

**INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI, INC.**  
**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 1-3, 2013**  
**RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Southern Provincial Council Meeting of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, Inc. was called to order at **8:43 a.m.** on Sunday, March 3, 2013, by Southern Provincial Vice President David Ross at the Hilton Midtown Hotel in North Raleigh, North Carolina.

Present and in person at this meeting were the following Provincial Vice President and Regional Vice Presidents of the Southern Province:

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| <b>David Ross</b>        | <b>Southern Provincial Vice President</b>     |
| <b>Christopher Sweet</b> | <b>Atlantic Coast Regional Vice President</b> |
| <b>Lee James</b>         | <b>Central Gulf Regional Vice President</b>   |
| <b>Sean Vineyard</b>     | <b>Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President</b>   |
| <b>Heather Lewis</b>     | <b>Mid-South Regional Vice President</b>      |
| <b>Janene Winton</b>     | <b>South Atlantic Regional Vice President</b> |
| <b>Jessica James</b>     | <b>Southeastern Regional Vice President</b>   |

The first order of business was the opening Ritual by Brother Ross.

Brother Richie Brandt (Chancellor) then called the Provincial Council Meeting to order.

Brother Leah Coquerel (Secretary) conducted a roll call of all delegates. Thirty-six (36) were present at the meeting.

Motion to adopt the Agenda for the Southern Provincial Meeting as presented.

Motion by Louisville alumni chapter

Second by Kappa Tau

Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last Southern Provincial Council Meeting as previously distributed.

Motion by Epsilon Chi

Second by Kappa Nu

Motion carried.

South Atlantic RVP on behalf of the Provincial Leadership challenged Chancellor to name drop former National Collegian of the Year honorees during Council meeting

Motion to add under New Business: Provincial Surplus moved to fund Southern Province Ashley Harrison Fund and Mitchell Simmons Fund

Vote to adopt agenda (36)

Motion carried.

The report of the Southern Province PVP was given by Provincial Vice President, Brother Ross. No items were voted on nor further discussed.

Reports (verbal) from Regional Vice Presidents were given.

Atlantic Coast Region – There are 6 active collegiate chapters, all in good standing; no inactive collegiate chapters; over 50 Brothers present at Southern Provincial Conference; goal to have Atlantic Coast Region accept awards in every category at LEAD accomplished

Central Gulf Region – 6 collegiate chapters; 2 alumni chapters; 83% participation at Norfolk and Dallas LEAD School; all District Director positions filled except for one; possible reactivation at Mississippi State

Mid-Atlantic Region – 1 chapter on probation; 1 newly franchised alumni chapter; 1 alumni chapter to be reactivated; 2 colonies with possible installations in Spring 2013

Mid-South Region – All 4 collegiate chapters present and 1 alumni chapter at LEAD; looking to reactivate the Lexington chapter (Dean is a Brother); Region won 2 Provincial awards; looking to win all National awards

South Atlantic Region – Rho Psi Chapter was installed in December 2012 initiating 35 Brothers; region has 7 collegiate chapters; 1 alumni chapter; looking to open a new alumni chapter in Miami; Epsilon Rho hosted a joint initiation in Tampa initiating over 75 pledges; this semester will have the state initiation at Beta Eta (University of Florida); during the fall semester, Zeta Phi hosted an area conference that focused on leadership styles and chapter operations; Southern Provincial LEAD is the most attended in some time with over 30 Brothers present

Southeastern Region – Theme of sustaining the balance and keeping the doors of communication open; 8 collegiate chapters; 2 alumni chapters; no chapters on probation; 1 chapter to receive Letter of Encouragement; all chapters participated in either Make a Difference Day or the Blood Drive community service events; HABO - Helping A Brother Out - Initiative by Atlanta Alumni Chapter; Regional Retreat April 20, 2013 in Atlanta

Question: What are the goals of the Collegiate Chapters?

Answer: To focus on communication between District Directors and Chapter members

Southern Provincial Financial Report was given by Southern PVP:

Each RVP receives \$175 per chapter or colony with a total of \$7,000 for the Regional Budgets;  
\$2,400 for Southern PVP travel budget; any remains are reallocated to another RVP's funds;  
\$1,975- Provincial Leadership Meeting Allowance Fund;  
Voted to give the Provincial Community Service Chair funds in the past years based on their duties and need for assistance; \$100 was transferred from the PVP fund (\$50 for LEAD School and \$50 for Provincial LEAD);  
Additional monies of \$525 to go towards future colonies;  
\$5,000- PVP and other budgets of \$7,000 = Total of \$12,000.00

Motion to adopt the 2013-14 Southern Provincial Budget (attached)

Motion by Alpha Tau

Second by Delta Iota

Motion carried.

Reports from the Provincial Committees were given.

Alumni Development – 3 tiers, Effective July 1, 2013

Community Service – Relay for Life community service event was successful; cards for children's hospital community service event; will need to vote if we want to continue with Relay for Life

Professional Development – Provincial level is working with Katie Koch (National Chair) to help create agenda for GCC as well as working with the PVP on provincial events

Scholastic Development and Awards – Congratulations to Collegians of the Year, Regional and National (Brother Richard Brandt 2013 COY); express the need for all chapters to fill out appropriate paperwork for scholarships and awards

Provincial Discipline Committee – The committee and the Southern Leadership Team works to help all Brothers and Chapters move in a positive direction. When discipline is decided on, the focus is to help all members understand the Fraternity's mission, vision, rules and regulations in addition to ritual. We want everyone to succeed and learn through these issues. The committee is to protect the Brothers, Chapters and the organization as a whole. We also send out a "Letter of Encouragement" to create positive discipline; the goal is to help chapters be proactive; no questions asked

### **Old Business**

There was no old business presented.

## **New Business**

### ***Discussion of the Vice President Organizational Development position***

Vice President Organizational Development was created in 2001 to achieve objective of strategic planning; most have used it as an oversight role and a Grand President training position. GP Mark Chiacchiari spoke on some issues: The positive issue was a savings in travel funds of one less Board member, make this a national committee position to assist the Grand President and other national and provincial committee chairs; a negative issue that was mentioned is one less vote on the Board; however, the Past Grand President does not have a vote unless to break a tie on any other voting.

It was proposed that this position be removed from the Board of Directors.

Vote to pass legislation (36)

Proposal is passed

No dissenting votes

### ***Discussion of National Dues***

Board is not raising dues

Board recommends that dues are capped at no more than 10% per year

Board recommends passage of this proposal

Mid-Atlantic RVP proposed to make an amendment to have the lesser of 10% or \$15

Second by South Atlantic RVP

Those in favor of raising amendment- 34

Debate

Omicron Upsilon expresses concern that their chapter is already struggling with the current \$40

Pi to propose another amendment/clause that not to exceed more than 1 time biannually for it to be raised

Discussion by South Atlantic RVP- not in favor

Alpha Zeta- how much notice will we be given

Grand President- about 8 months

Those in favor of the amendment (no more than 1 per biennium):

In favor- 8

Opposed- 28

Amendment failed.

Gamma Lambda proposes that no more than 3 increases within a 5 year period

South Atlantic RVP- we trust our Board of Directors to do what is best for us and this amendment overcomplicates things; encourage to stick with first amendment

Mid-South- we need to pass as amended; call for a vote  
Poll for those in favor of the amendment- 0  
Opposed- 36  
Amendment fails.

Omicron Upsilon proposes amendment  
Atlantic Coast RVP calls out of order

South Atlantic RVP called the vote  
Second by Alpha Tau  
No more than 10% or \$15 per year for dues and initiation fees  
Those in favor- 34  
Opposed- 2  
Amendment passes.

Motion for Southeastern RVP to be dismissed to catch a flight  
Granted

***Discussion of National Committee Chairs as Golden Council***

Discussion of proposal notes that there is no travel stipend; propose a policy for chairs to serve 2 consecutive years to be eligible for Golden Council. Over the years, their position has taken on many new roles and responsibilities to our national level.

Motion to vote on proposal as is  
Motion by Nu Pi  
Second by Iota Omega  
In favor- 36  
Opposed- 0  
Motion passes

Point of Privilege- 5 minute restroom break

Back in session at 10:10 a.m.

Community Service Committee motion to accept Relay for Life as Provincial Initiative  
In favor- 35  
Opposed- 1  
Motion passes

Determine the Date and Location for 2015 Provincial Conference and Council Meeting

On the ballot for locations for 2015 annual meeting are Birmingham, AL; Nashville, TN; and Atlanta, GA.

Savannah, GA; Charlotte, NC; and Richmond, VA were proposed and all failed to be added to the ballot.

Motion to vote to rank Birmingham, Nashville, and Atlanta for order of ranking  
Motion by Mid-South  
Second by Alpha Sigma  
In favor- 32  
Opposed-4  
Motion passes

Proposed dates: Feb 20-22, Feb 27-March 1, and March 6-8, 2015

Dates as chosen in order:

- 1) Feb 27- March 1
- 2) March 6-8
- 3) Feb 20-22

Southern PVP stated when there is a surplus; it goes back into Provincial to help bring costs down and other administrative issues to make it feasible for future Provincials. There was a surplus in excess of \$7000 last year- \$3500 went into Southern Province Ashley Harrison Scholarship Fund and the rest was placed back in the 2013 LEAD Provincial budget to help lowers costs for Raleigh.

Motion to split a portion of the surplus into Southern Province Ashley Harrison Fund and Mitchell Simmons Fund after making sure there is adequate funding for the next LEAD Provincial Conference

Motion to vote by Epsilon Chi  
Second by Gamma Lambda  
In favor for usage of surplus- 30  
Opposed- 6  
Motion passes

## **Announcements**

Atlanta Alumni – March 16 Enterprise Rent-A-Car event; awarding \$100 for collegiate chapter with most in attendance; Regional Retreat April 20, 2013

Southern Provincial Vice President – Provided personal information in order to be reached for any future concerns while still as PVP or after as he will still be involved at some organizational level

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Southern Provincial Vice President (David Ross) gave thanks to Shanda Gray for her continual assistance and expertise over the past 6 years. The PVP could not have done this position without her help and the help from all Central Office staff, the Board and all RVPs (past and present), District Directors, faculty advisors, and mostly the Brothers who are out there recruiting the best to make the Fraternity grow. A thank you for the

new colonies: University of Richmond & Duke University. Thanks to the certain people in the room: Mark Chiacchiari, Mitch Simmons, Shane Borden, Jodi Schoh, Sparky Graves, Onuka Ibe, Darrick Williams, Dale Clark . . . Congrats again to the 2013 COY Richie Brandt.

South Atlantic RVP (Janene Winton) congratulated Richard Brandt as the 2013 Collegiate of the Year

Central Gulf RVP (Lee James) gave praise to the Southern PVP for his 6 years of service and thanked everyone who helped endow the Ashley Harrison Southern Province Scholarship fund

Mid-South RVP (Heather Lewis) thanked the Southern PVP for his service and leadership, and congratulated the 2013 COY, in addition to thanking the District Directors

Ollie Moses (District Director) congratulated Janene Winton (South Atlantic RVP) on her upcoming wedding and her name change. Next event, she will be known as Janene Markuske

Opeola Oyeladun Bukola from Beta Eta (University of Florida, Gainesville, FL) invited all brothers to the joint initiation for April 6, 2013

Motion to adjourn

Motion by Alpha Zeta

Second by Zeta Theta

Motion carried.

Brother David Ross then closed the 2013 Southern Provincial Meeting at 10:50 a.m. according to Ritual of Delta Sigma Pi.



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David B. Ross, Southern Provincial Vice President



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Leah N. Coquerel, Secretary