

Minutes of the Western Provincial Council Meeting
Sunday, February 27, 2005
Reno, Nevada

A. Regional Meetings

Each Regional Vice President led a regional meeting with delegates prior to council meeting.

B. Opening Ritual

The meeting was opened by Ritual by Chuck Brown, Western PVP.

C. Call the Meeting to Order

The chancellor, Todd Mirell of the Sacramento Valley Alumni Chapter, called the meeting to order at 8:18 am.

D. Roll Call

Roll call of the delegates was taken. Those in attendance:

Provincial Council:

Presiding Officer – Chuck Brown, Western PVP
Chancellor – Todd Mirell, Sacramento Valley Alumni Chapter
Secretary – Erica Paul, Gamma Xi

Regional Vice Presidents:

Desert Mountain – Justin Cranmer
Pacific Coast – Paul Dawson
Rocky Mountain – Kathy Beckwith
South Pacific – Tom Skinner
Western – Amanda Smith

Collegiate Chapters:

Rho, Phi, Alpha Rho, Gamma Iota, Gamma Xi, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Phi, Gamma Omega, Delta Omicron, Delta Pi, Delta Sigma, Epsilon Theta, Epsilon Upsilon, Epsilon Phi, Zeta Kappa, Zeta Omega, Eta Chi, Theta Chi, Iota Pi, Iota Upsilon, Iota Phi, Kappa Mu, Lambda Mu, Lambda Pi, Lambda Sigma, Lambda Phi, Lambda Chi, Mu Rho, Mu Chi, Mu Chi, Nu Rho, Nu Phi, Xi Omicron, Xi Pi, Omicron Sigma

Not Present: Gamma Psi and Lamba Psi

Alumni Chapters:

Orange County, Phoenix-Thunderbird, Sacramento Valley, Los Angeles, Inland Empire

Not Present: Denver and Hawaii

E. Adopt Agenda

The motion was PASSED with no objections.

F. Approve the Minutes of the Previous Council Meeting

Western Regional Vice President Amanda Smith moved to strike her comments from Section H. The amended minutes were PASSED with no objections.

G. Review Votes Taken Since the Last Meeting

NONE

H. Receive or Distribute the Reports of the Provincial Vice President

Distributed prior to Council.

I. Receive or Distribute the Reports of the Regional Vice Presidents

Distributed prior to Council. Attached for reference.

J. Receive or Distribute a Provincial Financial Report

Distributed prior to Council. The motion was PASSED with no objections.

K. Receive or Distribute the Reports of the Provincial Committees

Alumni Development – Larry VanQuathem: No Report

Community Service – Joe Tacto: Not Present

Professional Development – Jamie Ball: Not Present

Scholastic Development and Awards – Lisa Brown: No Report

L. Old Business

NONE

M. New Business

Proposal 1 – Western Region Split

Moved by *Epsilon Theta*, seconded by *Western Regional Vice President Amanda Smith*.
Motion PASSED.

Proposal 2 – Donate Provincial Conference's Surplus Funds to Leadership Foundation

Moved by *Western Provincial Vice President Chuck Brown*, seconded by *Omicron Sigma*.
Motion PASSED.

Proposal 3 – Change the Northwestern Region's Official Nickname to the "Norm Region"

Moved by *Western Provincial Vice President Chuck Brown*, seconded by *Sacramento Valley Alumni Chapter*. Motion FAILED.

N. Determine the Date and Location for 2007 Annual Meeting

Western Provincial Vice President Proposes 2007 Annual Meeting Be Held in Las Vegas, Phoenix, or Sacramento.

Theta Chi with support from *Gamma Xi* proposed San Jose be considered an option.

Based on straw pool Las Vegas was chosen by majority with Sacramento being secondary option.

Western Provincial Vice President Proposes 2007 Annual Meeting Be Held On February 18, 25, or March 4.

Based on straw pool February 25 was chosen by majority with March 4 being secondary option.

O. Legislative Review

Proposal – Single (Lifetime) National Dues

Submitted by Southern Province

Straw Pool taken to gauge support.

Majority DID NOT SUPPORT.

Proposal – Requiring Additional Signatures on Chapter Checks
Submitted by Southern Province
Straw Pool taken to gauge support.
Majority DID NOT SUPPORT.

Proposal – Allow Merchandise Sales at LEAD Schools
Submitted by South Central Province
Straw Pool taken to gauge support.
Majority DID NOT SUPPORT.

Proposal – Allow CEI Points for Attendance at National Events to Be Awarded Per Event
Submitted by South Central Province
Straw Pool taken to gauge support.
Majority SUPPORTED if points were still allowed for regional and area conferences.

GCC Amendment 1 – Pledge Voting Changes
Straw Pool taken to gauge support.
Majority DID NOT SUPPORT.

GCC Amendment 2 – Notice of Policy Changes
Straw Pool taken to gauge support.
Majority SUPPORTED.

GCC Amendment 3 – National Endowment Fund Changes
Straw Pool taken to gauge support.
Majority SUPPORTED.

P. Announcements

Western Region's Brotherhood Games Hosted by Delta Omicron – April 2
Pacific Coast Regional Professional Event, TBD
National Alumni Day – April 25
Western Regional Initiation, Fresno – April 30
June 1 – Chapter Awards Due Date
June 21 – The LeaderShape Institute
August 10, Orlando – Grand Chapter Congress
November 5, Colorado Springs – LEAD School
Los Angeles Alumni Chapter's Web site is now live.

Q. Closing Ritual

Nu Rho moved to close the meeting, *Epsilon Phi* seconded.
Motion PASSED.

Western Provincial Vice President Chuck Brown closed the meeting by ritual.

R. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Erica Paul, *Gamma Xi*
Chuck Brown, *Western Provincial Vice President*

Western Provincial Vice President Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Chuck Brown
Province: Western

Status of Province:

The province continues to do extremely well. We continue to have strong attendance at national events, high ranking CEI totals and award participation.

Chapters that received letters of encouragement or warning letters based on last year's CEI totals seem to be increasing their participation in CEI and as a result points awarded overall in the province have increased. The leadership has identified those chapters that are currently performing below standards this year and RVPs will be working with them on an individual basis.

The province also continues to increase its number of regional events. We have had a number of regional initiations, area conferences and regional meetings already occur this school year. For example, the Rocky Mountain region recently had an area conference, president's meeting and regional dance hosted by a chapter.

Accomplishments:

In regard to COY applications, the provincial goal was for each chapter to submit a nomination, i.e. 100 percent participation. We missed it by three chapters; however, we did receive increased participation from the previous year and ended up with 92 percent of the chapters participating in the COY program.

We fought New Orleans, and we kinda of won! While the New Orleans LEAD had higher attendance, including some of the Western Province's chapters, the Riverside LEAD has more than 300 in attendance.

Overall, we had 29 of 36 chapters in the province attend the Riverside LEAD, and a total of 32 chapters in the province attended some LEAD School, giving us a total of 89 percent of chapters attending some LEAD.

The community service event / regional competition conducted at the Riverside LEAD was a huge success, raising more than \$200 for charity. The event entailed filling a decorated water jug with cash donations. We also had two other community service events at the LEAD School that were successful.

The following are my favorite highlights from the last two years serving as PVP –

- Having the highest CEI average in the nation.
- Breaking attendance records at LEAD Schools and LEAD Provincial Conferences.
- Initiating the Mayor of [Albuquerque](#) at a LEAD Provincial Conference.
- Creating a DD manual.
- Further defining the duties of our provincial committees.
- Expanding by one (hopefully two collegiate chapters).
- Winning national awards.

Future Goals:

- Continue to strengthen the position of DD through education and improved communications with their chapters.
- Increase opportunities for chapters to share ideas and network through regional and provincial events.
- Further define our identity as a province and maximize our capabilities.

Disciplinary Issues:

Knock on wood, only one chapter has been placed on probation.

Provincial Committees:

- Alumni Development – Larry Van Quathem
- Community Service – Joe Tacto
- Professional Development – Jamie Ball
- Awards & Scholarship – Lisa Brown

To also increase chapter awareness of the provincial committee chairs and to promote their associated activities, the provincial leadership developed an e-mail schedule. The schedule will assign two topics per month, identify the chair responsible for disseminating the e-mail and specify the recipients (chapter officers). The logistics of this system are still being worked out and we hope to roll out the program next year.

We have also proposed a provincial budget to the provincial council that has funds targeted for the use of the chairs. We believe this will empower them to be more creative.

The chairs will continue to play a strong role in the province's leadership team meetings, LEAD Schools and provincial conferences.

Visits:

7/31/04	Western Provincial Leadership Team Meeting – San Diego, CA
8/7/04	National Volunteer Leadership Retreat – St. Louis, MO
8/28/04	Board Meeting – Oxford, OH
10/2/04	Gamma Xi Recruiting Event
10/23/04	Riverside LEAD School
11/20/04	Nu Rho's 10 th Anniversary
12/4/04	Sacramento Valley Alumni Chapter Holiday Party
1/8/05	Western Provincial Leadership Team Meeting
2/10/05	Gamma Omicron Recruiting Event

Desert Mountain Regional Vice President Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Justin Cranmer
Region: Desert Mountain

Status of Region:

- CEI for 2004-05 so far is relatively low, especially considering DM's #2 spot nationally for 2003-2004. This is attributed partly to leadership difficulties within chapters
- 100% Riverside LEAD attendance
- 100% Chapters nominated a COY
- Joint initiation (Gamma Omega/Zeta Omega)
- Alumni activity in Albuquerque

Accomplishments:

- Appointed two District Directors

Future Goals:

- Every chapter applying for an award
- Maximize CEI
- Fill remaining DD position and recruit alums for future openings
- Create more multi-chapter events, including alumni participation

Expansion:

There is limited opportunity for collegiate or alumni expansion in DM.

Disciplinary Issues:

Some alcohol issues that have been resolved.

District Directors:

- Gamma Iota – Christina Hutchinson
- Gamma Phi – [Open]
- Gamma Psi – Tyler Dejarnette
- Gamma Omega – Sonia Rosalez
- Epsilon Upsilon – Kevin Korzan
- Zeta Omega – Katie Paulsen

Committee Members:

COY selection committee: Christopher James, Mark Fusler, Kimberly Cusack, Rajat Mohindra

Visits:

11/13 – Gamma Omega & Zeta Omega Initiation
11/20 – Gamma Psi Initiation
1/23 – Epsilon Upsilon exec. committee meeting
1/26 – Gamma Psi recruiting event

Pacific Coast Regional Vice President Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Paul Dawson
Region: Pacific Coast

Status of Region:

Overall, the Region is in excellent shape, with specific items categorized below. Attitudes among the collegiates remain high and the brotherhood is at an all-time high. All of the Chapters attended LEAD School in October, and all are registered for the Provincial LEAD Conference in Reno. All 7 Chapters are in line to receive 100 CEI points for the 2nd year in a row. Recruiting and Officer Transition are the areas that I am concentrating on this year, and it is beginning to show. Xi Pi has 23 pledges. The Chapter itself has not had over 21 members since their first year after installation. Everyone is excited for them.

Accomplishments:

We have District Directors for each Chapter, with Ann Marie at Lambda Chi and Xi Pi. This is working out just fine. My Leadership team consists of my DD's, the Provincial COY Grace Kangdani, and 2 consultants; Jill Vasant and Rachel Ucab. Their duties are to supervise all Regional projects and events. The Pac Coast Planning Committee assists the consultants in their projects as well as serves as major communicators in the Region. In 2005, we will have our 5th annual Regional Initiation and Banquet, with none of the Banquets incurring a loss. In the fall, we held a Regional Community Service Event (article included in the next Deltasig). We will have our Regional Professional Event in April. Each semester, we hold a Regional Conference/Retreat with a different theme for each event. Our annual regional t-shirts should be available in early April.

Our region received 3 National Awards, several Provincial awards, and 10 Regional Awards. Lambda Sigma was our top Chapter with more than a dozen awards. All 7 Chapters applied for Regional Awards, with 6 applying for National Awards. We host 5 of our own Regional Awards. Lambda Sigma has completed all but 5 of the requirements in their quest to become the first Chapter in the country to ever qualify for the National Honor Roll Award under the new CEI/Awards system. At least 4 Chapters hope to qualify for National Honor Roll or Honorable Mention this year.

Expansion:

We installed Omicron Sigma on May 22, 2004. They are doing great, and are going to have their Gamma pledge class in the next quarter. The San Diego Alumni Chapter will meet in May to assure their Charter is reinstated by the June 30th deadline. There are a dozen who have shown interest in attending events. We are also looking into inquiries from the University of Irvine and San Bernardino.

Disciplinary Issues:

Discipline: None, just the way I like it. Concerns: My only main concern is membership. We would like to see all of the Chapters have between 30-60 members. That is the number that they all feel comfortable with. That is one of the reasons why I am working on recruiting.

Our mascot, Leo, has been missing for the past 9 months. We are still searching for him.

Upcoming Events:

Lobster Run- March 19th
Regional Professional Event- April
Regional Retreat- July

District Directors:

Eddie Pierce - Lambda Pi
Valerie Martinez - Eta Chi
Richard Valones - Lambda Sigma
Ann Marie Paulose - Lambda Chi & Xi Pi
Ellen Erenia - Omicron Sigma
KT Freedman - Iota Pi
Jonn Perez - Alumni Chapters

Committee Members:

All committee members in the Region fall under the Pac Coast Planning Committee. One member from each Chapter is included in this committee. Besides being DD's, Eddie is the Regional Awards Chair and Valerie is the Regional CEI Chair. They also assign each other tasks to help out when things are getting "hectic". The Regional COY Committee includes former RVP and Golden Council member Darrell Keller, Anthony from Inland Empire, former receiver and former DD Desiree Bangalan, DD Jonn Perez, and Regional Consultant Rachel Ucab.

Visits:

- At least one event and one Chapter/Pledge meeting for each Chapter each semester.
- Lobster Run- Spring & Fall
- Riverside Lead School
- 7 Chapter initiations
- 4 pledging ceremonies
- 7 Chapter Retreats
- Regional Community Service
- Regional Initiation/Banquet
- Leadership Training in St. Louis
- 2 Regional Conference/Retreats
- Western Province Leadership Retreat
- Numerous other events

Rocky Mountain Regional Vice President Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Kathy Beckwith
Region: Rocky Mountain

Status of Region:

Overall, the Rocky Mountain Region remains strong and growing.

The chapters continue to strive for 100 CEI points each. The chapters who struggled in the past have put a renewed focus on CEI reporting, and I hope to see these efforts pay off by the end of the year.

The region continues to be strong in traveling to national events. We were the first region in our Province to have all chapters registered for the Provincial Council Meeting.

I expect to see 100% attendance at the upcoming Grand Chapter Congress this summer.

The region continues to work together to support the reactivation of Alpha Nu at DU. The Denver Alumni Chapter has been particularly supportive, meeting with the colony frequently, and pledging financial support.

Accomplishments:

One of my main goals as RVP was to appoint DD's for every chapter. As of November of 04, I have accomplished this goal. Each chapter has a strong DD who I hope will stay with them next year.

Efforts with alumni goals have been less successful, but not forgotten. We still have a Regional Alumni Chair, and we hope to hold some interest meeting this month. The "Potential Leaders List" continues to grow, and we hope to hold on to these alumni contacts, and take advantage of them in the future.

Rather than an Area Conference this year, we held a Regional Summit in November. We had all the presidents and chapter liaisons in attendance, as well as all the DD's. We were able to share some ideas about event planning, and resolve some regional communication issues. We have decided to hold a similar meeting every semester, and I hope this will help the chapters to hold some events together in the future.

Future Goals:

I am not going to maintain my position as RVP after Grand Chapter Congress, and I would like to find someone else to fill that role.

Expansion:

We are so excited here in the Rocky Mountain Region about the upcoming reactivation of the Alpha Nu Beta colony at the University of Denver. The colony submitted their petition last week and is awaiting approval. I am confident that this colony will make an excellent addition the fraternity as a chapter, and look forward to them becoming an active chapter in the Rocky Mountain Region.

Disciplinary Issues:

I have been very fortunate to have a region where none of my chapters have been subject to significant disciplinary action. I do see several chapters holding trials to get brothers who are no longer participating the chapter off their roster. They seem to be doing this correctly, and attempts are always being made to reach out to the brother first and try to get them to come back. When that is not successful, I think the trial is a good idea because it keeps records current and accurate for who is really participating in the chapter.

Upcoming Events:

Installation: To be held April 9th pending Board approval of the petition

District Directors:

Alpha Rho: Brianne Moore

Zeta Kappa: Chris Hyskell

Mu Rho: Nick Tapparo

Mu Chi: Kevin Sullivan

Nu Phi: Emily Hardy

Alpha Nu Beta: Gina Wing

Committee Members:

Alumni Chair: Erin Morley

COY Selection Committee: Keith Ganger, Gina Wing, Sandy Shoemaker, Erin Morley, and Kathy Beckwith

Visits:

September 2004 Alpha Rho Chapter Meeting

September 2004 Mu Rho Chapter Meeting

September 2004 Nu Phi Meet the Chapter

November 2004 Regional Summit

November 2003 Denver Alumni Chapter meeting with Alpha Nu Beta

South Pacific Regional Vice President Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Tom Skinner
Region: South Pacific

Status of Region:

- We are experiencing a tremendous year in the region. The chapters are striving to achieve excellence in all aspects of chapter operations.
- CEI has been improving, but my Leadership Team and I and working with the chapters to provide guidance and assistance on CEI-related issues.
- 6 of the 7 chapters in the region attended Riverside LEAD as well as Reno LEAD Provincials, with an expected 100% attendance for Orlando Congress.
- Chapters are receptive to National Leadership assisting them in making them a stronger and more effective chapter.

Accomplishments:

- I have DD's for all chapters.
- Chapters are participating more on inter-chapter events.
- Developed strong relationships and rapport with each chapter to trust the Leadership Team, not fear them.
- Leadership Team has been visible at a cross-section of events at their respective chapters.
- Develop more alumni into leadership positions, bringing some back into the fold.

Future Goals:

- **EACH** chapter to submit for at least one national award.
- Further develop the alumni base in the Region (mentor program, professional speaker series, etc.), working with Alumni Chapters and other non-affiliated alumni in the Region.
- Assist each chapter in maximizing their CEI points for the remainder of 2005, then positioning them well for 05-06 success.

Expansion:

- Explore and assess interest at UC Santa Barbara and Cal State Los Angeles.
- Grow and build new areas where there are pockets of alumni living (San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara/Central Coast, Antelope/Santa Clarita Valleys, San Fernando Valley, and San Gabriel Valley), in addition to assist the Los Angeles Alumni grow.

Disciplinary Issues:

- No current disciplinary issues.

Upcoming Events:

- SharkFest – date: TBA. More details to come.

District Directors:

- Phi: Corey Polton
- Delta Sigma: Anje Castro
- Iota Upsilon: Phillip Szto
- Lambda Phi: Charles Carmichael
- Lambda Psi: Becki Skinner
- Kappa Mu: Erica Verderico
- Xi Omicron: Francisco Soto

Visits:

- Fall 2004 was limited on visits because of the birth of my daughter.
- Spring 2005: increased chapter visits (General Business Meetings, Initiations, and other events).
- Tentative visit to Lambda Psi for their Initiation, April 2nd.

Western Regional Vice President Report to the Provincial Council

Name: Amanda Smith

Region: Western

Status of Region:

- DD's were appointed for all the chapters by July 1st.
- All chapters reported a Collegian of the Year!! First time in????
- 10 of 11 chapters' attended the LEAD in Fall (37 % improvement over last year).
- All chapters and colony have registered for LEAD in the Spring.
- Held a meeting in August with chapter President's and DD's. Discussions included National topics (quarter due schedule and other proposals before the Board), development of a DD Manual, reorganization of the Western Region into two regions, issues with CEI, and Parliamentary Procedure.

Future Goals:

- For every chapter to apply for at least one award.
- Continue to hold the President's Meeting

Expansion:

Colony at CSU, East Bay (formally Hayward)

Disciplinary Issues:

None at this time. Some chapters were given warning letters due to low CEI standing. Chapters will be re-evaluated at the end of this fiscal year to determine progress.

Upcoming Events:

TBA, Brotherhood games, Coyote Point Park, San Mateo
April 30th, Western Regional Initiation, Fresno State – Iota Phi

District Directors:

Chapter	District Director
Rho	Amar Bains
Gamma Xi	Mark Panelo
Gamma Omicron	Jeannine Fong
Delta Omicron	Lisa Brown
Delta Pi	Heidi Hardison
Epsilon Theta	Jessica Lind
Epsilon Phi	Todd Mirell
Theta Chi	Mar Hoyos
Iota Phi	Mar Hoyos
Lambda Mu	Stephanie Azores
Nu Rho	Jeannine Fong
Nu Zeta Tau	Mark Panelo

Committee Members:

COY Selection Committee: Natalie Nguyen, Michelle Matz, and Jesse Selph

Visits:

Date	Chapter/Travel to:	Comments
04/03/04	San Mateo, CA	Brotherhood Games
04/22/04	Lambda Mu	Spring Banquet
04/24/04	Davis, CA	WRI
07/31/04	Western Province Leadership Retreat	Provincial Meeting
08/21/04	Regional Meeting, Sacramento	Regional Meeting
09/01/04	Epsilon Theta	Recruiting Event
09/07/04	Lambda Mu	Recruiting Event
10/02/04	Gamma Xi	Recruiting Event
10/23/04	Riverside, CA	LEAD
11/20/04	Reno, NV	Joint Initiation
01/08/05	Western Province Leadership Retreat	Provincial Meeting
02/05/05	Nu Zeta Tau	Status Meeting
02/10/05	Gamma Omicron	Recruiting Event
02/19/05	Iota Phi	WRI Planning
02/25/05	Reno, NV	PC
04/05/05	Rho	Chapter Visit
04/30/05	Fresno, CA	WRI