

Constitution of the Midwest District Alumni Association



Preamble to the Constitution of the Midwest District Alumni Association

Be it known that the Midwest District Alumni Association is an organization operating for the following several purposes:

To Continue to Serve and promote the ideals of the Fraternity and Sorority.

To Assist active chapters of the Fraternity and Sorority through scholarship and mentorship.

To Support and Promote service projects, fundraising activities, musical, and other events of the Fraternity and Sorority.

To Attend District Events and District and National Conventions as time and resources permit.

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1.0 General

1.1 The name of this organization shall be known as the Midwest District Alumni Association, hereafter referred to as the MWDAA.

1.2 The National Constitutions of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma and edicts of the National Alumni Associations shall take precedence in any conflict with the MWDAA constitution and activities.

1.3 *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, as amended by this Constitution, shall be the parliamentary rules used at all meetings of the MWDAA.

1.4 The MWDAA shall start its operating year with the opening gavel of the annual MWDAA meeting at the Midwest District Convention. Should there be no Convention, the MWDAA officers will choose a time and place to begin the operating year with a meeting. Adequate prior notice of such meetings shall be given to all members.

1.5 Other meetings of the MWDAA may be scheduled at the discretion of the MWDAA officers. Adequate prior notice of such meetings shall be given to all members.

1.6 On an as needed basis, as determined by a majority of the officers, matters arising between meetings of the Association may be voted upon by electronically mailed ballots. Matters receiving a majority of those voting shall be deemed adopted.

1.7 A majority of officers (at least 3 of 5) participating will constitute a quorum for any meeting of the MWDAA. Unless otherwise stated in this constitution, for general items of business to be approved at a meeting of the MWDAA, a simple majority of the voting body must vote in favor. In order to pass revisions of this constitution 75% of the voting body must vote in favor. The voting body of the MWDAA is defined as all members (including virtual attendees and proxy members) that are in attendance at any official meeting of the MWDAA.

1.7.1 A member in good standing may appoint a proxy to vote in their place in the event they are unable to attend convention. A member in good standing of the MWDAA may only have up to two (2) proxy votes. See 2.1 regarding "member in good standing".

1.7.2 A "proxy" is a member in good standing who has been authorized by another member in good standing to vote in their place.

1.7.3 Grammatical and numerical changes may be approved by the MWDAA council and jurisdiction committee.

2.0 Membership

2.1 Membership in the MWDAA is open to any duly initiated Alumni, Life, or Honorary member of Kappa Kappa Psi or Tau Beta Sigma in good standing. Tau Beta Sigma alumni must

be a dues paying member of the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association (TBSAA). Kappa Kappa Psi alumni must be a member of the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association (KKPsiAA).

2.2 Membership shall be awarded at the time annual registrations have been completed as set forth by the MWDAA for the operating year.

2.3 All registrations collected in the eight weeks prior to the scheduled annual meeting shall be assumed for the upcoming membership year.

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3.0 Elections

3.1 Elections shall be held during a regularly scheduled meeting at the Midwest District Convention once every operating year.

3.2 Documents stating intention to run for office are due 24 hours before the opening gavel of Convention.

3.3 Only members in good standing may cast votes for office.

3.3.1 Proxy members may vote in elections; see 1.7.2 for definition of “proxy”.

4.0 Officers

4.1 The officers of the MWDAA shall be President, Vice-President of Membership for Tau Beta Sigma (VPM TBS), Vice-President of Membership for Kappa Kappa Psi (VPM KKPsi), Vice President of Special Projects (VPSP), and Secretary/Treasurer. All active members of the MWDAA are eligible to serve as officers if they are a registered member of their respective national alumni association. The Media Coordinator, or any other leadership position, will be appointed by the MWDAA council, if needed. The officer’s term of office will begin upon election and end at the next election.**4.1.1** In order to adhere to the rules of the Local Alumni Affiliates; one (1) shall be a member of KKPsiAA and two (2) from TBSAA as required by each of the national alumni association constitutions. (*TBSAA National Constitution, 2017-19, 4.103, KKPsiAA Alumni Handbook, Spring 2017, page 6*)

4.2 The President shall serve as a liaison between the MWDAA, the National Alumni Associations, the active District Councils, and all active chapters of the Midwest District (MWD). The President shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the MWDAA.

4.2.1 In addition the President will become a friend of Tau Beta Sigma if they are not already a member of the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association (TBSAA).

4.3 The Vice-Presidents of Membership of Tau Beta Sigma (VPM TBS) and Kappa Kappa Psi (VPM KKPsi) shall be charged with maintaining and pursuing an increased level of membership in the MWDAA.

4.3.1 The Vice-Presidents of Membership (VPMs) shall also be in charge of working with Local Area Meet-up coordinators to plan local events in metropolitan areas of the Midwest District.

4.3.2 The location of the Local Area Meet-up may be approved by the MWDAA officers. A Local Area Meet-up is an area of the Midwest District where Alumni events are held.

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4.4 The Vice-President of Special Projects shall be in charge of the , MWDAA Awards as well as the collection, preservation, and distribution of historical documents. The VPSP shall also be in charge of other programs as suggested by the MWDAA Executive Council.

4.5 The Secretary/Treasurer shall record, publish, and distribute minutes of all meetings and activities of the MWDAA to the MWDAA officers. Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain complete and accurate financial records of the MWDAA and will report on such at each meeting.

4.6 All officers of the MWDAA shall serve without compensation.

4.7 Upon the resignation of any officer during the operating year, the President may appoint a replacement until the next regularly scheduled meeting. The appointment must be approved by the remaining officers.

4.8 The order of succession for the office of President shall be The VPM for the organization for which the President is not a member, the VPM for the organization for which the President is a member, VPSP, Sec/Treas.

5.0 Finance

5.1 An operating budget shall be approved by 75% of the membership in attendance at the annual meeting.

5.2 Any deviations from the budget greater than ten (10) percent must be approved by a simple majority of the officers of the MWDAA.

5.3 All MWDAA money shall be deposited into a bank account and any check written in the amount of \$50 (fifty dollars) or more requires review and approval by a majority of the MWDAA officers.

6.0 Committees

6.1 The committees of the MWDAA may include: Fundraising, Welcoming, Web Presence, Historical, and Jurisdiction. The MWDAA officers shall each oversee a committee and that committee shall appoint a chair.

6.1.1 Fundraising-Shall be overseen by the Secretary/Treasurer. Members shall work with the Secretary/Treasurer to initiate and carry out fundraisers for the MWDAA.

6.1.2 Welcoming- Shall be overseen by the Vice-Presidents of Membership. This committee shall work with active graduating seniors to transition into Alumni/Life status. Interactions shall be focused on what new membership wants as an active alum.

6.1.3 Web Presence- Shall be overseen by the Vice-Presidents of Membership. Shall work to increase and maintain online web presence. This includes, but is not limited to: Social media pages and the MWDAA website

6.1.4 Historical- Shall be overseen by the VPSP. Shall maintain a historical record of the MWDAA.

6.1.5 Jurisdiction- Shall be overseen by the President. This committee shall review the MWDAA Constitution as needed and present changes to the MWDAA Council.

6.2 Other committees shall be formed ad hoc by the President and/or MWDAA Council according to the needs of the organization.

7.0 Awards

7.1 The available awards of the MWDAA may include the New Alumni Award of Kappa Kappa Psi, New Alumni Award of Tau Beta Sigma, Chapter Ritual Scholarship,, and the Alumni Grant. **Other awards may be created per the discretion of the MWDAA council.**

7.2 The New Alumni Award may be awarded at District Convention to one new alumnus of Kappa Kappa Psi and one new alumnus of Tau Beta Sigma.

7.3 The Chapter Ritual Scholarship may be awarded to help chapters improve their ritual supplies.

7.4 The nomination forms for the New Alumni Award and Chapter Ritual Scholarship Award shall be decided by the VPSP.

7.5 The recipient of the New Alumni Award and Chapter Ritual Scholarship Award shall be decided by a majority of the MWDAA membership at District Convention prior to the Banquet.

7.6 The Alumni Grant may be awarded to a member of the MWDAA who truly exemplifies the ideals of the organization. This award shall be decided at the discretion of the MWDAA officers. The purpose of the award is to assist the recipient in attending District Convention. An additional Alumni Grant may be awarded for the purpose of attending National Convention per the discretion of the MWDAA Officers.

8.0 Disclaimers

8.1 Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma expressly prohibits discrimination by any component part of the Fraternity and Sorority or by any person acting on behalf of the organizations on the basis of race, national origin, gender, sex, religion, handicap, sexual orientation, or marital status. Rather it is the policy of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma to foster a spirit of mutual understanding and respect among all peoples, especially those involved with college and university bands, remembering that music is the universal language.

8.2 Neither the Midwest District Alumni Association, nor any MWDAA member, will act as an official representative of the Fraternity or Sorority without prior written approval of the National Councils.

8.3 Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma neither approves of nor is responsible for actions of members of local chapters or alumni associations which may result in injury to persons or damage to property. Hazing is defined as any actions taken or situation created, intentionally or unintentionally, to produce mental or physical discomfort on or off campus involving members and/or prospective members, which may cause embarrassment, harassment, and/or ridicule.

8.4 MWDAA abides by the current alcohol, controlled substance, and hazing policies of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma for official Fraternity and Sorority events, functions, or meetings.

8.5 Alumni groups who do not become recognized alumni associations by the Alumni Associations of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma are forbidden from using the name of Kappa Kappa Psi or Tau Beta Sigma or any component designator used by Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.