Minutes of the Western Provincial Council Meeting February 23, 2007 Las Vegas, Nevada

A. Opening Ritual

The meeting was opened by Ritual by Chuck Brown (Western PVP).

B. Call the Meeting to Order

The chancellor, Daniel Schaller (Mu Rho) called the meeting to order.

C. Roll Call

Roll call of the delegates was taken.

Chapters Present: Rho, Phi, Alpha Rho, Gamma Iota, Gamma Xi, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Phi, Gamma Psi, Gamma Omega, Delta Omicron, Delta Pi, Delta Sigma, Epsilon Upsilon, Epsilon Phi, Zeta Tau, Eta Chi, Theta Chi, Iota Pi, Iota Upsilon, Iota Phi, Kappa Mu, Lambda Pi, Lambda Sigma, Lambda Phi, Lambda Chi, Mu Rho, Nu Rho, Nu Phi, Xi Omicron, Xi Pi, Omicron Sigma, Albuquerque High Dessert, Denver, Phoenix-Thunderbird, Los Angeles, Inland Empire

Chapters Absent: Alpha Nu, Epsilon Theta, Zeta Kappa, Zeta Omega, Lambda Mu, Lambda Psi, Mu Chi, Chico, Hawaii, Orange County, El Paso

D. Adopt Agenda

Moved by **Denver** / Seconded by **Los Angeles Passed** with no objections.

E. Approve the Minutes of the Previous Council Meeting

Moved by **Epsilon Phi** / Seconded by **Kappa Mu Passed** with no objections.

F. Review Votes Taken Since the Last Meeting

NONE

G. Receive or Distribute the Report of the Provincial Vice President

Chuck Brown / Western PVP
Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

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

Bay Area Region / Lisa Brown Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Desert Mountain Region / Justin Cramner

Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Pacific Coast Region / Paul Dawson
Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Rocky Mountain Region / Chuck Brown
Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

South Pacific Region / Tom Skinner Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Sierra Nevada Region / Amanda Smith Report submitted by Chuck Brown. Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

I. Receive or Distribute a Provincial Financial Report

Distributed prior to Council Meeting.

Motion to approve provincial budget.

Moved by **Phi** / Seconded by **Theta Chi Passed** with no objections.

J. Receive of Distribute the Reports of the Provincial Committees

Alumni Development / Rochelle Siegrist & Katie Paulsen Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Additional Comments:

- Survey submitted to chapters
 - o 39 responses
 - Best practices manual being developed for VPAR
 - New alumni chapter opened
- Survey sent to alumni chapters too
 - Best practices manual being developed for alumni chapters

Community Service / Ivan Munguia

Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Professional Development / Vacant Please see Western PVP report for reference.

Scholastic Development and Awards / Corey Polton Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Additional Comments:

- June 1st deadline for awards
- Goal for province is 5 awards at GCC
- Corey will be contacting VPSA's from chapters

Centennial Celebration / Patti La Marr Distributed prior to Council Meeting. Attached for reference.

Provincial Discipline Committee / Chuck Brown No appeals received.

K. Old Business

NONE

L. New Business

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

Moved by **Zeta Tau** / Seconded by **Gamma Omicron Passed** with no objections.

Proposal 2 – Alumni chapter franchising. – FAILED

Moved by **Delta Sigma** / Seconded by **Delta Pi Passed** with no objections.

Proposal 3 – 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.

Moved by Lambda Phi / Seconded by Nu Rho Passed with no objections.

Proposal 4 – To clarify Bylaws Article XII, Section 11 "Election of Pledges" to avoid confusion by the wording regarding voting to select a pledge class.

Moved by **Lambda Phi** / Seconded by **Lambda Pi** Passed with no objections.

M. Determine the Date and Location for 2009 Annual Meeting

Proposed 2009 Annual Meeting Locations
Albuquerque / Tucson / Sacramento **Tucson** – Chosen as Preferred Location by Straw Pool **Sacramento** – Chosen as Alternative Location by Straw Pool **None** – Chosen as Second Alternative Location by Straw Pool

Proposed 2009 Annual Meeting Dates
February 22 / March 1 / March 8 /
February 22 – Chosen as Preferred Date by Straw Pool
March 1 – Chosen as Alternative Date by Straw Pool
March 8 – Chosen as Second Alternative Date by Straw Pool

N. Announcements

- Sharkfest, Long Beach April 7th
 WRI, Sacramento April 21
 National Alumni Day April 25
 June 1 Chapter Awards Due Date
 August 8 12 Grand Chapter Congress (Early Registration March 1)
 October 27 San Jose LEAD School / Provincial Centennial Celebration
 Cinco De Mayo Dodgeball Tournament & BBQ- Zeta Tau & Gamm Omicron May 5th at Presidio YMCA in San Francisco

 Zeta Tau will be calling all chapters in region with more details

 SLO Tour Golf Tournament to benefit Maxine Lewis Memorial Hospital Shelter hosted by Kappy Mu (San Luis Obispo) at Monarch Dunes in Nipomo
 - 1. Cost: \$125 for one, \$225 for two, and discounts with more players
 - 2. Contact: Nick Bedell at 805-286-6321 or nbedell@calpoly.edu
 - 3. website: www.slodeltasig.com/slotour
 - **a.** registration can be done online a well as more info on tournament available online

O. Closing Ritual

Motion to close meeting.
Moved by Mu Rho / Seconded by Iota Phi

Passed with no objections.
Chuck Brown (Western PVP) closed the meeting by ritual.

P. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Tina Mistry (Iota Phi)
Chuck Brown (Western Provincial Vice President)

REPORT OF THE WESTERN PROVINCIAL VICE PRESIDENT Chuck Brown January 2007

Visits:

9/20/06	Zeta Tau Recruiting Event
9/23/06	Breakfast Meeting with Alpha Nu
9/23/06	Nu Phi Banquet
9/24/06	Breakfast with Alpha Rho / Mu Rho District Directors
10/28/06	Bay Area Region's and Sierra Nevada Region's Brotherhood
Games	
11/3/06	Phoenix LEAD School
11/4/06	Team West Provincial Volunteer Leadership Training
11/17/06	Epsilon Phi / lota Phi Initiation
11/17/06	Lambda Mu / Gamma Omicron / Delta Omicron Initiation
12/2/06	Pacific Coast Regional Initiation and Banquet
1/20/07	Western Provincial Leadership Team Meeting – Las Vegas
1/27/07	Delta Sigma Pi Board Meeting

General Comments:

The province continues to do well. We also have a number of initiatives going on in the province detailed in this report.

Leadership Development:

The province as a whole continues to maintain a strong focus on leadership identification and development and branded the campaign as "Team West." At the recent Phoenix LEAD School, Team West pins were given to the provincial volunteers that attended. We will continue to reward those volunteers that attend national events with some type of identification.

Team West Leadership Training was held the day after the Phoenix LEAD School. More than 20 brothers attended, ranging from collegiates, recent alumni to well established volunteers. We were also fortunate to have Bill and Amanda give the volunteer leaders their perspectives on working with Central Office staff.

Provincial Committees:

- Alumni Development Rochelle Siegrist / Katie Paulsen
- Community Service Ivan Munguia
- Professional Development Vacant
- Scholastic Development and Awards Corey Polton
- Centennial Celebration Patti LaMar
- Provincial Discipline Committee Chuck Brown

Awards:

We had 33 chapters (87%) in the province nominate a chapter COY. UP from 84% the previous year. While the number of participating chapters went down from the previous year, the actual number of completed applications went up.

The regional selection committees mostly included non-district directors, allowing for involvement of additional brothers.

LEAD School:

The province had 31 of its collegiate chapters attend the Phoenix LEAD School. We also had six alumni chapters and one colony from the province in attendance.

Overall, the Phoenix LEAD School was a success, with approximately 250 brothers in attendance. We continued the province's promotion of the centennial by continuing our attendance raffle and introducing a banner competition. The province also hosted a Past Grand Presidents roundtable. The Phoenix Thunderbird Alumni Chapter hosted a poker tournament, with the proceeds being donated to the Leadership Foundation.

The LEAD School presenters were also equipped with the province's "presenter guide" that contained helpful tips and other miscellaneous information. We also distributed a presenter survey that provided feedback on participants and materials and ask for suggestions for improvement.

We also distributed the province's "Quiet Fun" letter, which we like to think minimized some noise complaints.

2006/2007 Goals:

- Continue development of provincial website. (This has since been altered to focus on providing the information through inCricle instead.)
- Creation of Team West a brand for volunteer leaders in the Western Province to encourage participation and rewards those who already volunteer. (Done but efforts to refine our ongoing.)
- Centennial Challenge Promotion of centennial and encourage chapters to create a specific goal of improvement and meet it by the centennial. (Done with promotion continuing).
- Further refine and develop more professional like delegate orientation for the provincial council meeting. (Still in progress.)

Expansion:

Mu Beta Alpha (Washington State University) is doing well and will hopefully maintain its track for an installation this spring. We recently had a Seattle alumni chapter franchise, which should assist our expansion efforts in the Northwest. This creation of this alumni chapter was assisted by inCircle, a nice added bonus.

We also currently have expansion efforts at California State University, Los Angeles and University of California, Irvine.

Name: Lisa Brown

Region: Bar Area Region

Status of Region:

- There is at least one brother from every chapter in the region going to the Provincial Conference.
- 5 out of 6 chapters went to LEAD school in Phoenix.
- 5 out of 6 chapters nominated a chapter collegian of the year.
- All chapters are on track for 90 points or more.

Accomplishments:

- Conducted two presidents's meeting to discuss regional status and create goals.
- Had a joint initiation between Lambda Mu, Gamma Omicron, & Delta Omicron.
- There has been an increase of inter-chapter events.

Future Goals:

- All chapters to finish the year with 90 or more CEI points.
- All chapters complete at least one award application.
- Franchise an alumni Chapter.
- Submit pictures to the Deltasig.

Expansion: None at this time

Disciplinary Issues: None at this time

Upcoming Events:

Brotherhood Games (Delta Omicron) - April 14

MS Walk (Rho) - April

WRI (Epsilon Phi) - April 21

Spaghetti Dinner Benefit (Theta Chi) - Weekend of April 28

Quarterly Lunch Meeting (San Francisco/Silcon Valley Alumni Network) - April 28

Cinco de Mayo Dodgeball (Gamma Omicron & Zeta Tau) – May

Broomball (Theta Chi & Gamma Xi) - May

District Directors:

- Rho Sanjay Trivedi
- Gamma Xi Natalie Nguyen
- Gamma Omicron Brandt Wilson
- Delta Omicron Brandon Studley
- Theta Chi Hope Tucay
- Zeta Tau Claire Roberts

Awards Committee Members:

Mark Roberts / Brian Judd / Anadelia Rodriguez

Visits:

<u>August</u>

President's Meeting
Zeta Tau A's Baseball Game

September

Delta Omicron Meet the Chapter Theta Chi Pizza Night Rho Professional Gamma Omicron Social Event

October

Brotherhood Games

November LEAD School

Rho Initiation

Gamma Omicron & Delta Omicron Joint Initiation

<u>January</u>

Provincial Meeting Rho Professional Speaker Gamma Xi Office Night

February

Gamma Omicron Professional Zeta Tau Meet the Chapter Theta Chi Game Night President's Meeting Provincial Council Meeting

Name: Paul P. Dawson

Region: Pacific Coast Region

We have 7 of our chapters able to achieve 100 CEI points. The attitude of the chapters is very positive, with all chapters in attendance at the Regional Conference.

The region finished in first place in CEI in the nation for the fourth year in a row. We have the only chapters in the nation to ever receive Honor Roll (Lambda Sigma-2, Lambda Chi, Xi Pi), and the National Most Outstanding Collegiate Chapter for the past two years (Lambda Sigma). We led the nation in national, provincial, and regional awards. All chapters had a DD in August. The region held its 6th Annual Regional Initiation & Banquet with all chapters participating. We had more than 230 brothers in attendance at the event, which for the sixth consecutive time earned a profit. We held our semi-annual Regional Conference last month, with all chapters attending.

We are planning a regional professional event for this year, and will introduce a new supplement to CEI called the EPPs system later this year. We will have a regional winner in every awards category, including special regional awards. To accomplish perfect CEI for the region for the second time is one of our ultimate goals for this year, and we are 2/3 complete. Omicron Sigma is in their third year, and has never missed a CEI date. The San Diego Alumni Chapter is slated to begin recruiting in April.

There are no major disciplinary issues in the region, but one chapter had a minor issue that was addressed. We started our DSP Centennial celebration in August at our Fall Regional Banquet. We have had two inquiries regarding starting a colony in UC Irvine.

District Directors:

Eta Chi - Valerie Martinez Iota Pi - Steve Ko

Lambda Pi - Vacant Lambda Sigma - Richard Valones

Lambda Chi - Edward Pierce Xi Pi - Patrick Bonfrisco

Omicron Sigma - Eric Harvey Alumni Chapters - Aaron Nakayama

Awards Committee Members:

Rae Celumata / Sukhraj Beasla / Ann Marie (Paulose) Pierce

Visits:

August Iota Pi Meeting
September Lambda Pi Meeting

October Regional DD Meeting / Omicron Sigma Visit /

Iota Pi Pledge Meeting

November Eta Chi Visit / Lambda Sigma Banquet / Phoenix Lead School

Xi Pi Visit / Lambda Chi Pledge Visit / Lambda Pi Pledge Visit

Omicron Sigma Visit / Regional DD Meeting

December Regional Initiation & Banquet / Lambda Sigma Meeting

January Lambda Pi Visit / Provincial Leadership Retreat / Regional Retreat

Name: Chuck Brown Region: Rocky Mountain

Status of Region:

- All but two chapters attended the Phoenix LEAD School.
- Two chapters are on track to achieve 100 CEI points and two are on track to achieve more than 90 CEI points.
- Every chapter except one nominated a Collegian of the Year.

Goals:

• To encourage participation in CEI and for chapters to apply awards.

Expansion:

None planned at this time.

Disciplinary Issues:

CEI and pledge retention were concerns for some chapters.

District Directors:

Nu Phi – Brian Adams
Mu Chi – Elizabeth Harrison
Mu Rho – Jackie Charles
Alpha Rho – Matt Whited
Alpha Nu – Sheri Powers
Zeta Kappa – Vacant
Denver Alumni Chapter – Greg Howell

Awards Committee Members:

Tristan Paddock / Cory Pendergrass / Casey Burgess

Visits:

9/23/06	Breakfast Meeting with Alpha Nu
9/23/06	Nu Phi Banquet
9/24/06	Breakfast with Alpha Rho / Mu Rho District Directors

Name: Amanda Smith (Submitted by Chuck Brown)

Region: Sierra Nevada

Status of Region:

• All but one chapter attended the Phoenix LEAD School.

- Two chapters are on track to achieve 100 CEI points and three are on track to achieve more than 90 CEI points.
- Every chapter except two nominated a Collegian of the Year.

Goals:

• To encourage participation in CEI and for chapters to apply awards.

Expansion:

None planned at this time.

Disciplinary Issues:

None.

Upcoming Events:

• WRI - April 21

District Directors:

Delta Pi – Monica Reed Epsilon Phi – Daphne Quan Epsilon Theta – Jessica Lind Iota Phi – Mar Hoyos Lambda Mu – Crystal Justice Nu Rho - Vacant

Awards Committee Members:

Mar Hoyos / Leah DeGuzman/ Jessica Lind

Visits:

10/28/06 Bay Area Region's and Sierra Nevada Region's Brotherhood Games

11/17/06 Epsilon Phi / Iota Phi Initiation

11/17/06 Lambda Mu / Gamma Omicron / Delta Omicron Initiation

Name: Thomas "Tom" Skinner Region: South Pacific Region

Status of Region:

- The Region continues to have excellent leaders at each chapter, and are cultivating the future leaders through their recruitment and pledging.
- CEI has been very consistent with some chapters having certain operational challenges that are easily overcome through careful review and follow-up.
- Phoenix LEAD in October had 5 of the 7 chapters in the Region attend, with local alumni assisting Lambda Psi (UH-Hilo) with an Area Conference to satisfy the Fall LEAD. For the Las Vegas LEAD 6 of 7 will be in attendance. The attendance has been strong and feedback positive.
- The Los Angeles Alumni Chapter continues to reach out to alumni, including making a big push to attract and retain recent alums in the area through various events. They're also on the way to fully endow the South Pacific Scholarship Fund in time for the Orlando Congress.

Accomplishments:

- Continued on-going discussions with individual chapter members and chapters during visits.
- Reappointed two excellent leaders for the SharkFest Committee '07 to fine-tune a very successful and popular SharkFest '06.
- Identifying new alumni brothers as future leaders, and providing them roles to grow themselves with Fraternity knowledge and experience.
- Continued on-going two-way communication between the chapters to National Leadership on issues, concerns, and suggestions.

Future Goals:

- Continue the pace of each chapter submitting at least one national award.
- Developing the alumni base in the Region with the establishment of another alumni chapter in the Northern Los Angeles County/Santa Barbara-Region.
- Continue to work with the collegiate chapters to provide education and two-way communication between the Fraternity's Board of Directors and local collegiate brothers.
- Address Risk Management through on-going educational seminars and discussions, with a specific focus on the Pledge Program and Responsible Drinking.
- Continue to work with the VPCOs to address chapter-specific CEI challenges.

Expansion:

- Explore and assess interest throughout Southern California.
 - Working on obtaining permission from the administration at CSU, Los Angeles to establish a colony.
 - Potential expansion at UC Santa Barbara or a college on the island of Oahu (no real strong interest or expansion discussions).
- Continue the discussion on an Alumni Chapter that covers the northern portion of the Region (Santa Clarita, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo areas).

Disciplinary Issues:

Lambda Phi: Guidance continued until August 2007 Board Meeting

Upcoming Events:

- SharkFest: Date TBA by committee along with additional details.
- Kappa Mu Annual Golf Tournament: KM brothers will announce details.

District Directors:

Phi: Matt Temple Delta Sigma: Lee Comer Lambda Phi: Vacant Lambda Psi: Robin Gleason Kappa Mu: Traci Taplin Xi Omicron: Chris Garlington Iota Upsilon: Erica Verderico (Emeritus: Bill Thompson)

Chapter Visits:

- Fall 2006 Chapter Visits for GBM and Pledge Class Meetings: Phi, lota Upsilon, Lambda Phi
- Fall 2006 Initiations: Iota Upsilon, Lambda Phi, Kappa Mu
- Spring 2007 Chapter Visits: Delta Sigma (recruiting event)
- Spring 2007 Planned: Initiation at Lambda Psi, visits to all chapters in the Region

Name: Justin Cranmer Region: Desert Mountain

Status of Region: The region is thriving as we enter 2007, our fraternity's 100th year. All chapters are very active, with strong programming and recruiting.

Accomplishments: The Desert Mountain region played host to the fall LEAD event in Phoenix, and 100% of the region's six collegiate and three alumni chapters were represented.

Future Goals: The region hopes to be well-represented at Grand Chapter Congress and be recognized with awards during this Centennial year.

Expansion: The El Paso Alumni Chapter was franchised in July, and there are efforts being made for alumni expansion in Tucson. Opportunities for collegiate expansion in the region are limited.

Disciplinary Issues: None

District Directors:

Gamma Omega – Brooke Zakerwski Gamma Psi – Andrew Clegg Gamma Iota – Anna Clark Zeta Omega – Serena Unrein Epsilon Upsilon – [open] Gamma Phi – [open]

Committee Members:

Awards Committee - Mark Fusler, Rajat Mohindra, Kristin Tindall, Nicole Donato

Visits:

11/04/06	LEAD – Phoenix
11/09/06	Gamma Psi – Chapter Business Meeting
11/17/06	Gamma Phi – Initiation
11/18/06	Gamma Iota – Initiation
01/25/07	Gamma Psi – Recruiting Event

Name: Katie Paulsen and Rochelle Siegrist Provincial Committee: Alumni Development

Accomplishments: The national committee distributed a survey to all VPARs in 2006 and received 39 responses. Some key learnings from the survey the provincial committee will be acting on include:

- 1. VPARs see their primary role to find brothers and maintain alumni lists for their chapters
- 2. A large percentage of the respondents did not realize that they are to also educate their chapter about the alumni chapters and the differences between how a collegiate chapter works vs. an alumni chapter.
- 3. District Directors and National Officers were only a source of information for 21% of the respondents.

Our province gained a new alumni chapter. Congratulations to the Seattle- Pacific Northwest Alumni Chapter.

Future Goals:

- Based on information in the VPAR survey, we need to provide a better forum for communicating the role of the VPAR as a conduit for graduating seniors to move into alumni chapters. The national committee in part with the provincial committee will be working with these survey results to brainstorm effective communication to current VPARs as well as future VPARs around this role.
- 2. Increase the number of collegiates that transition into Alumni Chapters.
- 3. Identify new alumni chapter opportunities.

National Update: The national committee is working to achieve better communication between alumni and VPARs. Currently, more awards for alumni chapters are being explored, a best practices manual is being researched and assembled,

Committee Members: 2 Co-Chairs, Katie Paulsen and Rochelle Siegrist

Upcoming Events: Any chapter VPARs that have not responded to the survey last fall, still need to get their responses in.

Name: Corey Polton

Provincial Committee: Scholarship and Awards Committee

Accomplishments:

- Have two committee members from each region except Bay Area (Looking to add one more committee member from this region)
- Selected the Provincial COY in January from the six regional winners
- Western Province had 3 Collegiate National Award Winners and 1 Alumni National Award Winner in 2006

Future Goals:

- Increase the number of award applications for collegiate chapters by 20% from 2006 (125 applications submitted)
- Increase the number of alumni chapters that apply for National Awards (Last year only one chapter applied)
- Receive at least one award application for every collegiate award in each region
- Have all collegiate and alumni chapters in the Western Province complete at least one award application
- Increase National Award Winners from the Western Province to 6 at the Centennial Grand Chapter Congress (4 Collegiate and 2 Alumni)

Committee Members:

<u>Member</u>	Region Represented		
1. Corey Polton – Chair	South Pacific		
2. Richard Boner	Pacific Coast		
3. Sean Boyd	Sierra Nevada		
4. Casey Burgess	Rocky Mountain		
5. Anne Clark	Desert Mountain		
6. Leah DeGuzman	Sierra Nevada		
7. Joe O'Brien	South Pacific		
8. Jeff Rodine	Rocky Mountain		
9. Anadelia Rodriguez	Bay Area		
10. Allan Schuster	Desert Mountain		
11. Stephanie Skoboloff	Pacific Coast		
12. Traci Taplin	South Pacific		

Upcoming Events:

- June 1, 2007 Deadline to submit for National Awards at <u>www.dspnet.org</u>
- June 30, 2007 Deadline to submit for over 35 scholarships offered by the Leadership Foundation
- August 8-12, 2007 Centennial Grand Chapter Congress in Orlando, FL (Regional, Provincial, and National Award Winners Announced)
- October 15, 2007 Deadline to submit chapter COY Winner to central office at <u>www.dspnet.org/awards</u>
- November 15, 2007 COY Application due on the awards website.

Name: Patti La Marr

Provincial Committee: Centennial Celebration Committee

Accomplishments: Offered Centennial Celebration idea for the Province. From the suggestions a drawing was selected for a \$100 prize at GCC. The only opportunity to win was to attend one or more of the four Western Provincial LEAD Conferences. I produced the table toppers and drawing tickets which were placed at each luncheon table at the LEAD Conferences. I was able to initiate a Provincial Centennial Banner Contest. The competition will take place at the Las Vegas LEAD. The chapter's banner that is selected will receive a \$100 donation in the name of their chapter to the Skip and Lois Loomis Western Provincial Scholarship, have their banner framed and presented at GCC 2007.

Future Goals: Promote the Centennial Celebration.

National Update: Promote the Centennial Celebration as described above.

Committee Members: None

Upcoming Events: Provincial Banner Contest at the Las Vegas LEAD, Western Provincial LEAD

drawing at GCC.

Name: Ivan Munguia

Provincial Committee: Community Service

Accomplishments:

A used cell phone in conjunction with Phones for Life, Inc. is taking place as I write this report. The goal of the event is to be the biggest cell phone drive the Fraternity has ever participated in. Victims of domestic violence and adults with serious disabilities will be benefiting from this event.

Additionally, the annual "Make a Difference, Make a Drop" was a repeated success at the past 2006 LEAD school in Phoenix, AZ. The participation of the event was overwhelming, and the event will be scheduled again for the 2007 San Jose LEAD School taking place in October.

Future Goals:

To organize at least two more provincial community service events, besides the cell phone drive and "Make a Difference, Make a Drop." To compile a list of last term's "Successful Community Service Events" by region; this can help other chapters in the province execute better community service programs. To encourage all chapters in the region to provide ideas for the national community service event at GCC. And lost but not least, to ensure that chapter community service programs excel.

National Update:

The National Community Service Committee is exploring ideas to put together a nationwide community service event that will take place at the 2007 Grand Chapter Congress in Orlando. Also, most, if not all provinces in the country, are conducting a community service event that is taking place at their respective Provincial Conferences. This seems to be a big year for community service nationwide. Donating pop tabs and food items to help the Ronald McDonald house, or donating money for pediatric cancer, and even donating a variety of items to help an animal shelter are all taking place this year at some of the provincial conferences.

Committee Members:

None yet. I sent an e-mail to the province VPARs asking if they were interested in becoming members. I will submit a list of those who reply to Chuck Brown.

Upcoming Events:

Phones for Life, Inc. cell phone drive. – The Western Province is teaming up with Phones for Life, Inc. to bring together one of the biggest cell phone drives in the history of the Fraternity.

Phones for Life, Inc. is the leading, nation-wide non-profit organization seeking to improve the lives of senior citizens, victims of domestic violence and adults with serious disabilities through cell phone technology. Founded in 1999 by Dr. Dee L'Archeveque, an emergency/critical care physician, Phones for Life is the only non-profit organization currently distributing free cell phones with minutes. Phones for Life relies on cell phone donations by individuals, corporations and schools nationwide. To start a phone drive in your community or receive an application for a free phone with minutes.

We will be collecting the phones at the 2007 Western LEAD Provincial Conference in Las Vegas. The chapter with the most donated phones will receive two free registrations to the 2007 San Jose LEAD School in October.

Additionally, the National Blood Drive is still going on. Chapters are encouraged to participate by setting up blood drives until the end of April.

International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi 2007-2008 Western Provincial Budget

APPROVED 3/07

	Budget 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	Variance
Provincial Vice President Individual Travel Budget Western Provincial Vice President (38 Chapters)	\$2,000	\$2,500	+\$500
Regional Vice President Individual Travel Budgets			
Desert Mountain (6 Chapters)*	\$850	\$1,000	+\$150
Pacific Coast (7 Chapters)	\$700	\$850	+\$150
Rocky Mountain (6 Chapters)*	\$750	\$900	+\$150
South Pacific (7 Chapters)*	\$850	\$950	+\$100
Sierra Nevada (6 Chapters)	\$600	\$750	+\$150
Bay Area (6 Chapters)	\$500	\$750	+\$250
Northwest (1 Colony)	\$0	\$200	+\$200
Meetings' Travel Budgets Historical Province Leadership Meetings	\$3,500	\$3,200	-\$300
Other Budgets Speculative Colony	\$100	\$150	+\$50
Volunteer Leadership Training	\$0	\$500	+\$500
Other – 1**	\$150	\$250	+\$100
TOTAL PROVINCIAL EXPENSES	\$10,000	\$12,000	+\$2,000

^{1 - &}quot;Other and known line item surpluses" may be used at the discretion of the Provincial Vice President for use within the province for province-related purposes, unless otherwise designated by the Provincial Council.

^{* -} Extra funds were added due to distance between chapters.

^{** -} This money would be targeted for the committees and other promotional uses.