

THE INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI NORTHEASTERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**FEBRUARY 11, 2007
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

Northeastern Provincial Vice President Onuka Ibe (Iota Nu) called the meeting of the Northeastern Provincial Council of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi to order according to Ritual at 8:04 am on Sunday, February 11, 2007 at the Marriott Providence Downtown, Grand Ballroom in Providence, RI

Brother William Markowitz (Omicron Tau) served as chancellor of the meeting and Brother Renee Stewart (Eta Xi) served as recording secretary.

Brother Maria Ramos (Nu Sigma) presented the credentials report (Addendum III). Forty-one delegates were present and voting at this meeting, out of the 51 eligible. This constituted quorum of the Northeastern Provincial Council.

Announcements made by Onuka Ibe, Provincial Vice President:

- Delegates only in the front of the room – there is seating in the back of the room for guests & non-voting brothers
- Non-voting chapters asked to not raise placard at times of voting

Motion to adopt the Agenda for the Northeastern Provincial Council Meeting.

Vocal Vote (Yeah/Nay)
Motion Passed

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous Provincial Council Meeting held in Columbus, OH on February 16, 2006

Motion – Shepherdstown Alumni Chapter
Second – Theta Pi
Motion Passed

There were no votes taken since the last Provincial Council Meeting at the Marriott Columbus Airport North in Columbus, OH on February 16, 2006.

Onuka Ibe presented the report of the Northeastern Provincial Vice President.
(Addendum I).

Operations:

- Northeastern Province is leading the nation in CEI
- Expansion: 7 Colonies
- Discipline: (2) Guidance; (3) Probation – all chapters are expected to be removed at current progress; (1) Concern letter

Financials:

- (1) Chapter has debt to the fraternity
- As a Province we are financially stable

Events:

- Over 300 in attendance at the past several provincial events
- Several chapters who are not attending events
- Reminded of importance of attendance from a requirement & enrichment standpoint
- Chapters should take into consideration and plan around LEAD events
- Consider putting aside/specificially fundraising for attendance at events

Future Initiatives:

- Leadership Development on the Regional level
- Continue expansion success
- Organize committee for Colonization Support – Volunteers needed

Motion by Mu Pi to be excused from Provincial Council Meeting at 8:29 am. Forty delegates were present and voting at this meeting, out of the 51 eligible.

Onuka Ibe continued to present the report of the Northeastern Provincial Vice President. (Addendum I).

Legislation/Board Meeting:

- Update to the Hazing policy as of March 1st to Policy & Procedures
- Increase in dues by \$5.00 (\$40.00 total)
- Funding submitted for Delta Sigma Pi trademark
- 2007 Lifetime & Career Achievement Nominations/Selection
 - Lifetime: Mark Roberts
 - Career: To be announced at a later date
- Re-colonization: no Board approval needed if chapter has been closed over 4 years

Provincial Goals:

- Leadership Development
- Increased collaboration
- Harrisburg LEAD – Separate leadership track (mixed results)
- (2) District Director vacancies which need to be filled
- LEAD programming improved
- RVP's – chapter leadership development
- Succession planning

Regional reports were submitted & distributed to the Northeastern Provincial Council from the following regions (Addendum I):

- Capital – Frank Hodas
 - Build brotherhood in the region

- Maximize CEI
- Regional Initiation – last spring/continue
- (2) Colonies:
 - Frostburg State University (Phi Sigma Upsilon) – Spring 07 Installation
 - University of Delaware (Kappa Phi Beta) – Working towards chartering
- Alumni & Collegiate interaction has been great
- There are strong leaders in the region
- East Central – Shawn Heyderhoff
 - New District Directors filling formerly vacant positions
 - Growing the pool of leaders in the region
 - Developing/starting Cincinnati Alumni Chapter
 - CEI is good for the region
 - Many activities planned in the region; welcome province to come visit
 - Looking forward to having a future provincial event in the region
- Eastern – Kathy Lazo-Thompson
 - Accomplished getting higher CEI
 - Region is submitting and winning awards on the provincial & national level
 - (3) Colonies:
 - New York University (Alpha Alpha Alpha) – Spring 07 Installation
 - Lehigh University (Kappa Zeta Theta) – Working towards chartering
 - Pace University (Kappa Iota Nu) – Working towards chartering
 - Interest from Adelphi University – Long Island, NY
 - Philadelphia Alumni Chapter sponsoring regional Centennial Celebration
 - November 10, 2007
- New England –Paul Carpinella
 - “Thank you” to the Northeastern Province, region & team for time as RVP, as will be stepping down after GCC
 - Chapters are working together & have great interaction
 - Finances & CEI are good
 - (2) Colonies:
 - Boston University (Gamma Omega Theta) –Working towards chartering
 - UMass – Amherst (Upsilon Mu Alpha) –Working towards chartering
 - Early “Leaf-peeping” – Career Fair, March 31st, 1-4pm Bentley College
 - Bentley 20th Anniversary banquet same weekend
 - Hates the Indianapolis Colts

Motion by Theta Pi to be excused from Provincial Council Meeting. Thirty-nine delegates were present and voting at this meeting, out of the 51 eligible.

- Niagara – Beth Bivona
 - Proud to be the RVP of the region
 - Region grew by (2) chapters due to realignment
 - Increased interchapter relationship/volunteering activities
 - Pride & participation of the region has been great
 - The region has strong & enthusiastic leaders
 - Will not be returning as RVP after GCC
 - CEI is strong and several chapters are submitting for awards

- Several chapters have received corporate sponsorships as part of their fundraising efforts
- Steel Valley – Wayne Lauer
 - Region is performing well
 - Showing improvements
 - There are district directors for all chapters
 - Actual “surplus” in volunteers if there should happen to be a vacancy
 - Anniversary celebration in the region

Provincial Committee chair reports were submitted & distributed to the Northeastern Provincial Council.

- Professional Development Chair — Alan Brunton
 - Will work with RVPs to help with regional leadership development
 - Assist with smaller/local level development
 - Work with coordinating with committee
 - Anyone interested in development contact Alan and/or RVP
- Community & University Service Chair — Renee Stewart
 - “Thank you” to all those that participated in the Pop Tab & Wish list collection
 - Raised over \$2,000 with the tabs collected
 - Penny War will take place at the Fall 07 LEAD in Cleveland, OH
 - Start collecting those coins now
 - Community Survey results received
 - Over 100 responses
 - Will send out a separate e-mail with results
 - Look for a Community Service Newsletter this Spring

Theta Pi returned to their seat for the Provincial Council Meeting. Forty delegates were present and voting at this meeting, out of the 51 eligible.

- Scholarship & Awards Development Chair — Corie Schilberg
 - Collegian of the Year award applications were phenomenal
 - NE Province once again has a National COY – Vicki Frantz
 - Collegiate & Alumni chapters are encouraged to submit for awards
 - Winners will be announced at GCC in Orlando
 - Need help with the process or guidance please or would like to be apart of the committee please contact Corie
- Alumni Development Chair – Mike Losneck – No Verbal report at this time

Onuka Ibe, Northeastern Provincial Vice President presented & distributed the Provincial Financial Report (Addendum II). A motion will be presented later in this meeting to amend the budget and finalize its submission.

Budget Highlights:

- There was an increase in funds to the province
- Increased RVP travel allocation from \$125.00 per chapter to \$150.00 per chapter

- Added (2) new lines:
 - Leadership Training
 - Provincial Committee Chair Budgets
- There will be an amendment to shift funds

There is no Old Business to discuss at this time. The Chancellor then entertained any New Business.

Motion to clarify Bylaws Article XII, Section 11 “Election of Pledges” to avoid confusion by the working regarding voting to select a pledge class. As it stands, it is unclear whether or not we should only re-vote if a potential pledge has EXACTLY 20% negative votes, or if we should re-vote if a potential pledge has 20% OR MORE. We would like to add the words “or more” into the bylaws to clarify this point. (Addendum IV)

Motion – Omicron Tau
 Second – Alpha Gamma

Discussion was then heard

Motion to amend the proposal by striking the suggested “or more” after “five (5)”in Section 11 of the bylaw in order to make it more concise and adhere to the original intention of the clarification.

Motion – Omicron Tau
 Second – Xi Tau

Vote taken:

Yeah	37
Nay	2
Abstention	1

Motion Passed

Vote taken on the proposal as amended:

Yeah	36
Nay	3
Abstention	1

Motion Passed

Motion to approve the Provincial Operating budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008

Motion – Onuka Ibe, PVP
 Second – Wayne Lauer, Steel Valley RVP

Motion to amend the proposed provincial budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 to reflect the movement of \$150 from the Eastern RVP travel budget to the Leadership Team Meeting line item. The result will be a total Eastern RVP budget of \$1,500 and a Leadership Team Meeting budget of \$1,850.

Motion – Onuka Ibe, PVP
Second – Beta Pi

Vote taken:

Yeah	40
Nay	0
Abstention	0

Motion Passed

Motion to approve the 2007-2008 budget as previously amended.

Motion—Shawn Heyderhoff, East Central RVP
Second—Philadelphia Alumni

Vote Taken:

Yeah	40
Nay	0
Abstention	0

Motion Passed

Onuka Ibe, Northeastern Provincial Vice President presented a review of upcoming Provincial Council Meetings and events:

- Grand Chapter Congress 2007
 - Orlando, FL
 - August 8 – 12
 - Hilton – Walt Disney World
- 2007 LEAD School
 - Cleveland, OH
 - October 20, 2007
- 2008 Provincial Council LEAD Meeting
 - Buffalo, NY
 - February 8-10, 2008

Motion that the Northeastern Provincial Council forward to the Office of the Executive Director that the following dates be considered for the 2009 Northeastern Provincial Council Meeting in order of preference from most favored to least favored: February 20-22 2009, February 6-8, 2009 and February 27 – March 1, 2009

Motion – Onuka Ibe, PVP
Second – Boston Alumni

Discussion was then heard

Vote taken

Motion Passed

Motion that the Northeastern Provincial Council forwards to the office of the Executive Director that the following locations be considered for the 2009 Northeastern Provincial Council Meeting, in order of preference from most favored to least favored: 1) Cincinnati, OH 2) Dayton, OH and 3) Bowling Green, OH

Motion – Onuka Ibe, PVP
Second – Boston Alumni

Discussion was then heard

Vote taken
Motion Passed

Legislative review for Grand Chapter Congress

PROPOSAL 1 –Bylaw Amendment

Change Article III, Section 1 regarding the timing of Grand Chapter Congress to allow holding it in months other than August or September.

Discussion was then heard

Straw Poll

Many in favor if the time frame is limited to the summer months (June, July & August).
Concern that if passes as is, the time frame would be too broad

PROPOSAL 2 – Bylaw Amendment

Move Alumni chapter franchise/refranchising fees from bylaws to policy & procedures; change refranchising to annual renewal; Set initial fees to standard amount; Make insure premium for alumni chapters the same regardless of status; Set fees as the same.

Discussion was then heard

Straw Poll

In favor – no opposition voiced

PROPOSAL 3 – Bylaw Amendment

Change Bylaw Article IV, Section 4, to clarify that members may be nominated for Grand Offices as long as they reach the 3-year membership requirement by the date of their election.

Discussion was then heard

*Issue: Item was missed in the submission of amendment (as noted by Paul Carpinella, New England RVP). Article VIII does not address a correction as to whether RVPs are included in the above. Issue will be addressed to the Board for correction/clarification before GCC.

Straw Poll

In favor – no opposition voiced once corrected

The floor was opened for general announcements:

- DC Metro Alumni Chapter – Selling business card holders for anyone interested
- Beth Bivona, Niagara RVP—Thank you to the Northeastern Province and Niagara Region for making the RVP experience a wonderful one
- Paul Carpinella, New England Region, RVP – Thank you to the Region, Province & Leadership team for experience
- “Thank you” to Billy for serving as chancellor for the province.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion – Pittsburgh Alumni

Second – Omicron Tau

Motion Passed

Northeastern Provincial Vice President Onuka Ibe closed the Northeastern Provincial Council Meeting at 9:33 am.



Northeastern Provincial Vice President



Recording Secretary

ADDENDUM I

Provincial Report PVP, RVP & Committees

Northeastern Provincial Vice President

Onuka Ibe

TRAVEL/MEETING SUMMARY

Date	Event	Location
August 4-6, 2006	Board Meeting/ National Volunteer Leadership Retreat	Atlanta, GA
September 9, 2006	Iota Kappa Initiation	Harrisonburg, VA
September 16, 2006	Iota Kappa Risk Management Training	Harrisonburg, VA
October 6-8, 2006	Northeastern LEAD	Harrisburg, PA
November 7, 2006	DC Metro Alumni Founder's Day Event	Arlington, VA
November 29, 2006	Xi Rho Professional Event (also attended by Iota Rho)	Washington, DC

PLANNED TRAVEL

Date	Event	Location
January 20, 2007	Provincial Leadership Team Meeting	Buffalo, NY
January 26-28, 2007	Board of Directors Meeting	Oxford, OH
February 8, 2007	UMass-Amherst Professional Event	Amherst, MA
February 9-11, 2007	Northeastern LEAD Provincial	Providence, RI
April 14, 2007	Frostburg State Installation	Frostburg, MD
April 2007	Lehigh Installation	Bethlehem, PA

PROVINCIAL GOAL SUMMARY

Leadership Development

RVPs have managed to create strong teams of DDs and chapter officers. As a whole, leaders throughout the Province are filling their roles nicely. The next concern is succession planning and officer transition. It is imperative that the gains made by current leadership are not lost when new volunteers or officers step into the role.

The National Volunteer Leadership Retreat in August was well attended by brothers from the Province. We added a special Volunteer Leadership track to the Harrisburg LEAD in order to attract those that could not make it to Atlanta over the summer. However, attendance was disappointing.

Provincial Professional Development Chair Alan Brunton and I have been discussing ways to integrate regional alumni leadership training on an annual basis. This could provide a steady program of skill development, networking, and succession planning within each region. It was originally intended to begin this spring, with announcements at the upcoming Providence LEAD Provincial. However, I have not been able to give this the attention it deserves to guarantee implementation during this academic year.

CHAPTER OPERATIONS

CEI

Through mid-year, CEI performance is strong in all regions of the Northeast. RVPs and DDs are continuing to work with VPCOs to make sure they not only understand the system, but provide a base of organization to eliminate missed submission deadlines.

Chapter Expansion

Expansion is a theme throughout the Province. Currently, there are eight colonies with four in the Eastern Region alone. In addition, various inquiries continue to come in regularly. The rate of expansion provides a unique opportunity for the Province to explore ways for volunteers to support colonies and interested students. I am currently brainstorming ideas for some sort of specialized colony development committee with my leadership team.

Provincial/National Events

The Harrisburg LEAD was highly successful, despite being located in an area without a Deltasig presence. In addition to the many new faces, brothers continue to return to LEAD events as alumni. With this in mind, much of the programming for the Providence LEAD Provincial is fresh and has applications for members at all stages of life.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Committee Chairs are as follows:

Committee	Chairperson
Alumni Development	Mike Losneck
Community and University Service	Renee Stewart
Professional Development	Alan Brunton
Scholastic Development and Awards	Corie Schilberg
Conferences and Events	Marcy Johnson

DISCIPLINE & ASSISTANCE ISSUES

Generally speaking, there have been no serious issues brought to light in the past six months. Volunteer leaders have steadily improved their skills in dealing with problems quickly and properly. They have also succeeded in building relationships with chapters that facilitate open communication and prevention of major issues. This level of trust has allowed DDs and RVPs to minimize problems, educate the chapter on proper procedures and methods, and communicate an understanding of the principals upon which our policies are set.

Three chapters in the Province are currently on Probation. Nu, Zeta Psi, and Iota Kappa have all made strong efforts to comply with terms and change the cultural issues that contributed to the policy violations. Zeta Eta and

Xi Upsilon continue their Guidance periods. Both chapters are struggling with small membership and are receiving continued support from volunteers and fraternity staff.

Capital Region Vice President

Frank Hodas

1. Travel Summary

Date	Event	Location
9/10	Mu Tau Chapter Meeting	Fairfax, VA
9/13	Xi Rho Chapter Meeting	Washington, DC
9/16	Iota Kappa Risk Management Retreat	Harrisonburg, VA
9/19	Iota Rho Recruiting Event	Washington, DC
9/24	Kappa Phi Beta – Univ. of Delaware	Newark, DE
10/2	Xi Rho Pinning Ceremony	Washington, DC
10/6-7	Harrisburg LEAD School	Harrisburg, PA
10/12	Epsilon Kappa History Night	Shepherdstown, WV
10/14	Alpha Gamma Tailgate – Penn State	State College, PA
11/7	Founders Day Meet & Greet with Iota Rho, Xi Rho, Mu Tau and DC Metro Alumni Chapter	Champps Restaurant – Arlington, VA
11/29	Professional Speaker – PVP Onuka Ibe: hosted by Xi Rho and attended by Iota Rho	Washington, DC
12/2	Xi Rho Initiation	Washington, DC
12/2	Mu Tau Initiation	Fairfax, VA

2. Planned Travel if known:

Date	Event	Location
1/19-21	Provincial Leadership Team Mtg.	Buffalo, NY
2/9-11	Northeastern LEAD Provincial Conf.	Providence, RI
4/14	Frostburg State Installation	Frostburg, MD

3. Review of Officer Goals

- In the prior year strides were made toward a more unified region and I think that has continued to build upon itself so far this year. Chapters have done some events together including the DC Metro Alumni interacting with the collegiates. That will continue to be a focus in the spring.
- CEI performance was the second biggest challenge facing the chapters in the region. Prior year performance was good, but not great. Through more frequent communication between regional leaders and the chapters CEI performance appears to be exceeding last year's. Monthly communications will continue throughout the spring.
- The last major goal was to increase attendance at national events. The turnout at Harrisburg was very good, and it gave the chapters a good first opportunity to get to know each other. While attendance has been strong at events within simple driving distance, locations further away still pose a problem. This is probably true for the other regions as well, although I think I need to make a bigger push early on for national events that will require more intense travel and budgeting.

4. Collegiate Chapter Performance and Status

- Chi – Johns Hopkins: Professional programming and interaction with alumni and the university are great strengths. Not necessarily a weakness but new leadership needs to emerge to take the chapter to the next level. Numbers have increased and that can be built upon. Promising numbers for Spring 07.
- Epsilon Kappa – Shepherd University: Shepherd is rich in Deltasig tradition and they celebrate it all the time. They do a wonderful job of relaying chapter history to new initiates. EK is a little different chapter since they are the smallest school in the region, but their Deltasig pride is one of the largest. The chapter's challenge is recruiting. From my interaction with them I think they would be really excited for another regional initiation since they enjoyed last year's so much. I think they could take the lead in pushing for another such event.
- Iota Kappa – James Madison: This chapter is persistent. They stuck together during probation and have dedicated themselves to becoming a better chapter. I wish they were closer to rest of the region. IK is the type of chapter that could really get people excited for national events and I'd like to see them generate larger turnouts. I think that would help to light more of a fire for the chapter. There has been increased communication and interaction between the chapter and national volunteers which has proved beneficial thus far.
- Iota Rho – Howard University: Professionalism and professional activities are definitely their strength along with the support of their alumni. I would like to see IR put together an event worthy of a national award and see more IR alumni active in the alumni chapter. Taking a leadership role in the region is also an important goal.
- Mu Tau – George Mason: Small chapter but very close knit and enthusiastic. Size is somewhat of a weakness, but being a commuter school can make it difficult to recruit. Some of their most active brothers graduate this year so it is important that they bring in members to replenish. The chapter really wants to connect more with its alumni. Probation kept them apart several years ago and they are trying to re-establish connections with charter members and early members.
- Xi Rho – George Washington: The chapter is tighter than in past years but they are also smaller than in past years. Recruiting needs to be a focus but quality should not be sacrificed for quantity. I think there is opportunity for them to do a big event that would also be worthy of a national award. They just need to buy into a more professional focus.

5. Alumni Chapters

- As usual, the Baltimore Alumni Chapter has been active as a resource for Chi Chapter.
- The DC Metro Alumni Chapter sputtered a little early in the semester but co-sponsored a great event for Founders' Day that brought together some new alums and collegiates to introduce them to the chapter. For the upcoming semester the challenge will be to keep the momentum going by first, having someone step up and take charge of the chapter and second, by continuing to invite and participate in events with collegiates and thus strengthening their recruiting base.
- Shepherdstown Alumni has an active alumni association that meets regularly. Attendance at special events is more prevalent than at chapter meetings.

6. Review of Regional Leadership

- My regional leadership team stayed mostly intact from last year to this year. I had one DD step down for work and maternity and one DD move away from the area. The first position was filled with a member who had been a DD in the past and also had some experience with the chapter that she is advising (as a DD apprentice last year). The second position was filled by a brother who just graduated last spring from a chapter in the area making him still very familiar with fraternity policies and procedures. Both have worked out well. The other DDs have remained steady and have been great resources for the chapters they serve. I already know for sure that one DD will have to be replaced next year because he will be moving for grad school.
- I think the region has a lot of potential volunteers including Jason Berkowitz and Amanda Moretto in Delaware, David Crouch, Nicole Orlando, Jennifer Bell, Diana Beauge, Adam Miller, Abby Passeri, Jennifer Holt and Heath Marell.

7. Expansion inquiries and status of existing colonies

- American continues to be a possibility but no communication has been initiated
- Georgetown contacted me very early in the semester. They have been operating as a business club since having their charter revoked. We spoke about the past and what had happened and why. The President seemed interested in furthering discussions but I never heard back from him after we spoke.
- Delaware is about half way through their colonization. When I met with them early in the semester they needed to start recruiting and were very unsure about themselves and how to go about this. They have organized a group of 50 members and have been active in community service. Their goal going forward is to focus on getting their 8 required professional events. The colony is targeting a Fall 07 installation but it may be pushed to early 2008. The colony has recently received a lot of support from local alumni including the Philadelphi Alumni Chapter.
- Frostburg has very strong leadership and has progressed much faster than I think anyone anticipated. Their installation is scheduled for April 21st. Their major hurdle will be making sure they have enough members to sustain the chapter when the charter members graduate but everyone is very informed about Deltasig and very enthusiastic to undertake the pledging process.

East Central Region Vice President

Shawn Heyderhoff

- Travel Summary

Date	Event	Location
4-Aug	Atlanta Leadership Retreat	Atlanta GA
7-Oct	Harrisburg Lead	Harrisburg PA
21-Oct	Indianapolis Lead	Indianapolis IN
18-Nov	Xi Upsilon Visit/Initiation	Huntington WV
2-Dec	Theta Pi Visit/Initiation	Bowling Green OH
3-Dec	Alpha Upsilon Visit/Initiation	Oxford OH

- Planned Travel

Date	Event	Location
9-Feb	Providence Provincial	Providence RI

- Review of Officer Goals
 - Restart Alumni Chapter in Area
 - Paperwork should be completed by end of January
 - Have DD for all chapters
 - Have two new candidates, new alumni chapter should help keep younger alumni involved and help develop DD candidates.
- Collegiate Chapter Performance and Status
 - Alpha Theta CEI 30

Strengths: Excellent programming for professional and community service events. Always a very active chapter on campus.

Weaknesses: Strong chapter, need to continue to monitor chapter to insure they are following all risk management rules.

Threats: Ongoing struggle between the chapter advisor, Central Office, and elected officials. No resolution is sight.

- Alpha Omicron CEI 9

Strengths: Traditionally a strong chapter.

Weaknesses: Very poor CEI showing, represents lack of organization.

Threats: Need to start tracking CEI and due dates, they were traditionally a strong chapter and need to stop this slide before it becomes habit. Also still unclear if they had a pledge class this fall, did not report as per CEI so it appears that they did not.

- Alpha Upsilon CEI 30

Strengths: Excellent Professional programming, fantastic participation in LEAD event.(had 17 brothers attend)

Weaknesses: Need to continue to polish initiation.

Threats:

- Epsilon Tau CEI 21

Strengths: Continue to be a strong chapter and have good leaders on the exec board. Also have strong leadership in the form of advisors.

Weaknesses: No DD. Have not found a suitable candidate. Strong Chapter advisors helps to offset this.

Threats: Need to finish strong in the spring to insure CEI are at an acceptable level.

- Theta Lambda CEI 37.5

Strengths: Excellent CEI, Strong chapter and just getting stronger.

Weaknesses: Need to continue to push attendance at national events, only had 2 attend last lead.

Threats: No DD

- Theta Pi CEI 34.5

Strengths: Excellent initiation, memorized and very well rehearsed. Had a large pledge class with good members. Have had great programming and events.

Weaknesses:

Threats: None seen thus far

- Xi Upsilon CEI 34.5

Strengths: Very good president, has pulled the chapter to a strong CEI showing.

Weaknesses: Most of the current exec will be graduating and only had one pledge go through initiation in the fall. Will need to have to pledge classes in the spring to keep the chapter running.

Threats: Small chapter size, critical for them to have a good recruitment class this spring

- Alumni Chapter

- Kurt Ericson is heading up the Cincinnati alumni chapter and are going to be submitting the necessary paperwork within the next month.

- Review of Regional Leadership

- District Directors
 - Alpha Theta Paras Shaw
 - Alpha Omicron
 - Alpha Upsilon Chip Hitte
 - Epsilon Tau
 - Theta Lambda
 - Theta Pi Scott Sabol
 - Xi Upsilon

- Potential Leaders

- Kurt Ericson
- Kenneth Weppeler-Marshall is interested in the DD position, I am just waiting for his final decision

Eastern Regional Vice President

Kathleen Lazo-Thompson

- **Travel Summary**

Date	Event	Location
February 8, 2006	New York University Information Session	New York, NY
April 16, 2006	Zeta Eta Initiation	Jersey City, NJ
August 4-6, 2006	National Volunteer Leadership Retreat	Atlanta, GA
September 20, 2006	Meeting w/ Kappa Zeta Theta President and District Director	Bethlehem, PA
October 6-8, 2006	LEAD School	Harrisburg, PA
November 10, 2006	Alpha Alpha Alpha Colony Founders' Day Dinner	New York, NY
November 18, 2006	Mu Omega Initiation	Ewing, NJ
November 30, 2006	Zeta Pi/Eta Xi Joint Initiation	Philadelphia, PA
January 19-21, 2007	Northeastern Provincial Leadership Meeting	Buffalo, NY

- **Planned travel, if known:**

Date	Event	Location
February 9-11, 2007	LEAD Provincial Conference	Providence, RI
February 12, 2007	Adelphi University info session	Garden City, NY
February 19, 2007	Lehigh University info session	Bethlehem, PA
TBD	NYU re-installation	New York, NY
TBD	Frostburg St. installation	Frostburg, MD
TBD	Drexel University info session	Philadelphia, PA
TBD	Pace University info session	Pleasantville, NY
August 8-12, 2007	Grand Chapter Congress	Orlando, FL

- **Review of Officer Goals:**

- Most chapters achieved 90 points or better in the 2005-2006 fiscal year.
- More awards were handed out at the LEAD School Harrisburg, with more chapters vying for Most Outstanding Chapter, Professional Events, Community Service, and Most Improved. With next year's awards being handed out at Grand Chapter Congress, my goal is even more submissions and national recognition.
- We still have one chapter on Guidance, although a different one from last year.
- NYU colony finally materialized, with another colony established at Pace University's Pleasantville campus
- Officer goals for the spring semester:
 - No more than one warning or concern letters regarding CEI
 - At least four award submission from every chapter
 - No chapters on Guidance or disciplinary action

- Chapters installed at Lehigh and NYU
 - New colony at Drexel

- **Collegiate Chapter CEI Status:**
 - After the most recent January 15 deadline, most chapters are at expected CEI totals and will achieve 100 point.
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- **Scholarship/Awards**
 - All but two chapters submitted Collegian of the Year nominations.
 - There is strong potential for provincial and national winners in the region. Those chapters are eager to create and submit great awards packages.
- **Initiation/Ritual Memorization**
 - More than half of chapters memorize Ritual with good results.
 - There is still room for improvement in some instances.
- **Chapter Assistance/Discipline**
 - Only one chapter is currently on any type of assistance (guidance).
 - Warning letter will go to one chapter for pledging violations.
- **National Events**
 - All but one colony missed the Harrisburg LEAD School, and the same colony plus one chapter missed the Providence Provincial Conference. Because of high turnout from some schools, the region was strongly represented. A strong push is being done to encourage more registrants to Grand Chapter Congress in Orlando.
- **Alumni Chapters**
 - Lost the Garden State Alumni Chapter due to low membership. Philadelphia Alumni continues to be a force in community service with the Casino Night event at LEAD Schools and hosting social events that include the entire region. New York City Alumni is active with Alpha Alpha Alpha colony.
- **Expansion inquiries/possibilities and status of existing colonies**
 - Exiting colonies
 - Lehigh University (Kappa Zeta Theta)
 - New York University (Alpha Alpha Alpha) – petitioned for April re-installation!!!
 - Pace University-Pleasantville (Kappa Iota Nu)
 - Possible future colonies
 - Adelphi University (reactivation of Kappa Rho) – gave information session with assistant dean who is friendly with alumni Brothers.
 - Fairleigh Dickson University (Madison, NJ) – student who made inquiry is friends with Beta Xi Brother.
 - While Drexel colony officially closed, will continue to try to schedule information session on campus.

New England Regional Vice President

Paul Carpinella

Summary

The Fall, 2006 semester continued to be a positive semester for the New England Region. Buoyed by a winning multiple chapter awards at the Harrisburg LEAD School, many chapters have continued to operate a highly effective pace. Most of the chapters have completed half of the required CEI events and two chapters have completed their Community Service event requirement. On the expansion front, the region's two colonies have grown by leaps and bounds in terms of membership numbers and operational effectiveness and are planning to finish their requirements this semester or in early fall in order that they may be installed before the end of 2007.

Fall 2006 Travel

Date	Location	Description
August 26, 2006	Canton, MA	Regional Leadership Team meeting
September 11, 2006	Braintree, MA	Boston Alumni Chapter meeting
September 16, 2006	Storrs, CT	Theta Iota officers visit
September 17, 2006	Amherst, MA	Upsilon Mu Alpha Welcome Back dinner
September 18, 2006	Boston, MA	Gamma Omega Theta colony meeting
September 29, 2006	Waltham, MA	Lambda Tau Pledging Ceremony
September 30, 2006	Cambridge, MA	Boston Alumni Chapter/New England Region Fund Raising Party
October 2, 2006	Boston, MA	Gamma Omega Theta Meet the Fraternity event
October 8, 2006	Harrisburg, PA	Northeastern Provincial LEAD School
October 11, 2006	Boston, MA	Xi Phi recruiting event
October 21, 2006	Amherst, MA	Upsilon Mu Alpha Community Service event
October 28, 2006	Weymouth, MA	Boston Alumni Chapter Make a Difference Day event
October 29, 2006	Bristol, RI	Nu Sigma chapter visit
November 2, 2006	Boston, MA	Gamma Omega Theta colony meeting
November 11, 2006	Smithfield, RI	Xi Psi initiation
November 13, 2006	Saugus, MA	Boston Alumni Chapter meeting
November 17, 2006	Waltham, MA	Lambda Tau pledging ceremony
December 5, 2006	Boston, MA	Gamma Omega Theta social event
December 19, 2006	Boston, MA	Boston Alumni Chapter Gift Wrap event

Anticipated Spring 2007 Travel

Date	Location	Description
January 7, 2007	Canton, MA	Regional Leadership Team

		meeting
January 19, 2007	Buffalo, NY	Provincial Leadership Team meeting
January 25, 2007	Boston, MA	Gamma Omega Theta colony meeting
January 28, 2007	Waltham, MA	Lambda Tau meeting
February 4, 2007	Bristol, RI	Nu Sigma chapter meeting
February 8, 2007	Boston, MA	Gamma Omega Theta colony event
February 9, 2007	Providence, RI	Northeastern Provincial Council/LEAD School
March 3, 2007	Amherst, MA	Upsilon Mu Alpha colony visit
April 6, 2007	Waltham, MA	Lambda Tau Initiation
April 14, 2007	Storrs, CT	Theta Iota Initiation
April 14, 2007	Smithfield, RI	Xi Psi Initiation banquet
April 21, 2007	Bristol, RI	Nu Sigma Initiation
April 28, 2007	Boston, MA	Xi Phi Initiation

Regional Goals Review

1) *In progress*- Increase the leadership pool within the region

- Over my three years as Regional Vice President, the region has been able to retain talented collegians to join the ranks of alumni volunteers. The Leadership Team has been able to accomplish this, by acclimating collegiate brothers to national volunteer duties via regional committees. These committees have given interested collegiate brothers the opportunity to make an impact on the region, gain a greater understanding of the national scope of the fraternity, and gain valuable skills needed to be successful as a national leader.

2) *Improving* - Increase chapter interaction to the point where it becomes natural for the chapters to interact and plan events with one another

- Over the past three years, the Leadership Team has worked hard to ensure chapter interaction via organizing regional events and the creating of the regional newsletter. The chapters have responded by communicating better with one another and have even arranged some joint events.

3) *Needs Improvement* - Increase alumni involvement so as to utilize the Deltasig network within the New England Region

- Alumni relations programs and activities at a majority of the chapters have remained status quo. I will continue to work with the Leadership Team and the alumni chapters to keep alumni better informed of events and regional leadership opportunities.

4) *Improving* - Each chapter must reach the 100 point CEI mark

- The region currently has a combined average of 34.7 CEI points. As noted earlier, a majority of the chapters have half of their event requirements completed, and two chapters have already completed their Community Service requirements.

5) *Improving* - Continue to promote the Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship and Awards program so that each chapter submits at least once application per year

- Three out of the five chapters in the region submitted awards packets last year, with two of the chapters submitting multiple packets. Many of the chapters have made it a goal to submit awards packets this year.

6) *In progress* – Explore expansion opportunities as they occur

- While the region did not have any expansion requests in the fall, regional leaders were hard at work with the Upsilon Mu Alpha colony at Massachusetts, Amherst and the Gamma Omega Theta colony at Boston University. Both colonies performed more efficiently this semester due to a more streamlined national leadership structure, which was able to ensure that each colony had a dedicated team of three volunteers to serve as advisors.

Chapter Review

Theta Iota – University of Connecticut

Current CEI Points: 24

Strengths

- Recruiting – the chapter did an a good job in recruiting underclassmen to help ease the burden of losing many upper-class members in the coming years.
- Morale – based on my visit earlier in the semester, and reports from the chapter, morale seems to high within the chapter.
- Finances – the chapter continues to have a solid balance and has been able to turn to the school for funding of events when needed, including travel to national events.
- Pledge Education – the pledges are motivated and well informed about the organization.
- Risk Management – the chapter has a good understanding of the Risk Management policy and proper chapter practices.

Weaknesses

- CEI Performance – the chapter finished with a very low number of CEI points last semester. While the chapter has made strides to improve CEI performance in the fall, greater attention needs to be paid to CEI deadlines.
- National and regional event attendance – the chapter has been slow to send representatives to national and regional events.

Chapter Goals

- 100 CEI points.
- Strict adherence to the Risk Management Policy.
- Increase communication with other chapters in the region to share contacts and increase the spirit of brotherhood to newer brothers.
- Apply for Most Improved Chapter award.

Lambda Tau – Bentley College

Current CEI Points: 28.5

Strengths

- Finances – what was a severe weakness for the chapter has become on of its main strengths. Since coming out of a large debt to Central Office, the chapter has worked hard to establish quality financial controls and spending management.
- Morale – the new officers are highly motivated due in large part to strong encouragement from the recently elected president. Quality events have helped the chapter gain an identity on campus.
- Ritual – the chapter continues to run quality initiation and pledging ceremonies that are conducted in a professional manner.
- Recruiting – the chapter drew well-qualified candidates this semester.
- CEI Performance
- Pledge Education

Weaknesses

- National Event Attendance – the chapter has not sent more than two brothers to the last four national events. Brothers who have attended recent events have worked hard to promote the events, which should aid in getting more members of the chapter to travel.

Chapter Goals

- 100 CEI points.
- Strict adherence to the Risk Management Policy.
- Increase attendance at National Events by 4 brothers per event.

Nu Sigma – Roger Williams University

Current CEI Points: 51.5

Strengths

- Recruiting – the chapter has been able to draw a large number of qualified candidates by advertising their events heavily as well as strong relationships with faculty members and the administration. As such, the chapter had one of the largest pledges classes in the nation.

- Pledge Education – pledges are well informed about the history of the fraternity as well as chapter operations.
- CEI Performance
- National Event Attendance
- Finances – the chapter continues to do a good job in managing its budget and fundraising. They have also been quick to establish financial controls after questionable practices of certain officers over the summer.
- Ritual has become a lot smoother over the past semester.
- Risk Management

Weaknesses

- Morale – as a 79 person chapter, the chapter has dealt with issues concerning keeping all the members involved and motivated at all times. As a response to this issue, the chapter has instituted a BAM empowerment program, which has helped get brothers more, involved.

Chapter Goals

- 100 CEI points
- Apply for multiple chapter awards.

Xi Phi – UMass Boston

Current CEI Points – 35

Strengths

- Morale – the chapter has become highly visible on the UMass campus and in the region in general. Buoyed by winning three awards at the recent LEAD school, chapter members are excited about the fraternity and proud of their accomplishments.
- Recruiting – the chapter continues to show vast improvement in this area. Due to strong relationships with the faculty, quality events, and a well-structured recruiting program the chapter was able to initiate 18 quality brothers this semester.
- Pledge Education.
- CEI Performance

Weaknesses

- National Event Attendance – the chapter has not sent more than 1 attendee to the past two national events. However, the chapter already has a number of members registered for the Providence Provincial Council.

Chapter Goals

- 100 CEI points
- Implement a quality committee structure to keep new brothers active.
- Apply for multiple awards.

Xi Psi – Bryant University

Current CEI Points – 30

Strengths

- CEI Performance – the chapter continues to have a good understanding of CEI guidelines and dates.
- National Event Attendance
- Morale – the chapter's recent success has created a membership that is excited and proud about the chapter and the fraternity.
- Recruiting – the chapter has been able to draw quality candidates and done a better job of increasing awareness of campus.
- Financial Management.

Weaknesses

- Ritual – the chapter continues to not memorize initiation ritual, and at times can have a harsh tone.
- Communication – the chapter has been slow to respond to e-mails.

Chapter Goals

- 100 CEI points
- Strict adherence to the Risk Management Policy.
- Appoint a Ritual Chair to ensure a smoother initiation.

Upsilon Mu Alpha Colony – Umass Amherst

Strengths

- A solid base of underclassmen who are excited about the fraternity.
- Momentum from having an active semester.

Weaknesses

- The young member has been reluctant to assume leadership roles to this point.
- Event attendance has been down in the later half of the semester.
- Fundraising has been a struggle for the group.

Colony Goals

- Recruit 20-30 new members by April.
- Complete the necessary events to petition the Board of Directors.
- Install in Fall 2007.

Gamma Omega Theta – Boston University

Strengths

- The officers are extremely knowledgeable about the campus and are committed to the fraternity.
- The chapter already has a solid base of 25-30 members, with many of the members being underclassmen.
- Solid support of the faculty and administration in the School of Management.

Weaknesses

- The leaders are mostly juniors and need to adjust their techniques to be more inclusive to all members
- Communication, while much improved since the beginning of the semester, has been slow at times.
- Strategic Planning – while the group has many events completed and planned, they need to better organize and plan the events so as to ensure greater campus awareness of the events and the group itself.

Colony Goals

- Recruit 10-15 new members by the end of April.
- Use the Spring semester to acclimate the group to Delta Sigma Pi meeting organization and planning.
- Complete the necessary events to petition the Board of Directors.
- Install in late September or early October 2007.

Alumni Chapters

Boston Alumni Chapter

Connecticut Alumni Chapter

Regional Leadership

District Directors/Committee Chairs

- Theta Iota – Luis Soares
 - Lambda Tau – Deb Lang
 - Nu Sigma – Nick Steinkruass
 - Xi Phi – Joseph DeVivo
 - Xi Psi – Peter LaCava
 - Upsilon Mu Alpha – Laura Bittner (Main District Director), Matthew Richard (Assistant District Director), Nick Steinkraus (Fraternal Advisor)
 - Gamma Omega Theta – Bryon Goguen (Main District Director), Bonita Yip (Assistant District Director), Paul Carpinella (Fraternal Advisor)
 - Awards Chair – Robert Hornak
 - Newsletter Editor – Paul Matthewson
 - Interchapter Relations Chair – Brian Sullivan
- Leadership Team Meeting: January 7, 2007 Canton, MA

Potential Leaders:

- Todd Kirrane

- Kerri O'Connor
- Daniel Collins
- Paul Cetola
- Jeremy Bessette
- Susan Coughlin
- Jessica Donovan
- Lauren Weornic
- Shawn DeLong
- Sarah Mattos
- Max Kinkade
- Justin Desseraux
- Adam Katz

Succession Planning

Due to graduate studies, I will not be returning as Regional Vice President for the 2007-2009 biennium. I have identified a successor and will be working with that individual over the next semester to train that person for the position. I will also be holding a transition meeting over the summer so that the new and old teams can discuss chapter issues and create solid goals and plans for the next biennium. While there will not be many changes on the District Director level, the planning session will provide the team with an excellent opportunity to gain insight from those leaders that are not returning and should serve as a good vehicle to ensure cohesion and a smooth transition for the region.

Niagara Region Vice President

Beth Bivona

33 Alpha Kappa (University of Buffalo)

CEI Points: 42

Alpha Kappa continues to be a strong chapter in the region. The chapter has been responsive to our suggestions and recommendations. Both the District Director and I have spoken to the chapter reminding it of the risk management policy. I would like to see the chapter have a stronger presence at national events. I was pleased to see that the chapter sent four attendees to LEAD. But would like to see at least 5 brothers from every chapter.

The chapter continues to memorize RT, has good CEI performance, community service programs and professional programs. This school year, the chapter has conducted four professional activities and four community service events¹. In addition to sending four attendees to LEAD, the chapter also attended a regional meeting. Due to limitations in my schedule this fall (mainly my wedding), I conducted a regional meeting of the chapters in Syracuse. Each chapter sent representatives. This chapter sent at least eight representatives. The District Director from Syracuse and I had a half day presentation and open discussion with the chapters regarding chapter issues and risk management. The feedback I received from this event was positive. This chapter advised me it will look to host inter-chapter events in the spring semester. I issued a challenge to all the chapters in the region to achieve and apply for Honor Roll. This chapter has advised me that it has set its goal to achieve Honor Roll status.

146 Zeta Psi (University at Albany)

CEI Points: 39

¹ One of the events the chapter participated in, which it has in the past, is the Linda Yalem Safety Event. It is a campus wide event. Linda Yalem was a classmate of mine who was raped and murdered on the bike path surrounding the University of Buffalo. Ironically, a suspect was arrested this week.

This chapter joined the region a year ago. When this chapter first came into the region it received a letter of encouragement from Onuka. During the chapter's first year in the Region, the momentum of the chapter was high and it improved its CEI reporting and events. However, the chapter violated risk management and was placed on probation. After the violations of risk management, I met with the chapter and had several discussions with the brothers and liaison at the University of Albany.

This fall, after returning from my honeymoon, I met with the chapter. We discussed the violation, how it was a violation, how to ensure such a violation does not repeat and the importance of the fraternity to the brothers. I am happy to report, the chapter is working towards fulfilling its terms of probation. The chapter has sent a summary of its progress to me and Onuka and is continuing a dialogue with the national fraternity.

Additionally, the chapter sent 14 people to LEAD (under probation it was required to send 12). The chapter has been in communication throughout the semester with me and its District Director. The chapter sent an e-mail to me outlining its progress and thanking the national fraternity for giving it the tools to refocus. Attached hereto is a copy of the Zeta Psi's probation report.

A chapter consultant also visited with the chapter last fall. The chapter was very receptive to the ideas and suggestions of the consultant.

The most noticeable difference with the chapter is its focus on meeting more than the minimal requirements of the fraternity. For example, the chapter had six professional events and had three community service events. This is a big improvement from last year. The chapter still needs to meet some terms of its probation; specifically, conducting an alcohol awareness campus-wide event. Assuming the chapter sponsors that event this semester, I would recommend that the chapter be removed from probation.

Zeta Psi also had a strong showing and participation in the regional meeting. The chapter is working on memorizing RT, follows Robert's Rules of Order and continues to develop a strong professional program. Even after probation, this chapter should continue with an alcohol awareness programs.

176 Theta Upsilon (Siena College)
CEI Points: 37.5

This chapter is also new to the Niagara Region last year. Last year this chapter received a letter of encouragement (or warning) as well. Last year, the chapter was able to achieve 100 CEI points. Considering the chapter was in the 70s the year prior, this was a great accomplishment. This chapter truly was a most improved chapter; however, a problem with a letter of recommendation was not submitted timely (by mail) and as a result the chapter did not receive any regional recognition. The chapter has been encouraged to submit award applications again and the brothers, although a small group, are very motivated.

This chapter has advised me (and I believe it to be true) that it has benefited from the chapter consultant's visit this year. This chapter continues to struggle with recruitment. This chapter has made an enormous effort to increase its recruiting efforts (no longer relying on the University to circulate e-mail to students) and has begun to memorize RT. This chapter has also replaced its chapter advisor and this appears to be working well for the chapter. This chapter sent five brothers to LEAD and generally has a good turnout at national events. The chapter has been very good about submitting its events online and last semester held three professional events and three community service events. The chapter had some issues with executive committee trials. They proved to be challenging because of the behavior of the brothers on trial. The District Director is working with the chapter on these issues. The chapter continues to work hard.

The District Director will continue to work with the chapter to increase the events per semester (ie at least 4 professional events each term) and increase brother attendance at events. Regular attendance at scheduled events has been an increasing problem for the chapter. This chapter too attended the regional meeting and found it to be beneficial. This chapter has since engaged in some inter-chapter events with Zeta Psi. This chapter is the only greek organization on campus.

196 Kappa Lambda (Binghamton University)

CEI Points: 37.5

Last year issues, which were of a serious nature, arose between the chapter and the alumni. These matters seem to be resolved, however, this chapter is the only chapter in this region without a District Director. Although this chapter is a strong chapter and has demonstrated high CEI (and won awards in the past), I am concerned with its participation at national events. Each semester, it has been a struggle to get this chapter to attend a national event. This past fall the chapter didn't send anyone to LEAD, because of a conflict with a chapter event and last year it was a last minute struggle with the former President to encourage attendance at national events. The chapter has registered 8 brothers for Provincials. Hopefully, the chapter understands the importance of attending national events.

Last semester this chapter violated risk management by having a professional scavenger hunt. This fall the chapter seems to be headed in a better direction. The chapter has timely submitted its online reports. This chapter memorizes RT, has had strong CEI performance, strong community service programs and strong professional programs. The chapter has conducted seven professional events and five community service events. Overall the chapter is a very strong chapter in the region, needs to increase its presence at national events.

250 Xi Tau (Syracuse University)

CEI Points: 56

Syracuse University struggled last fall with its recruiting efforts, however, we were able to intervene with the chapter early in the semester. The District Director and I worked with the chapter to put a plan in place which would increase the chapter's recruiting efforts. The chapter was successful in its spring recruitment. As a result, this fall, a good portion of the chapter consists of newly initiated brothers.

This chapter hosted my regional meeting and its District Director helped make various presentations to the chapter. It is clear that the District Director of this chapter (although she has not recently attended a national event) is a driving force behind the success of this chapter. This chapter memorizes RT, has strong CEI performance, strong professional and strong community service programs. This chapter too has accepted my challenge to be an Honor Roll chapter. The chapter has had seven professional events, six community service events and has sent six attendees to LEAD. This chapter won the majority of the regional awards presented last spring. This chapter continues to be a strong chapter.

257 Omicron Rho (Cornell University)

CEI Points: 49

Cornell University started the first semester without a District Director. However, a District Director was appointed for the University this semester. The District Director is an alumni of the chapter.

Cornell is a very strong chapter. The chapter has had ten professional events and eight community service events. It continues to have strong professional and community service events. The chapter is trying to memorize RT.

The chapter had three attendees at LEAD. The chapter's biggest weakness is its attendance at national events. I would like to see this chapter increase its participation at national events. This chapter has set a goal: to achieve Honor Roll status.

II. Travel Summary

Fall 2006

9/24/06 Siena College

9/24/06 University of Albany

9/29/06 University of Buffalo

10/7/06 LEAD – Harrisburg

10/21/06 Regional Meeting Syracuse: (Executive Committee of most chapters present except Cornell sent only President & Social Chair)

Spring 2007 (Anticipated)

2/9/07 Provincials Providence
TBD Binghamton
TBD Cornell
TBD TBD

III. Alumni Chapters

There has been some interest of an alumni chapter in Albany, however, no official inquiries have been made.

IV. District Directors

Buffalo: Aaron Beauregard
Albany: Stephen Mathiason
Siena: Stephen Mathiason
Binghamton: Vacant, despite many attempts to fill
Syracuse: Sarah Ross
Cornell: Katelynn Timmermeins

V. COY Committee & Applications

All chapters submitted COY applications. The applications were very good but there needs to be more attention to detail – spelling and grammar errors.

Fall 2006 Selection Committee:

Diane Thibault
Katie Cardus
Marcie Buno
Mateo Tarrats
Brian Lewis

Past Selection Committee Members:

Russ Monti
Kelly Woodhouse

VI. Potential Future Volunteers

Russ Monti
Sean Rosney
Kurt Mulligan
Alicia Luboch

VII. Challenged Issue

Apply for and achieve Honor Roll status.
Send 5 brothers to national events each semester.

VIII. Regional Meeting:

This was the first year we had a Regional Meeting. It was scheduled primarily because of my inability (wedding) to personally visit every chapter and desire to personally communicate with each chapter regarding issues of concern.

The meeting was very informative and the students provided positive feedback. We had a group discussion regarding risk management, Myspace accounts, alcohol awareness and other topics of interest. We also had brainstorming group discussions, including discussions on awards applications and how and when to put them together. We also focused on RT and meaningful initiations. I did receive a request for a future meeting to include officer transition.

Steel Valley Region Vice President

Wayne Lauer

Travel Summary

August 4-6, 2006	National Volunteer Leadership Retreat	Atlanta, GA
September 13, 2006	Theta Rho Pledging Ceremony / Formal introduction of new DD	Pittsburgh, PA
September 30, 2006	Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter Pirate Baseball Game	Pittsburgh, PA
October 6-8, 2006	LEAD Harrisburg	Harrisburg, PA
October 20-22, 2006	LEAD Indianapolis	Indianapolis, IN
November 11, 2006	Mu Pi Initiation	Erie, PA
November 12, 2006	Nu Upsilon Initiation	Morgantown, WV
November 18, 2006	Beta Pi Initiation	Kent, OH
November 19, 2006	Theta Kappa Initiation	Akron, OH
December 2, 2006	Omicron Tau Initiation	Columbus, OH
December 5, 2006	Lambda Initiation	Pittsburgh, PA

Planned Summary

January 19-21, 2007	Northeastern Province Leadership Meeting	Buffalo, NY
January 31, 2007	Theta Rho Pledging Ceremony	Pittsburgh, PA
February 9-11, 2007	Northeastern Provincial Conference	Providence, RI
February 27, 2007	Theta Kappa Visit	Akron, OH
March 29, 2007	Omicron Tau Visit	Columbus, OH
April 3, 2007	Lambda Initiation	Pittsburgh, PA
April 7, 2007	Nu Upsilon Initiation	Morgantown, WV
April 21, 2007	Beta Pi Initiation	Kent, OH
April 22, 2007	Theta Kappa Initiation	Akron, OH
April 28, 2007	Mu Pi Banquet	Erie, PA
May 19, 2007	Nu Initiation	Columbus, OH
August 2007	Grand Chapter Congress	Orlando, FL

Review of Officer Goals

- Greater chapter interaction – in progress
 - Omicron Tau visited Beta Pi for initiation.
 - Nu visited Omicron Tau for initiation.

- CEI/Chapter Operations – in progress
 - Some sharing of event ideas.
- National Events/Brotherhood – in progress
 - “New blood” at various chapters seems very excited.

Collegiate Chapter Performance and Status (as of January 30, 2007)

Chapter	Current CEI points
Lambda	47
Nu	39
Beta Pi	38
Theta Kappa	37.50
Theta Rho	42
Mu Pi	42
Nu Upsilon	47
Omicron Tau	42

Lambda (University of Pittsburgh)

Semester Dues: not available

Strengths

- Chapter Ops/Events
- Ritual Memorization. Fall semester was the first attempt at memorization in several years.

Nu (Ohio State University)

Semester Dues: not available

On Probation – See progress report

Beta Pi (Kent State University)

Semester Dues: not available

Strengths

- Ritual Memorization

Weaknesses

- Inter-chapter relations. Signs of potential improvement.

Mu Pi (Pennsylvania State University – Behrend College)

Semester Dues: \$90

Strengths

- Professional Events have improved.

Weaknesses

- Participation
- Morale

Nu Upsilon (West Virginia University)

Semester Dues: \$75

Strengths

- Ideas for events
- Regional/Provincial/National Event participation

Weaknesses

- Local Participation

Omicron Tau (Ohio Dominican University)

Semester Dues: \$50

Strengths

- Risk Management
- Ritual Memorization

Weaknesses

- Local Participation a problem since installation. It is improving.

Theta Kappa (University of Akron)

Semester Dues: \$70

Strengths

- Events are improving and now include events that are larger and open to more audiences
- Morale is improving as people are taking charge of their chapter

Weaknesses

- Ritual Memorization

Theta Rho (Duquesne University)

Semester Dues: not available

Strengths

- National event attendance on the rise

Weaknesses

- Inter-chapter relations. Starting to improve.

Alumni Chapters

Cleveland-Akron

Pittsburgh

Regional Leadership

District Directors (Fall Quarter/Semester)

- Lambda – Pat Flynn
- Nu – Alan Brunton
- Beta Pi – Rich Garber
- Theta Kappa – Tricia Smith
- Theta Rho – Andrew Mulford
- Mu Pi – Sparky Graves
- Nu Upsilon – Arnel Balcita
- Omicron Tau – Suzanne Swire

Potential Leadership (other than DD's)

- Casey Brady
- Julie Cerrone
- Katelyn Clark
- Elaine Geyer
- Amy Graeca
- Craig Kubiak
- Neeley Lantz
- Jeff Laskey
- Billy Markowitz
- Ann Marie Miller
- Jay Nottingham
- Danielle Schultz
- Lisa Slusarz

- Eric Steinkirchner
- Matt Stornes
- Regional/Chapter COYs

Officers Succession

The Steel Valley region has several brothers whom have ambitions of succeeding me as RVP. No formal DD succession is planned however a few vacancies are on the horizon.

Expansion inquiries

None to report

Recommendations / Miscellaneous

None to report

Northeastern Province Community Service Report

Renee Stewart

• **Travel Summary**

Date	Event	Location
July 28, 2006	Philadelphia Alumni Chapter – Social Event / Happy Hour	Conshohocken, PA
August 4-6, 2006	National Volunteer Leadership Retreat	Atlanta, GA
August 12, 2006	Philadelphia Alumni Chapter Meeting	Conshohocken, PA
August 25, 2006	Philadelphia Alumni Chapter – Social Event / Poker Night	Springfield, PA
September 9, 2006	Philadelphia Alumni Chapter Meeting	Conshohocken, PA
September 22, 2006	Philadelphia Alumni Chapter – Social Event / Happy Hour	Philadelphia, PA
October 6, 2006	Casino Night: Part Deux – sponsored by Philly Alumni	Harrisburg, PA
October 7, 2006	Fall LEAD School & Provincial Penny War	Harrisburg, PA
October 14, 2006	Philadelphia Alumni Chapter Meeting	Conshohocken, PA
October 22, 2006	Mu Tau Chapter- Pledge Meeting	Fairfax, VA
October 27, 2006	Philadelphia Alumni Chapter – Social Event / Poker Night	Newtown Sq, PA
October 29, 2006	Make A Difference Day – Bowl-a-thon for RMHC	Wynnewood, PA
November 10, 2006	Founder’s Day Celebration – Dinner/Charlie Browns	Springfield, PA
November 20, 2006	NE Province CS Committee – Conference Call	N/A
December 2, 2006	Mu Tau Chapter – Initiation & Rose Banquet	Fairfax, VA
December 9, 2006	Holiday Potluck Dinner& Meeting	Springfield, PA

- **Planned travel, if known:**

Date	Event	Location
January 20-21, 2007	NE Province Annual Team Meeting	Buffalo, NY
February 3, 2007	Philadelphia Alumni Chapter Meeting	Conshohocken, PA
February 9-11, 2007	Provincial LEAD Conference & Meeting (Pop Tab collection)	Providence, RI
August 4-13, 2007	Grand Chapter Congress – Centennial Celebration	Orlando, FL

- **Committee Goals**

Mission: To continue to encourage & educate brothers on the importance of Community Service as part of their chapter operations as well as serve as a resource for questions & concerns.

Goals:

- Support and encourage chapter participation in National Community Service Events
 - Blood Drive
 - Make A Difference Day
- Support initiatives of National Community Service Chair- Elizabeth Negrotti
- Communicate & educate on “University Service” as part of Community Service
 - *This will be one of the topics in the newsletter to be distributed this Spring*
- Committee Meetings
 - Meet (in person) twice yearly at National Events (Fall LEAD & Spring Provincial)
 - *Encourage attendance at GCC. Have a possible committee dinner one evening*
 - *Planning a meeting with Spring LEAD*
 - Semester Conference Calls
 - *Held Conference Call in November 2006*
 - *Will meet with members who are in attendance in Providence*
 - *Conference Call – April 2007*

- **Actions:**

- Create a NE Province Community Service Newsletter to be distributed once a semester to highlight successful events of chapters in the NE province as well as serve as a way to distribute information on upcoming events and bring awareness of the existence of the committee
 - *In process – Template is created. Articles and task assigned to committee to populate newsletter with information. Goal is to have it created, edited and distributed by Spring 2007*
- Develop & deploy a Community Service Survey to chapters to better understand any challenges and the needs of the chapters
 - *In process – Survey link was sent to all Presidents & VPCS. Only received 18 responses. Re-sending with a cut off at the end of January 2007. Results will be posted in the Newsletter and February 2007 CS Report at Providence, RI*
- Provincial Penny War – Hold a penny war at the Fall LEAD School Annually
 - *Event was held and very successful. Brought in over \$1,000 from the event. Money was donated to DSP Leadership Foundation. With Philadelphia Alumni contribution & others NE Province was entered into the 2007 Centennial Society*
 - *Results of the Penny War will be posted in the Newsletter*
- Pop Tab Collection – Continue to support Pop Tab collection / contest at Spring LEAD Provincial w/ other goods to be given to the local Ronald McDonald House

- *On track for holding event in Feb 2007. Reminders have been sent to collegiate presidents & VPCS as well as Alumni Contacts. Notification of the event has also been distributed in the electronic packets for those who registered. Reminder e-mail will be sent end of January/beginning of February. Tabs and donations will go to the Providence RMHC.*

- **Future Milestones:**

- Encourage participation in filing awards for Outstanding Community & University Service
 - *Reminded chapters to submit their national event to National Chair for CS*
- Develop a Provincial recognition program for participation in the Penny War & Pop Tab collection
 - *In process-Looking towards plaques with the winners to be displayed at the Central Office and updated. Need to get Ok & funding.*

- **Committee Members**

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| ○ Tom Calloway | Philadelphia Alumni |
| ○ Vicki Frantz | Alpha Gamma |
| ○ Chris Curts | Mu Tau |
| ○ Lachelle Anderson | Alpha Gamma |
| ○ Amanda Moretto | Xi Rho |
| ○ Patrick Johnson | Xi Psi (Alumni) |
| ○ Megan Haffner | Alpha Gamma |

Recommendations/ General Comments

General Comments:

As Community Service Chair, I will continue with the previous Chair's organized events and focus on the Northeastern Province philanthropy of the Ronald McDonald House charities. Also with the Community Service Committee will continue to have recurring events that become a staple at National events and become almost second nature for chapters to participate

I also hope to help add the previous established traditions/roles of the previous chair and work to define the roles & responsibilities of Provincial & National Chairs.

Recommendations:

- Manual/ Guideline creation for chair positions (Provincial & National Level)
- Designated area in one of our publications that highlight the work of committees to bring awareness to the collegiates of their existence & the successes of chapters/individuals part of those committee's

ADDENDUM II

International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi
 Northeastern Provincial Budget
 Comparison of Proposed Budget to Previous Years
 Approved by Provincial Council February 11, 2007

Description	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008 (Proposed)	Variance
Northeastern Provincial Vice President	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,940	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,950	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Regional Vice President Individual Travel Budgets - 1								
<i>Steel Valley (8 Chapters)</i>	\$ 625	\$ 625	\$ 600	\$ 625	\$ 625	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 200
<i>East Central (7 Chapters)</i>	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,320	\$ 1,375	\$ 1,375	\$ 875	\$ 1,050	\$ 175
<i>Eastern (8 Chapters, 2 Colonies)</i>	\$ 750	\$ 875	\$ 840	\$ 875	\$ 750	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,500	\$ 250
<i>Capital (7 Chapters, 1 Colonies)</i>	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 960	\$ 1,000	\$ 875	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 200
<i>New England (5 Chapters, 2 Colonies)</i>	\$ 750	\$ 875	\$ 960	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,050	\$ 50
<i>Niagara (6 Chapters)</i>	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 480	\$ 625	\$ 625	\$ 750	\$ 900	\$ 150
Subtotal	\$ 4,750	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,160	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,875	\$ 6,900	\$ 1,025
Provincial Leadership Meetings - 2	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,400	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,400	\$ 2,125	\$ 1,850	\$ (275)
Oxford Leadership Retreat Travel Allotment	\$ 1,600	\$ -	\$ 1,400	\$ -	\$ 1,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Leadership Training		\$ 500					\$ 600	\$ 600
Provincial Committees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Other - 3	\$ 150	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150
TOTAL PROVINCIAL BUDGET	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 2,000					

1 - 2007-2008 proposed RVP Budgets funded at \$150 for each collegiate chapter/colony in existence as of January 28, 2007. (Historical budgets starting in 2006-2007 reflect new regional boundaries effective July 1, 2005.)

2 - Meetings between PVP, RVPs, committee chairs and other volunteers. May be a combination of face-to-face team meetings and conference calls.

3 - This line item includes historical allocations for speculative colonies. Any line item budget surpluses may be reallocated at discretion of PVP.

ADDENDUM III

Northeastern Provincial Council Meeting February 11, 2007 Providence, RI

Roll of Delegates

COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Lambda	Christopher Joy	Nu	ABSENT
Chi	David Crouch	Alpha Gamma	Victoria Frantz
Alpha Theta	Brian Meyers	Alpha Kappa	Laura Marcus
Alpha Omicron	ABSENT	Alpha Upsilon	ABSENT
Beta Nu	ABSENT	Beta Xi	Meghan Gleason
Beta Pi	Lindsay Jakab	Epsilon Kappa	Mary Kathleen Simpson
Epsilon Tau	ABSENT	Zeta Eta	ABSENT
Zeta Pi	Lauren Schappert	Zeta Psi	Amanda Lim
Eta Xi	Amanda Everly	Theta Iota	Jen Orchard
Theta Kappa	Jason Hershiser	Theta Lambda	ABSENT
Theta Pi	Lawrence George Hillenbrand	Theta Rho	Jarrett Eleam
Theta Upsilon	James Barron	Iota Kappa	ABSENT
Iota Rho	ABSENT	Kappa Lambda	ABSENT
Lambda Tau	Alicia Donnelly	Mu Pi	Renee Staul
Mu Tau	Mina Choi	Mu Omega	Jaclyn Noll
Nu Sigma	ABSENT	Nu Upsilon	ABSENT
Xi Rho	Michael Marangall	Xi Tau	Briceland Bleem
Xi Upsilon	ABSENT	Xi Phi	Daniel Collins
Xi Psi	Jonathan Phillip Kneath	Omicron Rho	Colin Heath
Omicron Tau	Christina Castro		

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Baltimore	Bryan McMillian	DC Metro	Jared Degnan
Boston	Deborah Lang	Philadelphia	Thomas Calloway
Cleveland -Akron	Tricia Smith	Connecticut	Laura Bittner
NYC	Lesley Ross	Pittsburgh	Corie Schilberg
Shepherdstown	Chris Pitzer		

OFFICERS

Northeastern Provincial Vice President	Onuka Ibe
Steel Valley Regional Vice President	Wayne Lauer
Eastern Regional Vice President	Kathy Lazo-Thompson
East Central Regional Vice President	Shawn Heyderhoff
Capital Area Regional Vice President	Frank Hodas
New England Regional Vice President	Paul Carpinella
Niagara Regional Vice President	Beth Bivona

ADDENDUM IV

PROPOSAL 1 – Bylaw Amendment

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation:

Change Article III, Section 1 regarding the timing of Grand Chapter Congress to allow holding it in months other than August or September, as follows:

Section 1. Meetings --- The Grand Chapter shall meet in either the month of August or September every second year in the odd-numbered years. A meeting of the Grand Chapter may be deferred for one year at the direction of the Board of Directors but shall not be deferred for two years without authorization by a majority vote of the chapters in good standing.

Purpose of the Proposal/Recommendation and reason(s) for its submission:

As the size of the Grand Chapter Congress increases, the opportunities for securing appropriate facilities to conduct the meeting are complicated by the size and demographics of the Fraternity.

This proposal would give the Fraternity broader parameters in which to search for and secure locations for future Congresses.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

Immediately upon passage.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

The Fraternity will have a greater selection of locations, hotels, and dates for which Grand Chapter Congress can be scheduled. This may allow for more negotiating room and lower prices. Additionally, it will help prevent conducting congress during the start of the fall term.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

Some may be concerned that removing the time restriction entirely will allow the Board of Directors to choose a time for congress in the middle of school semesters.

Provide a brief cost analysis of the Proposal/Recommendation (if applicable)

Costs of this proposal include modifications to Fraternity governing documents.

PROPOSAL 2 – Bylaw Amendment

Submitted by: Katie Koch (chair) and National Alumni Development Committee

Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation

1. Move many refranchising and chartering requirements for alumni chapters from bylaws to policies and procedures
2. Change the term refranchising to annual renewal
- 3a. Set initial fee to charter a voting alumni chapter at \$50 (currently charter fees depend on whether or not an alumni chapter has existed in the area before, this would make it equal).

- 3b. Include liability insurance premium (currently \$50) in the cost of chartering or renewing
- 3c. Set fees for newly formed alumni chapters and for re-chartering inactive alumni chapters as the same

Total annual cost for alumni chapters:

	Current	Proposed
	Chartering and/or Franchising Fee + Insurance Premium*	Chartering or Annual Renewal Including Insurance Premium
Chartering New Chapter (chapter has not previously existed in area)	\$75	\$100
Re-Chartering Inactive Chapter (chapter has previously existed in area)	\$100	\$100
Renew Active Chapter	\$75	\$75

*Insurance Premium for alumni chapters is currently \$50 annually

Purpose of the Proposal/Recommendation and reason(s) for its submission (may not exceed 100 words if ultimately submitted for Grand Chapter consideration)

This recommendation allows the Board of Directors to have more flexibility in addressing the needs of the alumni chapters and the overall Fraternity. This kind of detail should be policy and not “rigid” bylaws. Total annual costs for alumni chapters (including insurance premium) would remain similar to current costs under this proposal- see chart above. (Current alumni chapters would have no cost changes at all).

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

September 1, 2007. Since bylaws require 2/3 vote at Grand Chapter Congress, this would be implemented at the first quarterly implementation date after the 2007 Congress.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Gives Board of Directors the same ability to adjust/adapt alumni chapter chartering as it has for collegiate chapters
- The term annual charter renewal is easier to understand than the term franchise
- Liability insurance premium included in the cost of chartering or renewing simplifies, clarifies, and allows chapters to pay one easy fee instead of separate fees for chartering/franchising and insurance. Eliminates confusion and misunderstanding.
- Fees for newly formed alumni chapters and for re-chartering inactive alumni chapters are currently not the same and confusing to understand. Having one fee for both is much easier to understand.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

- Some may not like increasing “control” given to the Board of Directors over requirements and fees related to chartering or renewing an alumni chapter.

Provide a brief cost analysis of the Proposal/Recommendation (if applicable)

None

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bold text- inserted

SUGGESTED CHANGES TO BYLAWS PERTAINING TO FRANCHISING AND CHARTERING FEES

(Bylaws require 2/3 vote at Grand Chapter Congress)

ARTICLE XI ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Section 1. Charter and Renewal --- Each **group of brothers seeking** chapter which seeks to be chartered **as an alumni chapter** by the Board of Directors shall pay a chartering fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) **established by the Board of Directors**. In addition, it shall submit a list of **proposed** officers (Form L), and a roster of its **those brothers committed to membership**. Only after this is done will the issuance of a charter be considered. **Any requirements on minimum number of members or any other requirements for charter recognition or renewal shall be determined by the Board of Directors.**

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 of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) 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 an 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 of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and a charter renewal fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

ARTICLE XVII NEW COLLEGIATE AND ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Section 6. Eligible Groups for Alumni Chapters --- Petitions for the authorization of the establishment of an Alumni Chapter must be signed by at least ten (10) Alumni Members of this Fraternity, in good standing and who reside in the locality in which it is proposed to establish such Alumni Chapter. The petition must be approved by the Executive Director. Each Alumni Chapter shall maintain a minimum membership of at least ten (10) members at all times.

Section 7 6. Designation of Alumni Chapters --- The Alumni Chapters shall be called after the locality in which they are situated or by such other title as may be approved by the Board of Directors. No Alumni Chapter shall include the Greek letter designation of any Collegiate Chapter in its name and no Alumni Chapter shall restrict or limit its membership to alumni of any specific Collegiate Chapter or Chapters.

SUGGESTED CHANGES TO POLICIES PERTAINING TO FRANCHISING AND CHARTERING FEES

C. ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Policy 14. Inactive Alumni Chapters—A chapter not on probation or receivership, whose membership reaches nine or less, will be placed on inactive status. As soon as the membership is increased to ten (and the other franchise **charter** renewal requirements under Article XI, Section 2 of the Bylaws are met) the chapter becomes active again. **A chapter that does not submit annual renewal requirements before June 30 will also be placed on inactive status.**

Policy 15. Chartering New and Inactive Chapters Any alumni member in good standing may be recognized as a contact person for **alumni representation or for** alumni chapter expansion in a specific geographic location. **When a person becomes an alumni contact, the Central Office will notify the Regional Vice President and Provincial Vice President.** Petitions for the authorization of the establishment of a voting Alumni Chapter must be signed by at least ten (10) Alumni Members of this Fraternity, in good standing and who reside in the locality in which

it is proposed to establish such Alumni Chapter. The petition must be approved by the Board of Directors. Each Alumni Chapter shall maintain a minimum membership of at least ten (10) members at all times. To charter a new chapter, a group of brothers must submit chartering requirements including a list of officers, a roster of at least ten (10) members, a chartering fee of \$100, and a copy of the proposed chapter bylaws to the Central Office. Refer to Bylaws Article XI, Section 1 and Article XVII, Sections 6 and 7. If any alumni chapter becomes inactive, it may become active again by submitting chartering requirements including a list of officers, a roster of at least ten (10) members residing in the locality of the chapter, a chartering fee of \$100, and a copy of the chapter bylaws to Central Office.

Policy 16. Franchising Renewing Currently Active Existing Chapters To be recognized continuously as an alumni chapter, the chapter must complete franchising **annual renewal** requirements between April 1 and June 30 each year for the upcoming fiscal year. Franchising **Annual renewal** requirements include a list of officers, a roster of at least ten members residing in the locality of the chapter, a franchise **an annual renewal** fee of \$2575, and a copy of the chapter bylaws, and a charter renewal fee of \$25 if franchising has lapsed.

Policy 17. Liability Insurance Premium Upon initial recognition as an alumni chapter, an invoice for liability insurance will be sent to the chapter. All alumni chapters receive an invoice for liability insurance upon annual franchise renewal. **Liability insurance is provided to all alumni chapters upon chartering or annual renewal. The fees for annual renewal and chartering include the liability insurance.**

Policy 18. Alumni Chapter Awards-Criteria for the selection of alumni awards are found in the *Awards and Recognition Guide* (www.dspnet.org).

Policy 19. Boundary and Location Approval for Alumni Chapters-If an alumni chapter locality is equally divided by a regional boundary, the leadership of the alumni chapter under consultation of the two affected Regional Vice Presidents, will determine the region to which the alumni chapter will belong. The Regional Vice President will be consulted in determining the chapter locale for the purpose of officer eligibility. If a disagreement arises between the chapter and the Regional Vice President in determining boundaries or locales, the Provincial Vice President makes the decision.

Policy 20. Notification Upon Formation of New Alumni Chapter—When a *new* **an** alumni chapter franchises **charters**, the Central Office will notify the Regional Vice President and Provincial Vice President. This does not apply to refranchising of existing chapters.

Policy 21. Naming an Alumni Chapter—

A. The initial naming of an alumni chapter shall take place with the chartering of the chapter. After the initial naming of an alumni chapter, a name change for an alumni chapter in good standing can only take place in odd years at the time of annual refranchising **renewal**, which occurs from April 1 - June 30 for the upcoming fiscal year.

B. The naming of an alumni chapter must meet the following criteria: The first part of the name must directly reflect the name of a city where the chapter is focused; the alumni chapter cannot be named the same as any Region or Province; the use of a hyphen (- or /) is permitted; no other punctuation is to appear in the name. The words “alumni chapter” will follow the name designation. (e.g. Seattle-Latte Land Alumni Chapter, not Latte Land-Seattle).

C. In the instance where an a **previously chartered** alumni chapter is **seeking to recharter** rechartering after a time of inactivity, the alumni chapter can request a name change during the initial refranchising process. If a rechartering alumni chapter **it** does not request a name change, the chapter shall take the name of the chapter that previously existed in that area. After one fiscal year of inactivity, an alumni chapter in any particular geographical area is considered “lapsed.” Therefore, any alumni chapter forming in a geographical area where a lapsed alumni chapter previously existed will be subject to all fees applying to the rechartering of a lapsed alumni chapter according to the interpretation of the *National Bylaws* regardless of any request to change the name of the alumni chapter; an alumni chapter forming in the same geographical area as a pre-existing alumni chapter will not be considered a newly chartered alumni chapter.

D. To request a name change, the alumni chapter must file the required “Alumni Chapter Name Change Request Form” (see item G. below) to the Central Office according to the criteria stated above. Approval of the name change is at the

discretion of the Executive Director or his/her designee. A decision will be communicated to the alumni chapter within a reasonable time of the request. If approval of a name change is granted, the change will be effective immediately. All name change requests will be kept on file at the Central Office.

E. For insurance purposes, the alumni chapter must file for an EIN/TIN number with the IRS within 30 days of the approved name change. The new number must be communicated to the Central Office in a timely manner.

F. Alphabetical listings of alumni chapters are to be determined by the first word of the city/state beginning in the alumni chapter name.

G. Alumni Chapter Name Change Request Form

ALUMNI CHAPTER NAME CHANGE REQUEST FORM

Alumni Chapter Name

Name of Submitter

Position

New Name of Alumni Chapter:

Did you and/or the chapter review policy C.21 (www.dspnet.org) before taking this action?

Yes No

Was this name change approved by your chapter? Yes No

When and where was this vote conducted? Date: Place:

How Does This Name Change Benefit Membership?

I, _____, am aware, pending approval of the request stated above, that my alumni chapter must file for an EIN/TIN with the IRS within 30 days. I take responsibility for communicating the new EIN/TIN to the Central Office for insurance purposes.

Signature Date

Do Not Write Below This Point- For Central Office Use

This request was reviewed by: Approved Denied

Reasons for Denial:

This decision was communicated to _____ On _____

EIN/TIN _____

PROPOSAL 3 – Bylaw Amendment

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors

DATE: 08/02/06

Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation

Change Bylaw Article IV, Section 4, to clarify that members may be nominated for Grand Offices as long as they reach the 3-year membership requirement by the date of their **election**.

Current Wording from National Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4:

Section 4. Qualifications for Office --- No one shall be nominated for or elected or appointed as a Grand Officer of this Fraternity, except the Collegians of the Year and the Executive Director, until such individual has been a member of this Fraternity for three (3) years and is an Alumni Member. The two (2) Collegian of the Year members of the Board of Directors are the two (2) most recently installed Collegians of the Year. In order to be nominated or elected as a Provincial Vice President, the legal residence of the member so nominated or elected shall be within the confines of that Province. A Grand Officer may not be appointed over a chapter for which the Grand Officer is a Chapter Advisor and any Grand Officer who accepts a position as a Chapter Advisor of a chapter supervised by the Grand Officer shall automatically become ineligible for office and such office shall be declared vacant.

Suggested Revised Wording for National Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4 (changes in bold):

Section 4. Qualifications for Office --- No one shall be nominated for or elected or appointed as a Grand Officer of this Fraternity, except the Collegians of the Year and the Executive Director, until such individual has been a member of this Fraternity for three (3) years and is an Alumni Member. **Members are allowed to be nominated for Grand Office, except the Collegians of the Year and the Executive Director, as long as they reach the three (3) year membership requirement by the date of their election.** The two (2) Collegian of the Year members of the Board of Directors are the two (2) most recently installed Collegians of the Year. In order to be nominated or elected as a Provincial Vice President, the legal residence of the member so nominated or elected shall be within the confines of that Province. A Grand Officer may not be appointed over a chapter for which the Grand Officer is a Chapter Advisor and any Grand Officer who accepts a position as a Chapter Advisor of a chapter supervised by the Grand Officer shall automatically become ineligible for office and such office shall be declared vacant.

Purpose of the Proposal/Recommendation and reason(s) for its submission

This is a housekeeping change to bylaws so it is clear that the nominations committee intends to allow members to be nominated and run for office as long as they reach the 3-year membership requirement by the date of their **election**.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

For the 2007 GCC, the Nominations Committee Chair intends to interpret the current language to mean the date of **election**. A vote of the 2007 GCC, to clarify the language, will also serve to “ratify” this interpretation.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

Clarifies the nominations committee intent. Allows those who fall short to be pre-nominated and not have to wait until nominated from the floor if they reach the 3-year requirement during the due date of advance nominations and the election.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

None

Provide a brief cost analysis of the Proposal/Recommendation (if applicable)

None

PROPOSAL 4 – BYLAW AMENDMENT

Submitted by: Omicron Rho Chapter - Cornell University

Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation

To clarify Bylaws Article XII, Section 11 “Election of Pledges” to avoid confusion by the wording regarding voting to select a pledge class. As it stands, it is unclear whether or not we should only re-vote if a potential pledge has EXACTLY 20% negative votes, or if we should re-vote if a potential pledge has 20% OR MORE. We would like to add the words “or more” into the bylaws to clarify this point. See current and suggested revised wording below.

Current wording from National Bylaws, Article XII, Section 11:

Section 11. Election of Pledges --- Except as provided hereinafter, no person shall be initiated into this Fraternity except through a Collegiate Chapter and by a secret vote of the members of said chapter, in good standing, constituting a quorum present at a regularly called meeting as may be defined by the Bylaws of the chapter and the Laws of this Fraternity. All elections to pledgeship in this Fraternity shall be by secret ballot. To ensure against mistake, should twenty percent (20%) of the members present and voting, or five (5), whichever is greater, negative votes appear in the ballot box on the name of a prospective pledge, a second ballot shall be immediately taken. If twenty per cent (20%) of the members present and voting, or five (5), whichever is greater, negative votes appear in the ballot box on the second ballot, the prospective pledge shall be considered rejected. Before any ballot is cast, the ballot box, if used, shall be shown to the President, the Senior Vice President, and the Vice President-Chapter Operations, who shall severally vouch for the emptiness of the same. All qualified members of the chapter present shall vote. Failure to vote shall be construed as a favorable vote for the candidate. After all such members have voted, the ballot shall be declared closed, the same inspected, and the votes counted by the President, Senior Vice President and the Vice President-Chapter Operations. The declaration of these officers announcing the vote favorable or unfavorable to election shall be final. Should the name of the same prospective pledge be proposed and rejected a third time, the same prospective pledge shall

never be proposed again in that chapter. The votes concerning prospective pledges described herein must be held before the individuals in question are formally accepted as pledges. Should the prospective pledge receive a favorable election, but be unable to accept pledgship, an election must be held in any subsequent academic term in which the prospective pledge's name is proposed again.

Suggested revised wording for National Bylaws, Article XII, Section 11 (changes in bold):

Section 11. Election of Pledges --- Except as provided hereinafter, no person shall be initiated into this Fraternity except through a Collegiate Chapter and by a secret vote of the members of said chapter, in good standing, constituting a quorum present at a regularly called meeting as may be defined by the Bylaws of the chapter and the Laws of this Fraternity. All elections to pledgship in this Fraternity shall be by secret ballot. To ensure against mistake, should twenty percent (20%) **or more** of the members present and voting, or five (5) **or more**, whichever is greater, negative votes appear in the ballot box on the name of a prospective pledge, a second ballot shall be immediately taken. If twenty per cent (20%) **or more** of the members present and voting, or five (5) **or more**, whichever is greater, negative votes appear in the ballot box on the second ballot, the prospective pledge shall be considered rejected. Before any ballot is cast, the ballot box, if used, shall be shown to the President, the Senior Vice President, and the Vice President-Chapter Operations, who shall severally vouch for the emptiness of the same. All qualified members of the chapter present shall vote. Failure to vote shall be construed as a favorable vote for the candidate. After all such members have voted, the ballot shall be declared closed, the same inspected, and the votes counted by the President, Senior Vice President and the Vice President-Chapter Operations. The declaration of these officers announcing the vote favorable or unfavorable to election shall be final. Should the name of the same prospective pledge be proposed and rejected a third time, the same prospective pledge shall never be proposed again in that chapter. The votes concerning prospective pledges described herein must be held before the individuals in question are formally accepted as pledges. Should the prospective pledge receive a favorable election, but be unable to accept pledgship, an election must be held in any subsequent academic term in which the prospective pledge's name is proposed again.

Purpose of the Proposal/Recommendation and reason(s) for its submission

Our chapter has had issues properly interpreting this text, and feel that the addition of "or more" makes no changes to the rules, but could reduce the confusion surrounding this procedure for all chapters and chapters to come.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date

As soon as possible, no specific date preference since the proposed change doesn't alter the actual rule – but simply clarifies it.

Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

Chapters can be clear regarding when they should and should not re-vote when selecting the pledge class.

Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation

None since the rules are not being changed, they are simply being clarified.