

INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI, INC.
MINUTES
SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21st, 2010
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

The Southern Provincial Council Meeting of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, Inc. was called to order at 9:05 AM on Sunday, February 21st, 2010, by Southern Provincial Vice President David Ross at the Marriott of Charlotte Executive Park in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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

David Ross	Southern Provincial Vice President
Christopher Sweet	Atlantic Coast Regional Vice President
Josh Snow	Central Gulf Regional Vice President
Darrick Williams	Southeastern Regional Vice President
Janene Winton	South Atlantic Regional Vice President
Kathy Jahnke	Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President
Heather Lewis	Mid-South Regional Vice President

Brother Joseph Yerger served as Chancellor of the meeting and Brother Emily Halstead served as Recording Secretary.

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

Brother Yerger then called the Provincial Council Meeting to order.

Brother Halstead conducted a roll call of delegates. Forty-three (43) delegates were present at the meeting. These constituted a quorum of the Southern Provincial Council.

Motion to amend agenda to add Proposal I.

Motion by Alpha Tau
Seconded Epsilon Rho.
Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the agenda for the Southern Provincial Council Meeting as presented.

Motion by Pi.
Second by Kappa Tau.
Motion carried.

No votes were taken since the last meeting.

Reports of the Regional Vice Presidents were received as presented on paper handouts. Unless otherwise noted, no additional items were added or amended in reports.

Atlantic Coast Region
Central Gulf Region
Mid-Atlantic Region
Mid-South Region

Brother Lewis made correction that initiation will be held at Kappa Psi.

South Atlantic Region

Southeastern Region

Brother Williams added that in regards to the goal of 100 members to attend provincial, the goal was met.

The report of the Southern Province was received as presented.

Motion to adopt Southern Provincial Financial Budget as presented.

Motion by Beta Gamma

Seconded by Epsilon Psi

Motion failed.

Discussion of fund allotment regarding the community services area.

Motion to adopt Southern Provincial Budget as presented.

Motion by Iota Omega

Seconded by Raleigh Alumni.

Motion carried (see Addendum II).

Reports of the Provincial Committees were handed out at the Delegate meeting for review, and were received as presented unless otherwise noted.

Alumni Development

Community Service

It was noted that over 300 cell phone parts and 69 pounds of pop can tabs were collected.

Chapter participation will be reported via email.

Professional Development

Scholastic Development and Awards

Report by Brother Ross: Congratulations to our 2010 National COY, Jenny Terbrock.

Discipline Committee

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

Motion to discuss Proposal I.

Motion by Kappa Nu

Seconded by Nu Chi

Motion carries.

Discussion of proposal.

Motion to amend the motion that district director be removed from the hierarchy of approval, and that the 5-8 week process be approved by Regional Vice President, 9-10 week process approved by Provincial Vice President.

Motion by Columbia Alumni Chapter.

Seconded.

Motion to amend carries (3 opposed; placard vote).

Further discussion of proposal.

Motion to adopt for Proposal I with amendment is voted upon.

Motion carries (4 opposed; placard vote). *See Addendum I.*

Determine the Date and Location for 2012 Annual Meeting.

On the ballot for locations for 2012 annual meeting are Nashville, TN; Jacksonville, FL; Mobile, AL; and Biloxi, MS. No other cities proposed.

Discussion of locations. Noted in the discussion is the fact that chapters from Florida generally must travel far for LEAD.

Placard vote for first choice of locations for the 2012 Annual Meeting: Jacksonville (28 votes), Nashville (8), Mobile/Biloxi (2).

Jacksonville is the first choice.

Placard vote for second choice of location for 2012 annual meeting. Results: Nashville (21 votes), Mobile (17)

Nashville is second choice.

Proposed dates for 2012 Annual Meeting: Feb 10-12, February 17-19, February 24-26

Discussion of dates for 2012 Annual Meeting.

Motion to add first weekend in February to options of dates.

Seconded by Epsilon Rho.

Motion fails (28 for/14 opposed).

Call to previous question by Alpha Tau.

Carries by placard vote (21/1).

Vote taken on dates for 2012 Annual Meeting: February 10-12 (10 votes), February 17-19 (17), February 24-26 (13)

February 17-19th is first choice.

Vote taken on second option for dates: Feb 10-12 (19 votes), February 24-26 (20).

February 24-26 is second choice.

General Announcements

Atlanta Alumni: Leadership Foundation fundraiser golf tournament is May 1st.

Kappa Pi is selling shirts: give Kappa Pi order information, and they can mail them to chapters.

Alpha Tau: Region formal is this coming weekend; all are welcome to 83rd chapter birthday party on March 26th.

South Atlantic Region is selling full color name tags as a fundraiser for travel expenses.

Raleigh Durham is selling NC pins for \$5.

Beta Gamma: Spring Fling registration is due March 1.

Columbia Alumni Chapter: On behalf of District Directors, floor is yielded to Brother Hunter Malone. He thanks the Regional Vice Presidents.

South Atlantic Regional Vice President: Thank you to District Directors.

At 11:00 there is an expansion training workshop.

Southeastern Regional Vice President: Thank you to all board members, Central Office staff and Provincial Vice President David Ross.

Brother David Ross: Great turnout this weekend; the Southern Provincial leadership team is always here to assist the chapters; the chapters should feel free to call any volunteer leader regarding DSP questions or concerns; and thank you for behavior this weekend...displayed professionalism that represents Delta Sigma Pi. Thank you to guests from outside of region for coming.

Brother Ross announced proposed location and date of 2012 Southern LEAD Provincial as Jacksonville, FL on February 17-19th.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Xi Sigma.

Seconded by Gamma Lambda.

Motion carries.

Brother Ross then closed the 2010 Southern Provincial Council Meeting at 10:05 a.m. according to the Ritual of Delta Sigma Pi.

Addendum 1

PROPOSAL 1 – Recommendation to the Southern Provincial Council

Submitted by: Reshard Snellings, *Vice President of Pledge Education*
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Summarization of the Proposal/Recommendation:

My name is Reshard Snellings and I serve as the Vice President of Pledge Education for the Kappa Chapter at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. I am submitting this proposal to increase the number of local options that chapters are allowed to choose from based on the length of their pledge education program. Delta Sigma Pi allows programs to range from 30 days to 10 weeks. I am proposing that the number of allowable local options be based on the length of the pledge process and not capped to just 3 local options.

Length of Pledge Process	Number of Local Options Allowed	Approval Required
4 Week Process	3 Local Options	No Approval Required
5 or 6 Week Process	4 Local Options	District Director (amended to Regional Vice President)
7 or 8 Week Process	5 Local Options	Regional Vice President
9 or 10 Week Process	6 Local Options	Provincial Vice President

Each chapter will only be required to obtain approval if it wants to increase the number of local options beyond 3. The VPPE will need to seek approval by submitting a request in writing with the following details:

1. Reason for seeking approval
2. Structure for how each additional option will be carried out
3. How the chapter will assist the pledge class with getting the additional options completed
4. How will each option be assigned to the pledge class
5. What steps the chapter will take to ensure that the pledges do not become overwhelmed

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

The Purpose of the Proposal is to allow each chapter to strengthen its pledge education program. According to the standard Pledge education program, no chapter can exceed three Local Requirements. Often times, this short changes the education aspect of the Pledging Process and does a disservice to the chapter and to those students who are going through the Pledge Process because it restricts the students learning and makes it difficult for the chapter to gauge how hard the students are working and how dedicated the student is to the pledge process.

Recommended implementation date and logic for selecting this date:

If approved, I would like to see the changes go into effect on or before May 1, 2010. This date was chosen because chapters are required to submit Pledge Programs by December 15 and June 15. This

gives each chapter enough time to properly plan their Pledge education program and allows Central Office enough time to approve each program prior to the Fall 2010 School Term.

****Positive aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation:***

Usually, chapters struggle with the limitation of having only three local options to choose from. As it stands now, there are fourteen potential local requirements that chapters are allowed to choose from. All of the local options are great choices and bring something different to the pledge process. Some of the local options help students to perfect their presentation skills whereas other options help the students build leadership skills that cannot be taught in the classroom. The principals of leadership can be taught but if you never have an opportunity to apply what you have learned, then what was the point of you ever learning it in the first place. Chapters are given the option to have a Pledge Process as short as 30 days or as long as 10 weeks. With the existing Pledge Program, all of the National Requirements and Three Local Options can easily be implemented in 30 days. For those chapters that choose to have a ten week process, there is nothing really for the Pledge Educator to cover over 10 weeks. It makes the Pledges think their process was too easy and they tend not to respect it as much as if they worked hard for the prestige of being a brother. The Kappa Chapter has very high expectations of our Brothers. The Pledge Process should prepare the pledges for Brotherhood and it does a disservice to each chapter and each pledge if they have a really relaxed process and then have hard work to do as a Brother.

****Negative aspects of implementing Proposal/Recommendation:***

If this proposal passes, there are several negative aspects to the pledges that will turn into a positive experience upon successful initiation into brotherhood.

1. The Pledges would have to work harder for what they want.
2. It will require the pledges to improve upon their time management skills.
3. It would require pledges to learn how to work in "unity" with their pledge brothers and build stronger relationships as a result of "helping" each other get through the pledge process.

****Provide a brief cost analysis of the Proposal/Recommendation:***

There is no additional financial cost to the Fraternity or any of its local chapters.

**The National Fraternity reserves the right to provide additional information to the delegates in these categories.*

NOTES:

Passed with amendment of the 5 or 6 week process to be approved by the Regional Vice

President – not the District Director. Delegates agreed that is RVPs and PVP approved local

options, then there would be more control of this pledge process.

Passed as amended on February 21, 2010

Addendum II

Southern Provincial 2010-2011 Travel Budget (Approved 2/10)

<u>Region</u>	<u>Number of Chapters</u>	<u>At \$175 per Chapter</u>	<u>Number of Colonies</u>	<u>At \$175 per Colony</u>	<u>Total per Region</u>
Atlantic Coast	5	\$875			\$875
Central Gulf	6	\$1,050			\$1,050
Mid-Atlantic	8	\$1,400			\$1,400
Mid-South	4	\$700			\$700
South Atlantic	7	\$1,225			\$1,225
Southeastern	8	\$1,400			\$1,400

Total 38

Total Regional Budgets	\$6,650
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Provincial Vice President's Allowance	\$2,400.00
Provincial Leadership Meeting Allowance	\$1,975
Additional \$175 per added Colony (est.)	\$875

Community Service (\$50/LEAD School; \$50/Provincial LEAD)	\$100

PVP and other Budgets	\$5,350
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Total	\$12,000.00
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