



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
San Bernardino-Riverside Area Alumnae Chapter
"Service to Others. Make a Difference"
Officer Report
Erica Shorts-President
September 2021

Greetings Sorors:

During the month of September, I attended the following planning meetings and events:

- ♦ September 7, 2021- Omega Omega Meeting for Elizabeth Wilson
- ♦ September 7, 2021, Executive Board Meeting
- ♦ September 13, 2021- SBRAAC Presidents Meeting
- ♦ September 14, 2021- Omega Omega Meeting for Elizabeth Wilson
- ♦ September 14, 2021- Farwest Arts & Letters Meeting
- ♦ September 16, 2021-Virtual Candidate Forum
- ♦ September 17, 2021- Omega Omega Rehearsal
- ♦ September 18, 2021-Murrieta-Temecula Area Alumnae September Breakfast
- ♦ September 20, 2021- Grants Meeting
- ♦ September 20, 2021- Regional Prayer Call
- ♦ September 21, 2021- Grants Meeting
- ♦ September 22, 2021- Ways & Means Meeting
- ♦ September 24, 2021- Omega Omega Service for Elizabeth Wilson
- ♦ September 27, 2021- The Power of Our Imprint Across Social Media
- ♦ September 28, 2021- Using the Charitable Engagement Service of DREF
- ♦ September 28, 2021- Retreat Committee Meeting
- ♦ September 29, 2021- Collaboration Meeting with Alpha Phi Alpha (Mu Xi Lambda)
- ♦ September 29, 2021- Farwest Regional Retreat Practice- Arts & Letters
- ♦ September 30, 2021- Grants Meeting



Vote on Membership Intake

- ♦ The chapter voted to set aside our Policies & Procedures to vote on Membership Intake (MI) at the October meeting.
- ♦ Scholarship & Standards Committee strongly recommended chapters that are scheduled to vote on MI at their September Chapter meetings to vote in October to have additional information regarding the Re-imagine for Spring 2022 MI.
- ♦ Preparing For Membership Intake-Ready to Vote Video will be played.
- ♦ Financial members will vote on conducting MI.
- ♦ Voting whether to proceed or not to proceed with the MI process shall be by a two-third (2/3) vote.

**** IF THE CHAPTER VOTES TO PROCEED WITH THE MEMBERSHIP INTAKE PROCESS****

Minerva Circle

- ♦ The Nominating Committee shall receive nominees at the chapter meeting and develop a slate of eligible chapter members to serve on the Minerva Circle.
- ♦ Candidate's eligibility shall be confirmed with the Chapter President & Treasurer.
- ♦ Sorors shall be eligible to assist in MI:
 1. Have attended at least 50% of chapter meetings.
 2. Active on at least 2 committees during the past two sorority years preceding the vote for MI.
- ♦ The **elected** members of the Minerva Circle are:
 1. Conveyor of the Odyssey Experience.
 2. Keeper of Muses and Graces.
 3. Nine Jewels.
- ♦ Per Policies and Procedures, the chapter shall **elect** the members of the Minerva Circle at the NEXT regular chapter meeting.

Delta Research & Educational Foundation (DREF)

- ♦ DREF's Charitable Engagement Services is utilized to secure sponsorship and donations to underwrite chapter programming and educational outreach.
- ♦ DREF manages Donor Funds for 280 Delta Chapters, Grand Chapter, and individuals.
- ♦ Chapters maintain Donor Funds for Scholarships and other Charitable and Educational Programming.



- ♦ To establish a Donor Fund at DREF, we must submit the application with \$1,000 remittance.
- ♦ The Grants Committee is working on submitting the application to DREF.

Chapter Calendar

- ♦ 2021-2022 Chapter Calendar
- ♦ Chairs finalize dates for programs

New Password- Chapter Website

- ♦ Only financial members will receive the password
- ♦ Effective September 13th

Chapter President & Advisors September Meeting

Updates From Soror Aikens

Hybrid Business

- ♦ Soror Aikens is not approving any form of hybrid business meetings per the directive from Soror Smith.
- ♦ If this directive changes, chapters will be notified.

National Convention

- ♦ Early Bird Workshops will run September 12, 2021-November 12, 2021, please register.
- ♦ State Coordinators are working to define a space for all regional members to fellowship (in-person and virtual) during the National Convention.

Membership Intake

- ♦ Fall MI, all collegiate chapters are required to conduct MI Spring 2022 to maintain sustainability.
- ♦ MI is the Farwest Region's sustainability plan for our collegiate chapters.
- ♦ Soror Aikens noted we cannot continue to conduct reactivation every two years for the same chapters.

Regional Calendars

- ♦ Chapters are to submit updated regional calendars to the Regional Secretary and Soror Pixie Boyden.
- ♦ The region will only conduct one major event per month to allow for chapters to conduct their activities.



National Update

Cheryl A. Hickmon, National 1st Vice President

- ♦ As we navigate the Covid 19 Pandemic, despite the challenges of the pandemic with the start of the new sorority year, comes new hope, new opportunities, new challenges, and a new attitude.
- ♦ Sisterhood goals:
 1. Sorors will have fellowship
 2. Renew old acquaintances
 3. Delight in new relationships
 4. Place Delta in an appropriate position to meet the challenges of these times.
- ♦ Encouraged chapters to work with Soror Fisher regarding compliance if needed.

Pamela R. Hill, National Treasurer

Fiscal Compliance Summary

- ♦ Annual Financial Report (AFR) is due annually by August 31st.
- ♦ Soror King and Boyden did a great job with getting chapters in compliance. The region has a 97% submission.
- ♦ Soror Hill recommends chapters utilize the AFR monthly template throughout the sorority year. It is not mandated.
- ♦ E-Check was released in February 2021.
- ♦ Electronic payments in the Red Zones for Dues/Compliance Fees.
- ♦ Working on adding other options such as Membership Intake fees, any store items, or donations.

Regional Updates

National Scholarship & Standards Committee

Robin Fisher

Policies & Procedures

- ♦ The Rules of Orders Forms must match the Policies and Procedures.
- ♦ The Rules of Orders Forms & Policies and Procedures are uploaded in the Red Zone.
- ♦ Email copies of both documents to Soror Fisher.



Membership Intake- Fall 2021

- ♦ Four collegiate chapters will conduct Fall MI.
- ♦ There is a limit on how many chapters in Delta that can conduct Fall MI. Soror Hickmon has to approve Fall MI.
- ♦ Consistent Calendar across all Regions. The Scholarship & Standards Committee completed the calendar and all chapters that are conducting Fall MI will use the same calendar for consistency and to ensure the tight timelines are followed.

Membership Intake- Spring 2022

- ♦ Re-Imagine Membership Intake process will be implemented. National Scholarship & Standards Committee is busy with re-imagining MI. There will be changes as to how MI will be conducted.
- ♦ All Spring MI will follow the Re-Imagine process.
- ♦ Soror Fisher recommend chapters that normally vote on MI in September to delay their vote for Spring MI until October pending further guidance from National Scholarship & Standards.

Scholarship Awardees

- ♦ There were six members of the Farwest Region that received scholarships.

Seed Grants

- ♦ There are seed grants available through the National Scholarship & Standards Committee.
- ♦ The seed grants can be used for chapters to conduct programming and receive assistance from Scholarship and Standards.
- ♦ Soror Fisher stated she does not believe any chapters applied for seed grants from the Farwest Region. She strongly encouraged chapters to apply this sorority year and she will follow up to ensure the region has several submissions.



Doreen Dixon

Chair, National Finance Committee

Increase to Chapter Liability Insurance Fees

- ♦ Liability policy is secured by Professional Insurers and expires December 1st of each year.
 - ♦ Policy covers the normally scheduled activities for members of the chartered chapter, which includes regular scheduled meetings (at a home, at a luncheon, in a school or on rented premises), installation of officers and those regular events attended by members.
 - ♦ Covers regularly scheduled Delt Youth Initiatives.
 - ♦ Transporting of program participants in person vehicles is NOT covered.
 - ♦ Chapter Liability Insurance is a compliance requirement, it is designed to protect chapters from risk as they conduct Delta activities.
 - ♦ The Finance Committee looked at the rising cost of the premiums and made a recommendation to the National Board of Directors the new rates for 2022. The recommendation was approved on July 23, 2021.
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- ♦ Chapter Presidents will need to present this to their chapters to make adjustments to their budgets to be prepared to pay the increased amount.

♦ Current Chapter Liability Insurance Fees:

Number of Chapter Members	Fees
Less than 50	\$150
51-100	\$375
101-250	\$600
251-500	\$750
501-OVER	\$1,500

♦ NEW Chapter Liability Insurance Fees:

Number of Chapter Members	Fees
Less than 10	\$100
Less than 50	\$225
51-100	\$675
101-250	\$1,000
251-500	\$1,300
501-OVER	\$2,500



National Finance Committee

Rafaela King

National Finance Committee-Training

- ♦ Early Bird Workshop (Registration Links are in the 55th National Convention Workshop Schedule)
- ♦ Register and Attend Fiscal Officers Training.
 - October 12, 2021 @ 6:00pm-8:00pm PST
 - October 24, 2021 @ 3:00pm-5:00pm PST
 - October 27, 2021 @ 5:00pm-7:00pm PST
- ♦ Internal Audit Comprehensive Review
 - October 6, 2021 @ 5:30pm-7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Erica H. Shorts, President

Beginning Budget: \$2,260.00

Expenses Submitted: \$18.92

Balance: \$2,241.08