

North Central Province
Provincial Council Meeting Agenda
March 4, 2006
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:18pm.

II. Roll call of the Delegates

Present:

Delta	Eta Pi
Epsilon	Eta Rho
Upsilon	Theta Tau
Alpha Delta	Iota Lambda
Alpha Epsilon	Kappa Sigma
Alpha Eta	Kappa Upsilon
Alpha Iota	Kappa Phi
Alpha Pi	Lambda Omicron
Alpha Omega	Mu Phi
Gamma Eta	Nu Tau
Gamma Theta	Xi Chi
Gamma Kappa	Chicago Alumni Chapter
Gamma Pi	Northwest Indiana Alumni Chapter
Delta Tau	Twin Cities Alumni Chapter
Epsilon Iota	Central Regional Vice President
Epsilon Xi	Great Lakes Regional Vice President
Epsilon Omicron	Great Plains Regional Vice President
Epsilon Omega	North Central Regional Vice President
Zeta Xi	North Central Provincial Vice President
Eta Mu	

Absent:

Xi	Mu Psi
Delta Rho	Northeast Indiana Alumni Chapter
Iota Sigma	Indianapolis Alumni Chapter
Iota Chi	Lincoln/Greater Nebraska Alumni Chapter
Kappa Omega	Milwaukee Alumni Chapter
Lambda Xi	

Ineligible:

Zeta

III. Adopt agenda

Motion by: Eta Mu

Seconded by: Epsilon Xi

Motion passed without objection

IV. Approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting

Motion by: Kappa Sigma

Seconded by: Epsilon

Motion passed without objection

V. Review votes taken since the last meeting

No votes were taken since the previous meeting

VI. Distributed the report of the Provincial Vice President

See Appendix A

Motion to accept the report as distributed by: Alpha Epsilon

Seconded by: Gamma Pi

Motion passed without objection

VII. Distributed the reports of the Regional Vice Presidents

See Appendix A

Motion to accept the report as distributed by: Mu Phi

Seconded by: Lambda Omicron

Motion passed without objection

VIII. Distributed the reports of the Provincial Committees

See Appendix A

Motion to accept the report as distributed by: Eta Rho

Seconded by: Kappa Phi

Motion passed without objection

IX. Distributed the Provincial Financial Report

See Appendix B

Floor turned over to Provincial Vice President Amy Briggs for an explanation of the proposed 2006-2007 budget.

There are a few minor changes to the proposed budget for next year: there is an increase in the amount allocated for colonies (line 9) as there is an anticipated increase in the number of colonies. I have added a line for Provincial Committee use and put the remainder of the budget in an 'other' line to be used at the discretion of the Provincial Vice President for use within the province (possible expansion) and for provincial related purposes such as banner, website, etc.

X. Old Business

None

XI. New Business

Motion to adopt the 2006-2007 North Central Provincial Budget as previously discussed

Motion by: Alpha Omega

Seconded by: Eta Pi

No discussion

The motion passes

XII. Determine dates and location choices for 2008 Provincial Conference and Council Meeting

Provincial Vice President Amy Briggs proposed Detroit, Minneapolis and Indianapolis as possible locations for the 2008 Provincial Conference and Council meeting

Motion to accept these locations was made by: Kappa Phi

Seconded by: Epsilon Omicron

Alpha Delta voiced concern over the distance from Nebraska to those locations

Gamma Eta moved to amend the motion to Minneapolis, Indianapolis and Des Moines

Seconded by: Alpha Iota

Mu Phi expressed the same concerns for the chapters from the Huron Region always having to travel so far.

Amendment passed.

No further discussion

Motion passed as amended

Provincial Vice President Amy Briggs proposed February 15-17, February 22-24 and March 7-9 as possible dates for the Provincial Conference and Council meeting

Motion to accept these dates was made by: Gamma Kappa

Seconded by: Epsilon Xi

No discussion

The motion passed

XIII. General announcements

Joe Ward – Chicago Alumni Chapter announced their Invitational Volleyball Tournament on April 1, to be held on the Lewis University campus.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion by: Nu Tau

Seconded by: Epsilon Iota

Motion passed without objection

The meeting adjourned at 2:49 pm.

North Central Province Elected Leadership and Committee Chair Reports

North Central Province

Provincial Vice President – Amy L. Briggs

Travel Summary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
7 Aug	Orlando, FL	Board Meeting
10-13 Aug	Orlando, FL	Grand Chapter Congress and Board Meeting
12 Sept	St. Paul, MN	Nu Tau Chapter meeting
22-25 Sept	Oxford, OH	Board Meeting, Leadership Retreat
1 Oct	Mankato, MN	Epsilon Iota 85 th Anniversary
6 Oct	Edina, MN	TCAC Chapter meeting
8 Oct	Red Wing, MN	TCAC Forecaster
14 Oct	Omaha, NE	LEAD School
3 Nov	Edina, MN	TCAC Chapter meeting
5 Nov	Chicago, IL	CAC Founder's Day Banquet and Kathy Jahnke's Silver Helmet
10 Nov	Minneapolis, MN	Nu Tau Pledge Social
18-20 Nov	Michigan	Delta Kappa, Mu Phi, Lambda Xi and Delta Rho
Initiations –		
19 Nov	Minneapolis, MN	CANCELLED due to lack of Communication
27 Nov	St. Paul, MN	Alpha Epsilon and Nu Tau Joint Initiation
1 Dec	Minneapolis, MN	Ritual History session for Nu Tau brothers
4 Dec	Des Moines, IA	TCAC Chapter meeting
13-15 Jan	Minneapolis, MN	Alpha Iota Transition meeting
26-28 Jan	Mankato, MN	Leadership meeting
3-5 Feb	Oxford, OH	Halsey Invitational VB/BB Tournament Board Meeting

Provincial Goals

The following are the goals that I outlined in my platform for office and hope to achieve during this biennium.

CEI performance – 100% of chapters with 90 points or more for the 2006-2007 year

The Province as a whole is performing well, with 60% of the chapter tracking to achieve the expected 100 points and 30% expected to achieve my goal of 90 points. As my overall goal is to achieve this level of performance by the end of the biennium, I feel that with this intermediate benchmark the goal is well within reach.

Awards – 100% chapter participation at 2007 Grand Chapter Congress

Participation in the Collegian of the Year program was not what I hoped it would be with nine chapters failing to report their nominee. The promising aspect was quality of applications submitted. The leadership team has agreed that while applying for awards is an important step, we want to ensure the merit of the winners. The focus is on operational soundness that will in turn lead to the quality that being sought.

LEAD/Provincial/Congress attendance – 100% chapter participation at all 2006-2007 conferences
Location and distance unfortunately directly affect participation and attendance. With this fall's LEAD school was on the western side of the province, it was poorly attended by the chapters on the eastern side. Several of those chapters were able to attend LEAD schools in other provinces. The Provincial LEAD and Council meeting will be held in a more central location and should be well attended.

Expansion – 2 strong opportunities in each region and 1 colony resulting in a new or reactivated chapter by Congress 2007

Only one school has been contacted for an expansion opportunity (University of Minnesota, Duluth). No reply has been received from the school. The Central Office also received an inquiry from Carroll College in the Great Lakes Region. The interested students have received permission from the school to start the process.

Committees

Professional Development – Jodi Schoh, Chair

Community Service – Meagan Hagerty, Chair

Awards and Scholastic Development – Mark Dorn, Chair

National Appointee to Awards and Scholastic Development – Pete Bjelan

Discipline – Amy Briggs, Brandon Trease and Chris Miller

Alumni Development – open

Discipline Issues

There have been several minor issues with a few chapters within the province, but all were handled without major incident.

Colonies

Both colonies are struggling at this point. Most of the Nu Theta Xi colony as dropped out of the process. Several alumni have offered help, but the issue remains the members' willingness to do the work. The Alpha Sigma Omega colony is existing. While there is no back slide, there is also very little forward progress.

General Comments

The Province is doing well as a whole. Attendance at provincial and national events is amazing and the brothers who attend have their views of the fraternity forever altered and their experiences are enhanced. These brothers become the best marketing force we have for future events and for the Fraternity as a whole. It is my hope to mobilize and empower this force to do just that. With the force in place, the accomplishment of our goals will happen.

Central Region

Regional Vice President - Chris Miller

Summary of visits and travel:

August 28, 2006: Kappa Sigma chapter meeting, Indianapolis IN

August 29: Epsilon Omega chapter meeting, Charleston IL

September 11: Kappa Omega chapter meeting, West Lafayette IN

September 23-25: Leadership retreat, Oxford OH

October 4: Iota Chi chapter meeting, Normal IL

October 14-16: Omaha LEAD Conference

October 24: Iota Sigma chapter meeting, Evansville IN

October 30: Alpha Pi chapter meeting, Bloomington IN

November 1: Upsilon chapter meeting, Urbana IL

November 15: Delta Tau chapter meeting, Terre Haute IN
November 18: Kappa Omega Initiation, West Lafayette IN
November 19: Delta Tau Initiation, Terre Haute IN
November 30: Epsilon Xi chapter meeting, Muncie IN
December 3: Iota Chi 25th Anniversary, Normal IL
December 4: Kappa Sigma chapter meeting and consultant visit, Indianapolis IN
January 13-15 2006: North Central Provincial Leadership Meeting, Minneapolis/St. Paul MN
January 25: Epsilon Xi chapter meeting and new District Director introduction, Muncie IN
February 6: Epsilon Omega chapter meeting, Charleston IL
February 12: Alpha Pi chapter meeting and new District Director introduction, Bloomington IN

It has been a pretty busy year so far within the region. I have made 16 chapter visits since August with at least one visit to each of the nine chapters. Additionally, I was in attendance at the National Leadership Retreat in Oxford, OH the weekend of September 23-25, the fall LEAD Conference in Omaha October 14-16 and the Provincial Leadership Retreat in Minneapolis January 13-15. All of these visits plus a few minor issues within the region have certainly kept me busy, however I'm happy to report there have been no chapter disciplinary issues. The upcoming semester looks to continue the busy streak with the ongoing search for at least one additional District Director and a few more chapter visits. I also hope to attend a couple initiations this semester.

Great Lakes Region Regional Vice President - John Juat

Searching for District Director –

Lambda Omicron (Western Illinois University) has an appointed DD but resides in the Chicagoland area. I would like to appoint someone who lives within an hour and a half from Macomb, IL. Any leads or contact information would be appreciated.

CEI –

90% of the Great Lakes Region chapters are on par with attaining CEI in the mid to high 90s if not 100 points.

Colonies and Expansion –

The two colonies, Nu Theta Xi (University of Wisconsin at Whitewater) and Alpha Sigma Omega (University of Illinois at Chicago), are struggling with a radical change of leadership. The four District Directors for these two colonies are working hard to establish a solid leadership structure that will get the colonies back on track very soon. There is a student interested in starting up a colony at Carroll College in Waukesha, WI, and he has already gotten the green light from the school.

Planning ahead –

I am looking to form a large team of collegiate and alumni brothers to participate in the Aids Walk Chicago (on September 16, 2006).

Room for Improvements –

The region needs to participate in more inter chapter relations activities not just on a collegiate level, but also on an alumni level.

Looking to fill a position –

Going into the 2006-2007 year and arriving at our centennial, in addition to their District Directors, Great Lakes chapters will have one alumni volunteer assisting them with achieving honor roll and competing for awards.

Great Plains Region

Regional Vice President Report - Brandon D. Trease

Travel during last Period:

August 10-13, 2005	Orlando, FL	45 th Grand Chapter Congress
September 23-25, 2005	Oxford, OH	National Leadership Retreat
October 3, 2005	Lincoln, NE	Alpha Delta Chapter Meeting
October 13, 2005	Lincoln, NE	Nebraska Alumni Meeting
October 15, 2005	Omaha, NE	Omaha LEAD School
November 17, 2005	Omaha, NE	Gamma Eta Meeting LF Speaker
December 4, 2005	Des Moines, IA	Alpha Iota Transition Meeting

Planned Travel This Period:

January 13-15, 2006	Minneapolis, MN	North Central Leadership Meeting
January 28-29, 2006	Mankato, MN	Halsey Invitational VB/BB Tourney
February 13, 2006	Lincoln, NE	Alpha Delta Pledge Ceremony
February 24-25, 2006	Lincoln, NE	Spina Bifida VB/BB Tournament
March 3-5, 2006	Milwaukee, WI	NC LEAD Provincial Conference
April 22, 2006	Omaha, NE	Gamma Eta Initiation
April 22, 2006	Lincoln, NE	Alpha Delta Initiation
April 28, 2006	Wayne, NE	Rose Formal
April 29, 2006	Wayne, NE	Eta Pi Golf Tournament

Various Chapter visits to be scheduled later.

CEI Update:

So far it has been a successful CEI year for the Great Plains Region. As a region we are averaging just under 45 points per chapter which is suitable for this time of year. We are slightly above the national average and with continued hard work should have many chapters reach the 100 points.

LEAD School – Omaha, NE:

The LEAD school this past semester was held in Omaha, NE which is located in the Great Plains Region. It was very well attended by both Collegians and Alumni. The day of the event was filled with educational sessions followed by a very special Honorary Initiation. Kim Kromberg, Chris Bowman and Vince Shoemaker were honored in the special ceremony following the events closing session. The ritual team was made up of alumni from all over the nation and many attendees stuck around to partake in the special event. These new brothers are the spouses of Norm Kromberg, Mark Bowman and Sandy Shoemaker all of which participated on the ritual team. A special thanks to all of those dedicated brothers that made this special event possible and congratulations to the new brothers.

Halsey Invitational VB/BB Tournament:

This past January marked another successful VB/BB tournament which took place in Mankato, MN. We had two chapters from the region put together a joint bid for the 2007 tournament. Although the bid was not awarded to them, it was a great effort which is appreciated. I will be working with them in the next year in anticipation for a follow-up bid for the 2008 tournament. I would like to encourage all of the chapters in the region to consider putting in a bid for not only next year's tournament, but future tournaments as well.

Alumni Update:

For the past couple of years, a few dedicated brothers in the Des Moines area have been working on forming an alumni chapter. I am happy to report that the new alumni chapter is inching closer and closer to franchising. With a little luck, the new alumni chapter could franchise as early as this spring. The Des

Moines area chapter would become the second alumni chapter in the region. Please inform any interested alumni brothers in the Des Moines area about the opportunity of getting involved.

Spring Initiation Schedule:

March 31, 2006	Ames, IA	Mu Psi Initiation
April 9, 2006	Vermillion, SD	Alpha Eta Initiation
April 21, 2006	Wayne, NE	Eta Pi Initiation
April 21, 2006	Des Moines, IA	Alpha Iota Initiation
April 22, 2006	Omaha, NE	Gamma Eta Initiation
April 22, 2006	Lincoln, NE	Alpha Delta Initiation
April 29, 2006	Iowa City, IA	Epsilon Initiation

Huron Region

Regional Vice President – Ivis Shammami (Fall); Currently vacant

Travel Summary:

September 4th, 2005 – Attended Gamma Theta’s first General Body Meeting
October 7th, 2005 – Attended Gamma Theta’s Meet the Brother’s Night. I was the Alumni speaker of the night, presenting to the perspectives the benefits of joining Delta Sigma Pi.
October 22nd, 2005 – Attended Epsilon Omicron’s Banquet in Canada.
November 5th, 2005 – Attended Epsilon Omicron’s Initiation at Western Michigan.
November 15th, 2005 – Attended Gamma Kappa’s Professional Event. Speaker of the night was a Brother, Tony Curtis, from the Delta Rho Chapter, father of a pledge from Gamma Kappa.
November 16th, 2005 – Attend Xi’s Initiation.
November 19th, 2005 – Attended a joint initiation at Saginaw Valley. Joint initiation was with chapter Mu Phi – Saginaw Valley and Lambda Xi – Grand Valley University
November 20th, 2005 – Attended Delta Rho’s Initiation.
November 29th, 2005 – Attend Gamma Kappa’s Initiation.
December 10th, 2005 – Attended Gamma Theta’s Initiation.

CEI:

All chapters except University of Michigan – Xi Chapter and Ferris State University – Delta Rho Chapter are doing well with CEI. I am not sure why these two chapters are unable to submit their reports for CEI.

Discipline Issues:

There were not any instances where I had to discipline any of the chapters in the Huron Region. Besides each chapter taking their own discipline issues into their own hands, such as trials, I personally didn’t have any problems with the way each chapter handled themselves.

Operational Issues:

Haven’t had any operational issues.

Risk Management Issues:

Haven’t had any risk management issues.

UpComing Events:

Lambda Xi Chapter is having a professional event “Dress for Success.” Brothers from the Lambda Xi chapter will fashion clothing on how to dress for success.

Gamma Theta Chapter will have their annual banquet in May. Date of the banquet will be announced later in upcoming months.

North Central Region

Regional Vice President Report - Jaffrey Blanks

All chapters are on track to reach 100 CEI points.

Last semester each chapter was visited by Kim May (Chapter Consultant)

Report for Epsilon Iota

District Director: Nicole M. Gontarek

Very strong chapter. Great attendance at national and regional events. No glaring weaknesses...they just need to work on maintaining.

Gontarek continues to be a very impressive DD in her performance and the relationships she is building with the chapter.

Report for Kappa Upsilon

District Director: Brad Lawler

Operationally sound. Excellent foundation and very strong brotherhood. They will need to continue to focus on an efficient transition of officer positions.

Report for Nu Tau

District Directors: Chris & Sara Staloh

Strong operations and excellent recruiting. Well known name on campus gives them the ability to attract top recruits. They are a very connected group that consistently strives to improve. DD's are new to the chapter and have done an excellent job stepping in.

Report for Theta Tau

District Director: William Prate

The chapter has continued to post a strong CEI proving that last year was not a fluke. I would like to see them increase their participation at National events. Strong fundraising. Their DD is also new, but is starting to get in sync with the chapter.

Report for Alpha Epsilon

District Director: Andy Carlton

Solid chapter operations in place. Only weakness is their size and they are taking steps to alleviate that issue. This semester they will implement two pledge classes to boost numbers. They are small...but they are very dedicated.

Report for Eta Rho

DD – Vacant

Recently have really stepped up to the challenge set forth by the RVP and PVP. Posing a good showing for the Provincial conference. Graduating a large class. Will be very important that the NIBS are well prepared to keep the chapter moving forward.

Upcoming Travels:

Provincial Conference in March (Milwaukee)

Goals for the upcoming semester:

Continue to show an increase in attendance at regional and national events.

Finish in the top 2 in the country for CEI score.

Increase inter-chapter bonding

North Central Provincial Professional Development Committee Committee Chair – Jodi Schoh

The Provincial Professional Development committee's main goal for this biennium is to focus on volunteer leadership recruiting and training. To accomplish this goal we are working with the National Professional Development Committee to offer collegiates and alumni information on the opportunities for volunteer leaders as well as training on the skill sets needed to be a successful volunteer leader.

The first training will be three sessions at the Provincial Lead Conference on March 4, 2006. The sessions include information on volunteer opportunities available, insider's view of being a volunteer leader and training for current district directors.

On June 17, 2006 we will be holding a North Central Volunteer Leadership Training in Chicago, IL. The training will be targeted for brothers interested in becoming a District Director and new District Directors in the province. Some of the topics planning to be covered in the training include a fraternity operational and resource overview, giving and receiving feedback, personal and professional risk management and enable others to lead.

North Central Provincial Community Service Committee Committee Chair – Meagan Hagerty

At the fall LEAD school hosted in Omaha, Nebraska in October the North Central Province held a fundraising raffle with all proceeds benefiting the Bowman family (Marc, Kris and Isabel). If you are not familiar with their story, or would like an update please visit: <http://www3.caringbridge.org/ne/isabel>. Items to be raffled off were donated by alumni Brothers and included: registration fees for the Provincial Conference, NHL team jerseys, and Deltasig merchandise. \$???? was raised and presented to the Bowman family at the closing session of the LEAD school.

In January the National Community Service Committee, made up of the Provincial committee chairs, worked together to create a comprehensive database of all the community service events completed by chapters across the country. The results of which organizations we are donating time and money to and what types of events chapters are holding should be available before the end of this semester and will be shared with national leadership and chapters.

Finally, at this North Central Provincial Conference we are hosting a Casino Night where Brothers will make a donation, receive chips to play one of several card games available, and at the end of the night cash their winnings in for chances in a raffle. Prizes are set to include a free night stay at the Best Western, a DVD player, Deltasig merchandise and other items donated by alumni Brothers and local companies. In addition, all day Saturday attendees can buy chances in a 50/50 raffle where the total amount raised is split between the raffle winner and the charity being sponsored. All proceeds from the weekend will be donated to the Wisconsin Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education, and patient services. The Society's mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. The Wisconsin chapter of the LLS will also have a representative at the conference to distribute information and speak to Brothers about how to get involved in their local state or regional chapters of LLS.

If you have any suggestions for Province-wide community service activities that could be held at future events, or if you are interested in being involved in planning service projects, please feel free to contact me!

**North Central Provincial Scholastic Development and Awards Committee
Committee Chair – Mark Dorn**

The Awards Committee had a challenge this fall choosing a Provincial Collegian of the Year from the five very qualified Regional candidates. We look forward to the end of the semester when we will have the opportunity to read the applications for the chapter awards and to choose the Regional and Provincial winners.

International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi
North Central Provincial Budget
APPROVED 3/06

Description	Budget	
	2005-2006	2006-2007
1. North Central Provincial Vice President	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Regional Vice Presidents Travel ¹		
2. Central	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,125
3. Great Lakes	\$ 1,375	\$ 1,250
4. Great Plains	\$ 875	\$ 875
5. Huron	\$ 875	\$ 875
6. North Central	\$ 750	\$ 750
7. Provincial Leadership Team Meeting	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,750
8. Oxford Leadership Retreat Travel Allotment ²	\$ 1,250	\$ 0
9. Colonies ¹ (05-06 amount included in Great Lakes RVP Budget)	\$ 250	\$ 375
10. Provincial Committees	\$ 0	\$ 500
11. Other ³	\$ 0	\$ 500
TOTAL PROVINCIAL BUDGET	\$10,000	\$10,000

1. RVP Budgets and Colonies funded at \$ 125 for each collegiate chapter or colony
2. Retreat line reduced to zero as no retreat in non-congress year
3. May be used at the discretion of the Provincial Vice President for use within the province (possible expansion) and for provincial related purposes such as banner, website, etc.