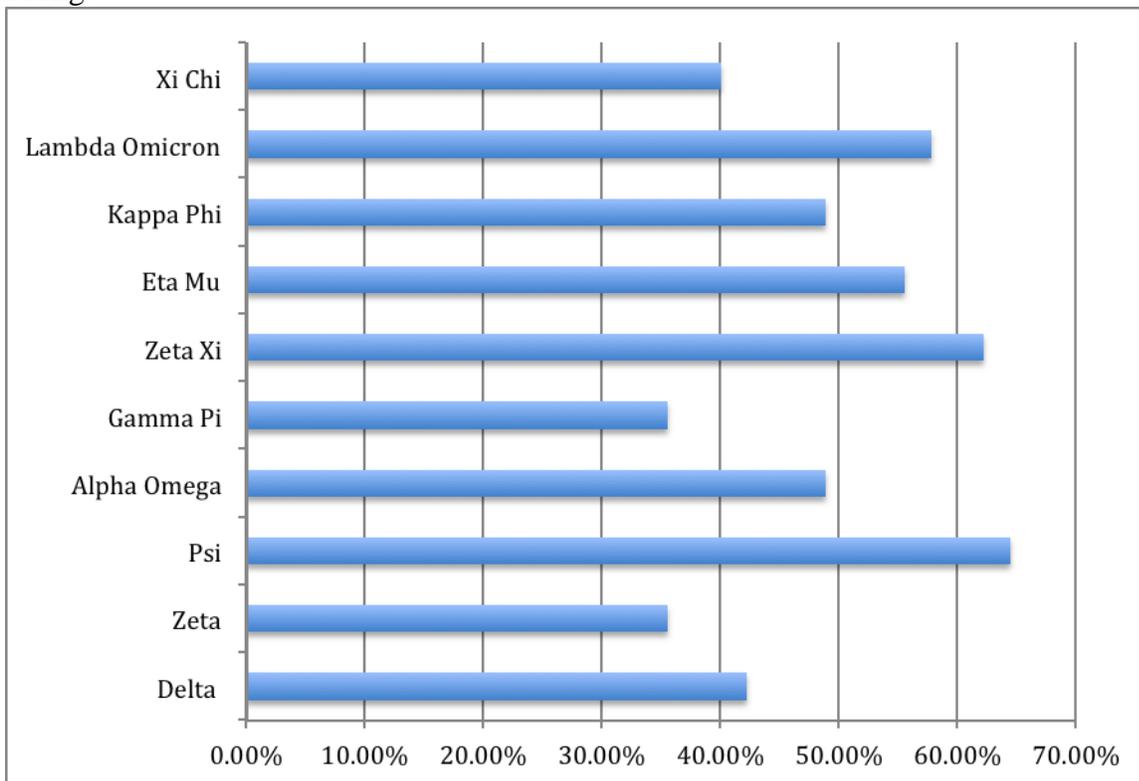
2. All chapters reaching Chapter Accreditation.
3. Each chapter submitting for 3 chapter awards

*10 COY Nominations & Submissions*

Of the 9 nominations submitted we had 7 applications that definitely kept the awards committee extremely busy this year. These brothers represent the very best we have to offer from our individual chapters, across the region, and in my humble opinion across the entire fraternity. Not only did the nominees shown an incredible amount of dedication to the fraternity but in many cases they also had significant contributions to their school and communities. I am honored to have these individuals as a part of our region.

*All chapters reaching Chapter Accreditation*

As you can see from the chart below many of the chapters across our region are tracking to achieve chapter accreditation for this academic year. A good handful have even stated that they are aiming for Chapter of Excellence. Keep up the great work and let's be sure to finish the year strong!



*Each chapter submitting for 3 chapter awards*

Applications for chapter awards are due **June 1, 2012**. I am regularly impressed by the quality of events, everyday operations, and the overall professional & personal development that each of your chapters achieve. Awards are a perfect way for you to be proud of your accomplishments and the challenges you have had to overcome. Please be sure to get in contact with your District Director to let them know what awards you are planning on applying for. By setting your awards goals now, you assure that all of your activities from now until the end of the academic year align to achieve the requirements for those applications.

### *Final Thoughts*

On **Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>** the brothers of Gamma Pi chapter will be hosting the Great Lakes Regional Conference in Chicago, IL. 3 brothers from each chapter are invited to participate in a day of sharing best practices, goal setting, and networking. Please be sure to get in touch with your Chapter President if you would like to participate.

Lastly I would like to thank all of my District Directors; Mark Voyda, Courtney Fujara, Teresa Schudrowitz, Nicole Orlando, Alyssa Jaksa, Lindsay Allen, Justin Proctor, Chris Alvarez, John Juat, Jessica Quintanilla, Dan Kiss, and Richard Pearse. You all are invaluable to the continued personal and professional growth of all of our brothers, collegiate and alumni alike. I cannot thank you enough for all the time and dedication you put in to be a volunteer.

## **Great Plains Region Regional Vice President – Kirstie Gill**

### Travel Summary:

September 1st – Mu Psi Chapter Meeting – Ames, IA  
September 1st – Des Moines Alumni Chapter Meeting – Ames, IA  
September 7th – Epsilon Recruitment Event (Info Session/Prof. Event) – Iowa City, IA  
September 12th – Alpha Iota Meet the Chapter Recruitment Event – Des Moines, IA  
September 22nd – Gamma Eta Pledge Pinning and Dinner – Omaha, NE  
September 23-25th – Volunteer Leadership Retreat – Oxford, OH  
October 14th- Lincoln/Greater Nebraska Alumni Chapter Dinner – Omaha, NE  
October 14th-15th – Omaha LEAD School – Omaha, NE  
October 17th – Mu Psi Fundraiser at HuHot – Ankeny, IA  
November 4th – Mu Psi Initiation & Dinner – Ames, IA  
November 10th – Des Moines Alumni Chapter Founders’ Dinner – Des Moines, IA  
November 12th – Alpha Delta Initiation – Lincoln, NE  
November 13th – Alpha Iota Chapter Meeting – Des Moines, IA  
November 18th – Eta Pi Initiation & Bowling Event – Wayne, NE  
November 19th – Gamma Eta Initiation & Banquet – Omaha, NE  
November 20th – Alpha Eta Chapter Meeting & Initiation – Vermillion, SD  
December 3rd – Epsilon Initiation – Iowa City, IA  
December 10th – Alpha Iota Honorary Initiation – Des Moines, IA  
January 27-28th - Halsey - Minneapolis, MN

Great Plains Regional goals are as follows:

- 1) Chapter Management Program (CMP) - Goal: To have all chapters achieve Accredited Chapter for the 2011-2012 year and make strides towards becoming a Chapter of Recognition.

- 2) Attendance at National Fraternity Events - Goal: To have 100% attendance from collegiate chapters at the Omaha LEAD and the North Central Provincial Conference.
- 3) Collegian of the Year - Goal: To have all chapters nominate a COY and to encourage that COY submit the application. Status: All 7 chapters nominated a COY and 5 COYs submitted the application!
- 4) Chapter Awards - Goal: To have all chapters apply for at least one annual collegiate chapter award.

Overall, the region is doing well. The biggest change for most chapters this past fall was actually having an RVP and all have been very open and excited to have leadership in the region. Each chapter has been appointed a District Director and those DDs are excited to work more closely with their chapters going forward. In terms of CMP, all chapters are on track to achieve Accredited and many have set goals to achieve the levels of Recognition and Excellence.

As you can see by the travel summary, it's been a busy semester in the Great Plains Region. I was able to visit all 7 collegiate chapters. My focus this past semester was to meet and start building relationships with the chapters in the region. I attended six initiations and was able to ensure that ritual was being performed in the correct manner and help to instill a deeper understanding of our ritual.

The region had 100% attendance at the Omaha LEAD School. The three Nebraska chapters (Gamma Eta, Alpha Delta, and Eta Pi) collaborated and hosted a DJ dance Friday night that was enjoyed by all! I am proud to say that the region also had 100% chapter participation (both collegiate and alumni) in the Buck\$ 4 Brotherhood campaign and 78% participation in Make a Difference Day. All seven chapters also submitted a COY nomination on time!

Going forward, I hope to help increase the number of inter-chapter events, get alumni more involved, and build a greater sense of brotherhood within the region. I am looking forward to the coming year and know that it will be a successful and exciting year for all of us in the Great Plains Region!

## **Huron Region**

### **Regional Vice President – Matt Carrington**

The Huron Region energy, excitement, and pride in Delta Sigma Pi without question has again been taken to a whole new level this year and can be felt throughout the region and beyond. Congratulations to each chapter of the Huron Region for all their hard work, dedication, and success!

### ***Areas of Opportunities for the Region/Chapters***

1) **Let's Think Long-Term on building "Core" chapter events** - We all need to be more focused on creating exciting long-term initiatives rather than only looking short-term. It's not about getting a speaker to come in for a professional event, it's about building long-term partnership with individuals and companies so that there's a very tangible value for them to come and participate with Delta Sigma Pi on a regular basis. Similarly with alumni, it's not about

putting on an event where you hope a few alumni show up, it's about building an effective and fun program where alumni have fun and are excited to come back and participate and stay involved for life. Alumni/faculty are often an untapped wealth of support, helping to put on professional events, giving company tours, and importantly providing potential job opportunities in an ever increasingly tight job market. Think about what's one or two of your "Core" big events and how can you as a chapter make those better planned out annual events so that they can be even bigger and better and something you really brag about in an interview.

**2) Consistent and Effective Communication is Key** (both in your chapter and outside your chapter). Chapters have different uses, but always think about better ways to more effectively communicate (GIN system, Google Calendars, Facebook Fan Pages for the chapter, pledges, alumni, etc.)

**3) There are at least 10 officer positions, and chapters should expect all 10 officers (and members) to perform their duties to the best of their abilities.** That mean all 10 officers have something to report every time you meet, even if it's just a quick update/reminder on what's coming in the future. Let's celebrate when they do report (always feels good to get applauded!), and not when they don't (who should get praised for not reporting anything.... I'd get fired at work!).

### ***2012 Challenges to the Chapters:***

**1) Put on higher quality, high value, well publicized, "core" events you can brag about in an interview.** Better to have fewer high quality events that you can brag about and drum up excitement, than many low quality events that bore brothers and don't add value to those attending. Low attendance? Ask yourself, are those events *worth* attending?

**2) Implement a well planned out annual alumni event** (homecoming tailgate, golf outing, etc.). Plan early (as in fall plans by the end of the winter semester), communicate early (at least 3 months), and communicate effectively (chapter alumni Facebook fan page/group seems to work very effectively and is a great way to also invite alumni/see who's coming).

**3) Plan NOW for the next LEAD/GCC event.** Attending LEAD/Grand Chapter Congress is the number one thing you can do to help yourself and your chapter take things to a whole new unimaginable level, so shouldn't you make that a key priority to talk about in our chapter meetings? So many great things come from not just what you learn during the sessions, but also meeting/networking with others and the motivation that goes back to the chapter afterwards.

**4) Initiate a faculty member.** Those chapters that took this same challenge last year I've already seen AWESOME results.

**5) Help put on joint events!** There's lot to do in the region, so let's do some of them together and have even more and make an even bigger impact!

Travel/Events Participated In (or Planned) Fall 2011/Spring 2012:

- July Golf Outing – 8th Annual DSP Golf Classic in Three Rivers, MI July
- Huron Region Conference – Nov '11

- Lambda Xi – 4-5 visits for Huron Region Conference planning and to sit in on Exec/Chapter meetings
- Epsilon Omicron – Homecoming
- Epsilon Omicron – Executive Board Meeting
- Epsilon Omicron – Post Initiation Dinner Nov ‘11
- Gamma Theta – Chapter Consultant Visit/Recruiting Planning Dec ‘11
- RVP/PVP Leadership Retreat – Chicago – Jan ‘12
- Gamma Theta – Recruiting events – Jan ‘12
  
- Gamma Theta – Pledge Meetings (several visits tbd)
- LEAD South Bend – Feb ‘12
- Iota Lambda – TBD Pledge/Chapter Meeting
- Delta Rho – TBD Pledge/Chapter Meeting
- Mu Phi - TBD Pledge/Chapter Meeting
- Lambda Xi – Initiation – March
- Initiations TBD
- Always up for an invite!

**The Huron Region Facebook Group** is an important tool for communicating information directly to collegiate and alumni members regarding important upcoming events and opportunities.

**Risk Management/Discipline Issues** – Just a reminder that we’re always representing members of Delta Sigma Pi wherever we may be. One small incident easily means the end of the relationship with your faculty and Delta Sigma Pi due to the negative publicity (and would likely lead to worse including having your charter revoked). The Delta Sigma Pi brand name means professionalism, respect, and honor. Have fun, be smart, and keep our reputation that hundreds of thousands of brothers have helped to build!

For related reasons, initiation is also expected to be conducted in the highest standard of professionalism. Chapters not following our ritual guidelines as clearly listed out can expect swift individual/chapter discipline.

## **North Central Region Regional Vice President – Carissa Bauer**

### *Fall 2011 Travel:*

September 6<sup>th</sup> – Alpha Epsilon Chapter Meeting - Minneapolis  
 September 8<sup>th</sup> – Twin Cities Alumni Chapter Meeting – St. Louis Park  
 September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Leadership Retreat - Oxford, OH  
 September 26<sup>th</sup> - Nu Tau Chapter Meeting – St. Paul  
 October 6<sup>th</sup> – Twin Cities Alumni Chapter Meeting – St. Louis Park  
 October 13<sup>th</sup> - Eta Rho Chapter Meeting - LaCrosse  
 October 15<sup>th</sup> – North Central LEAD School – Omaha, NE  
 October 27<sup>th</sup> - Epsilon Iota Chapter Meeting - Mankato

October 29<sup>th</sup> – Twin Cities Alumni Meeting Community Service Event - Eagan  
October 30<sup>th</sup> - Kappa Upsilon Chapter Meeting - Winona  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Twin Cities Alumni Chapter Meeting – St. Louis Park  
November 6<sup>th</sup> - Theta Tau Chapter Meeting – St. Cloud  
November 8<sup>th</sup> - Alpha Epsilon Founders Day Event - Minneapolis  
November 18<sup>th</sup> - Theta Tau Initiation – St. Cloud  
November 19<sup>th</sup> - Epsilon Iota Initiation - Mankato  
November 19<sup>th</sup> - Alpha Epsilon Initiation - Minneapolis

This fall I had the opportunity to visit each chapter within the region by attending a chapter meeting, along with three initiations. Through these visits I was able to learn more about each individual chapters strengths and areas of opportunity. I am looking forward to planning my Spring 2012 visits. Please look for communication coming soon if I have not already scheduled a visit.

Looking ahead to the Spring 2012 semester, I see all of my chapters working hard to better their chapters and the Fraternity. With this being said, I will be focusing on goal setting and effective officer transitions. These are two areas that I know all of my chapters can improve upon and benefit from. I look forward to assisting my chapters with these regional goals this semester.

I would also like to encourage chapters to begin working on their chapter awards applications now. Each chapter within this region has excelled with fraternal relations and events; and I therefore would like them to receive the recognition they deserve.

#### *Final thoughts*

Graduating Brothers, it is never too early to join your local Alumni Chapters. Contact either the Twin Cities Alumni Chapter or the Winona-LaCrosse Alumni Chapter to receive more information on becoming a member after graduation.

If you will be staying in the North Central Region after graduation and are interested in volunteering with Delta Sigma Pi, please see me.

## **Central Region Regional Vice President – Whitney Dixon-Reed**

#### *Travel Spring 2012:*

January 6-7, 2012 – North Central Provincial Leadership Team meeting  
January 23, 2012 – Epsilon Omega chapter meeting & executive committee meeting  
January 24, 2012 – Iota Chi chapter meeting  
January 26, 2012 – Delta Tau chapter meeting

#### *Planned 2012 Travel:*

January 29, 2012 – Kappa Sigma executive committee meeting & pledging ceremony  
January 29, 2012 – Alpha Pi chapter meeting

January 31, 2012 – Iota Sigma pledging ceremony  
February 10-12, 2012 – North Central LEAD Provincial Conference  
April 24, 2012 – Upsilon chapter meeting & professional event  
April 25, 2012 – Epsilon Xi chapter meeting & executive committee meeting  
April 29, 2012 – Kappa Omega chapter meeting

For those chapters that I will be delayed in meeting in person, I am in the process of setting up phone conversations with leaders in those chapters. I intend to speak with at least the president of each chapter on a monthly basis.

### *Chapter Summary*

In the short time that I have had the privilege of serving as the Regional Vice President, I have a much better idea of the status and culture of the region & its chapters. Overall, most chapters are doing well and on track to meet the CMP accredited requirements. I am additionally pleased that at least 3 of the 9 chapters have expressed a goal of achieving chapter of excellence status.

Another very positive note is that of attendance at regional and national events. Unfortunately, not all of the Central Region was represented at the 2011 Grand Chapter Congress. However, 8 of the 9 collegiate chapters attended the most recent Fall LEAD School. For the North Central Provincial Conference, the Central Region was the first to have a registered delegate from all chapters within the province. It is my expectation, that all chapters will be fully represented at all future national fraternity events.

I am also encouraging a great deal of communication among chapters. I have set goals for each chapter to have a minimum of one event with another Delta Sigma Pi chapter. Due to the size and often-distant locations many chapters, inter-fraternal interactions have been minimal to this point. This, as we know, has the tendency to limit the networking, professional growth, brotherhood, and national fraternity involvement as a whole. These are problems that plague many chapters. I hope that by continuing to build unity and connections between chapters and brothers, we can begin to reverse some of these issues. Within my term, I would like to like to see a region-wide meeting.

In alumni news, there have been discussions of building an alumni chapter in Springfield, IL. I plan on visiting the area and brothers involved in its establishment over the summer. Additionally, the Indianapolis alumni chapter has been improving its involvement with collegiate members, including hosting joint events with Kappa Sigma and sending multiple representatives to LEAD.

### *Discipline Summary*

Unfortunately there has been one university disciplinary issue this year. The chapter involved is actively working to rebuild its professional brand. I am confident that they will be able to do so gracefully. As of now, the fraternity has not issued any formal disciplinary action.

As a rule of thumb for all chapters, please pause review risk management before planning events. It is all too easy to get excited or caught up in celebrations or “developing brotherhood.” If there are ever any questions regarding the appropriateness of events, please reach out to your RVP. I am here to help clarify and help in any way I can. Additionally, always keep the fraternal image

in mind when planning and developing events. We want to foster brotherhood and professionalism, NOT one or the other. It is possible to achieve success in both, which should always be the goal.

#### *Goals for Spring 2012 – Fall 2012*

- See all chapters apply for a minimum of 3 awards
- Obtain district directors for Upsilon & Iota Chi chapters
- Have all chapters host at least one inter-fraternal event
- See all chapters become accredited
- Have all chapters represented at Provincial LEAD & Fall LEAD school
- Foster relationships between alumni and collegiate
- Build a bench of future volunteer leaders within the region
- Plan for a regional gathering of chapter leaders
- Develop relationships with chapter leaders by discussing issues, opportunities & challenges on a monthly basis
- Have a completed COY application from each chapter
- Have all district directors complete CDL training
- Have a district director/leadership training session

#### *Final Thoughts*

As I have told the Central Region chapters, I am passionate about your success as individuals and as chapters. I would love nothing more than to help you succeed in your goals. The more success we have as chapters and as brothers reflects on the success of the national fraternity. It is my biggest goal is that all brothers feel comfortable talking to me in an honest manner. I am more than happy to help you and your chapter in any way I can. Please use me as a resource. I have the upmost confidence in my chapters and know that with determination you will be able to achieve all of the goals I have outlined in addition to those you have set for yourselves.

I am absolutely thrilled to be taking on this exciting and challenging position. As Steve Jobs once said, “The only way to do great work is to love what you do.” If I am convinced of anything, it is of my love of this fraternity. I am extremely proud of my brothers and humbled that I am able to continue to serve Delta Sigma Pi. Thank you for the opportunity.

### **North Central Provincial Alumni Development Committee Chair – Teresa Schudrowtiz**

Our committee is working on a number of initiatives to enhance alumni involvement, motivate alumni to stay involved, and help in the transition from collegiate to alumni. We will be working with the alumni chapters to identify areas where the committee can provide assistance and resources. We will also be following up with each of the identified alumni contacts in the province to determine if they are still active and identify their focus (are they interested in starting an alumni chapter or do they just want to be a go to resource for other alumni to contact). The

committee will be reaching out to the chapters and contacts to provide news, updates, and guidance.

Our committee will be working with the other provincial committees and the Outreach Sub-committee of the National Alumni Development Committee in working towards the following goals:

- 1) Provincial volunteer leader retreats with LEAD – Evaluating what leadership training is offered today and identifying what else we should offer.
- 2) Recommend structure of how Provincial Alumni Development Committees should promote alumni development in their provinces – What are best practices that can be used across all provinces and sharing ideas between provinces to promote alumni involvement.
- 3) Promote other sub-committee goals as needed – Seek feedback within the province regarding other National Alumni Development Sub-committees as needed.

## **North Central Provincial Community Service Committee Chair – Kim Ward**

During the Fall 2011 LEAD School in Omaha, NE we held a letter writing drive to send holiday cards and letters to the troops. We had a great turnout! Over 53% of our chapters participated in this event and we sent over 130 cards and letters to Operation Gratitude to include in care packages to our overseas troops. Both Operation Gratitude and the troops were grateful for all of the letters. In a thank you letter we received one troop wrote:

*“I cannot express to you how great it feels to come home after a long day of running missions to find a care package full of love sitting on your bunk. You are exhausted from wearing 50 plus of armor for hours on end, then you open the package, see all that love, and are rejuvenated and ready to face the world again. It may sound small but it really does help enormously. Our location doesn't have a real PX so we rely on the support of people at Operation Gratitude for the items we need—not to mention the morale boosting items such as cookies or candy. You are the true heroes. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”*

Thank you to all who participated in this event.

Make a Difference Day was a huge success too! The North Central had a 60% participation. Great job to all the chapters who participated. Your participation has helped Delta Sigma Pi once again be in contention for the Make a Difference Day All-Star Award. More information will be coming on how you can vote for DSP and give us an opportunity to win a \$10,000 donation to the fraternity nationally from USA WEEKEND and the Gannett Foundation.

I am very excited about the two Community Service events planned for the the Provincial Conference in South Bend, IN.

**Give Us the Shirt Off Your Back**

One of the Community Service events being held during the North Central Provincial Conference is a clothing drive. Bring 1,2 or more articles of gently used clothing to be donated to those in need in the South Bend and surrounding areas. For every article of clothing that you donate, you will receive a raffle ticket for a prize at closing session.

### **Celebrate More Birthdays!**

The North Central Provincial Community Service initiative is with the American Cancer Society. Keeping with that initiative we will be “Celebrating More Birthdays”. For \$1 you can purchase a birthday candle that will be placed on a “birthday cake”. These candles will honor those who have battled cancer, are battling cancer and who have lost their fight with cancer. The money that is raised will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

All of you have great ideas and do fantastic community service projects with your chapters. If there are any activities you would like to see at upcoming LEAD Schools, please forward your idea to me at kward673@gmail.com.

## **North Central Provincial Professional Development Committee Chair – Lindsay Allen**

The Provincial Professional Development Committee will be working closely with the National Professional Development Committee to develop the Fall LEAD programming. The committee will also be reaching out to the chapters for further input on LEAD programming. This Spring a Volunteer Leadership Training will be planned in Indiana. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer leader, we encourage to review the Certified Deltasig Leadership Program.

## **North Central Provincial Scholastic Development & Awards Committee Chair – Kelsey Wilhelm**

Our Provincial Committee had a very difficult decision in choosing only one Provincial Collegian of the Year out of the many successful applications. Luckily, we were able to work as a committee and agree on one winner.

To help prepare collegians for the upcoming chapter awards, we hope to work as a committee, with the assistance of the regional awards committees, to reach out to chapters within the North Central Province and provide them with tips when preparing chapter awards. We hope reaching out to the chapters and talking about awards will help increase the participation rate and increase the competition. Having too many winning applications to choose from is a great problem to have!

Collegian of the Year Numbers:

| Year | Province | Chapters | Nominated | Nom % | Submitted | Sub % |
|------|----------|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
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|      |                        |            |            |            |            |            |
|------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2006 | North Central Province | 39         | 32         | 82%        | 24         | 62%        |
|      | <b>DSP Total</b>       | <b>188</b> | <b>145</b> | <b>77%</b> | <b>118</b> | <b>63%</b> |
| 2007 | North Central Province | 39         | 35         | 90%        | 25         | 64%        |
|      | <b>DSP Total</b>       | <b>188</b> | <b>163</b> | <b>87%</b> | <b>117</b> | <b>62%</b> |
| 2008 | North Central          | 39         | 36         | 92%        | 26         | 67%        |
|      | <b>DSP Total</b>       | <b>193</b> | <b>168</b> | <b>87%</b> | <b>117</b> | <b>62%</b> |
| 2009 | North Central          | 40         | 38         | 95%        | 26         | 65%        |
|      | <b>DSP Total</b>       | <b>195</b> | <b>166</b> | <b>85%</b> | <b>125</b> | <b>64%</b> |
| 2010 | North Central          | 40         | 35         | 88%        | 27         | 68%        |
|      | <b>DSP Total</b>       | <b>197</b> | <b>172</b> | <b>87%</b> | <b>135</b> | <b>69%</b> |
| 2011 | North Central          | 41         | 39         | 95%        | 18         | 44%        |
|      | <b>DSP Total</b>       | <b>200</b> | <b>178</b> | <b>90%</b> | <b>132</b> | <b>66%</b> |
| 2012 | North Central          | 41         | 34         | 82%        | 25         | 60%        |
|      | <b>DSP Total</b>       | <b>204</b> | <b>171</b> | <b>83%</b> | <b>132</b> | <b>64%</b> |

**North Central Provincial Discipline Committee  
Committee: Jodi Schoh, Dennis Protasio, Carissa Bauer**

A number of Voluntary Withdrawal applications have been received but not approved this past semester. Please ensure your chapter is educated on the process and procedure for a Voluntary Withdrawal. No appeals to Chapter Trials have been received.

# International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi

## North Central Provincial 2011-12 YTD Financial

| Description                                      | Expense      |
|--|--------------|
| North Central Provincial Vice President          | \$ 1,421     |
| Regional Vice Presidents Travel <sup>1</sup>     |              |
| Central  | \$ 956       |
| Great Lakes                                      | \$ 417       |
| Great Plains                                     | \$ 536       |
| Huron  | \$ 1,096     |
| North Central                                    | \$ 577       |
| Provincial Leadership Team Meetings <sup>2</sup> | \$ 0         |
| Colonies   | \$ 0         |
| Provincial Committees                            | \$ 0         |
| <br>TOTAL PROVINCIAL EXPENSES                    | <br>\$ 5,004 |

1. RVP Budgets funded at \$150 per each collegiate chapter.

2. Provincial Leadership Team Meeting are usually between PVP and RVPs. May include committee chairs and other volunteers.

3. Any line item budget surpluses may be reallocated at the discretion of the PVP.