

#### Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Houston, Texas

Joya T. Hayes, Regional Director



# 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference "Reigniting the Flame of Excellence and Sisterhood" Opening Plenary Session

Friday, March 18, 2022 8:45 a.m. to 12:32 p.m. George R. Brown Convention Center Houston, Texas

#### MEETING MINUTES

Joya T. Hayes, South Central Regional Director Jullette Spivey, 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Chairman Chamelia Robinson, 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Co-Chairman Kim Warren, 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Co-Chairman

Meeting Minutes Recorded and Prepared under the supervision of Cerise McClendon Martin, South Central Regional Grammateus and Lindsey Leverett-Higgins, South Central Regional Anti-Grammateus

### 90<sup>TH</sup> SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE OPENING PLENARY SESSION

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Live stream begins (8:45 a.m.)

Technology provided by: Sweeney & Sons

"Scarf Day"

### Musical Prelude performed by South Central Regional Choir under the direction of Soror Linda Knight Burkley, Xi Alpha Omega Chapter

Song with piano accompaniment, "All in His Hands" by Dr. Charles G. Hayes

Song with recorded instrumental track, piano accompaniment, and various featured soloists,

"I Give Myself Away" by William McDowell

Song with piano accompaniment and featured soloist, "I Made it Out" by John P. Kee

Song with piano accompaniment and featured soloist, "Every Praise" by Hezekiah Walker

Dais participants received to piano accompaniment, "Every Praise" by Hezekiah Walker Dais participants and audience seated

#### South Central Regional Representative to International Protocol Committee Adrienne Gibson

Welcome statement

Introduction of Very Special Guests and Dais participants (in order as introduced)

Very Special Guests

Reserved Seating

South Central regional appointees

International regional chairmen, co-chairmen, and appointees

Program participants for Closing Plenary Session

Rhonda Goode-Douglas, Chairman, 91st South Central Regional Conference Committee

Chimene Grant Saloy, Co-Chairman, 91st South Central Regional Conference Committee

Myra McKenzie-Harris, South Central Regional Representative to the International Connections Committee Robyn McCormick, South Central Regional Representative to the International Disaster Relief Committee Monique Edwards, South Central Regional Representative to the International Disaster Relief Committee

Mikayla Walker, Beta Kappa Chapter

Llia Wright, Soloist, Eta Kappa Chapter

Alice Cooper, Chairman, South Central Regional Conference Resolution Committee Dara Brazile, Chairman, South Central Regional Conference Time and Place Committee Glenda Chachere, Chairman, South Central Region Philacters Committee





#### Dais participants

Lavdena Orr, North Atlantic Regional Representative to the International Nominating Committee Cheryl Daniel, South Central Regional Representative to the International Nominating Committee Toni McCastle-Freeman, South Central Regional Representative to the International Membership Committee Donetta Henry, Chairman, 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Rules Committee Racquell Garrett, Chairman, 90th South Central Regional Conference Registration Committee Krystal Braden, Chairman, 90th South Central Regional Conference Awards Committee Ta'Meka Martin, Co-Chairman, 90th South Central Regional Conference Awards Committee Shalonda Davis, Chairman, South Central Regional Conference Awards Committee Tanya McKinney, Co-Chairman, 89th South Central Regional Conference Gwendolyn Kimble, Chairman, 89th South Central Regional Conference Kim Warren, Co-Chairman, 90th South Central Regional Conference Chamelia Robinson, Co-Chairman 90th South Central Regional Conference Jullette Spivey, Chairman, 90th South Central Regional Conference Markecia Riley-Barthelemy, South Louisiana Cluster Coordinator Margaret Brooks-Winston, North Louisiana Cluster Coordinator Melanie Hillard, Arkansas Cluster Coordinator Melanie Jones, Southwest Central Cluster Coordinator Candice Richmond, Southeast Texas Cluster Coordinator Tina Stevens, West Texas/New Mexico Cluster Coordinator Veronica Williams, Northeast Texas Cluster Coordinator Taylor Anthony, Southeast Texas Undergraduate Cluster Coordinator Jamillia McKinley, South Louisiana Undergraduate Cluster Coordinator Averyana Williams, North Louisiana Undergraduate Cluster Coordinator Taylor Williams, Southwest Central Undergraduate Cluster Coordinator Karis Cooks, West Texas/New Mexico Undergraduate Cluster Coordinator Susan Johnson, Co-Chairman, International Leadership Development Committee Karla Hall, Chairman, International Investment Committee Berna Greer, Chairman, International Financial Officer Certification Committee Carisma Ramsey Fields, Chairman, International Public Relations and Communications Committee Andrea Miles, Chairman, International Sisterly Relations Committee Yolanda Murdock, Co-Chairman, International Membership Intake Process Committee Cynthia Finch, Chairman, International Membership Intake Process Committee Marsha Penn, South Central Regional Parliamentarian Yvette Mitchell, Chief of Staff and 89th South Central Regional Conference Chairman Cerise McClendon Martin, South Central Regional Grammateus Lindsey Leverett-Higgins, South Central Regional Anti-Grammateus Welozette Duffin, South Central Regional Tamiouchos Cathy Beans, South Central Regional Pecunious Grammateus Shalindra "Lynn" Farris, South Central Regional Hodegos









#### Former Regional Directors

25th South Central Regional Director Katina M. Semien Smothers

23rd South Central Regional Director Gwendolyn J. Brinkley

22nd South Central Regional Director Tari T. Bradford

21st South Central Regional Director Shirley R. Fisher

20th South Central Regional Director Polly Sparks Turner

19th South Central Regional Director Carmelita Smith

18th South Central Regional Director Jacqueline O. Dansby

13th South Central Regional Director Mary Louise Williams (special entrance noted 9:18 a.m.)

#### Former Supreme Basilei

18th Supreme Basileus Mattelia B. Grays (special entrance noted 9:19 a.m.)

#### Directorate

International Regional Director Joy Elaine Daley

South Eastern Regional Director Mitzi Dease Paige

Undergraduate Member-At-Large Alysse Guerrier

Supreme Tamiouchos Gayle Miles-Scott

Supreme Grammateus and 24th South Central Regional Director Chelle Luper Wilson

Second Supreme Anti-Basileus Jasmyne E. McCoy

30th Supreme Basileus and CEO of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Glenda Baskin Glover South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

"Good morning, South Central Region"

Welcome extended to 18th Supreme Basileus Mattelia Bennett Grays

Acknowledgement of International committee chairmen

Acknowledgement of International committee appointees

Presentation of Colors by Eisenhower High School Color Guard

United States National Anthem, recorded track, "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key

Meditation by 20th South Central Regional Director Polly Sparks Turner

Musical selection, "Total Praise" by Richard Lee Smallwood, with piano accompaniment, performed by South Central Regional Choir

Recognition of 2020 and 2021 Initiates

Recognition of 2022 new chapters (8) and new Initiates

Rededication Ceremony by 18th Supreme Basileus Mattelia B. Grays (9:35 a.m. to 9:59 a.m.)

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Welcome to new members

Musical selection, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," with piano accompaniment, performed by Soror Jolie Rocke, Xi Alpha Omega Chapter

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#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Introduction of 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Chairman Jullette Spivey, Co-Chairman Chamelia Robinson and Co-Chairman Kim Warren

#### Presentation by 90th South Central Regional Conference Committee (with slides shown)

Chairman Jullette Spivey

Good morning and welcome to Houston and 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference, "Reigniting the Flame of Excellence and Sisterhood"

Thank you to Conference Co-Chairmen, Chamelia Robinson and Kim Warren

Thank you to Zeta Gamma Omega Chapter, Prairie View, Texas

Congratulations and thank you to Regional Director Joya T. Hayes for commitment and leadership

#### Co-Chairman Chamelia Robinson

Welcome on behalf of the Southeast Texas Cluster

Thank you to Xi Alpha Omega Chapter

Thank you to Madam Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

#### Co-Chairman Kim Warren

Good morning and welcome

Congratulations to Regional Director Joya T. Hayes on first in-person regional conference

Reminder: Follow COVID protocols Thank you to Psi Mu Omega Chapter

Concluding with characteristic pair: "Passionate excited; after three years, we are reunited."

#### Opening Performance presented by Southeast Texas Cluster

Dramatic performance begins

Dance performance, hip hop, by Southeast Texas Cluster Undergraduate members

Ocean of Soul prerecorded track playing, slides shown highlighting Texas Southern University Ocean of Soul, Yolanda Adams, and greater Houston area Alpha Kappa Alpha Undergraduate chapters: Gamma Psi, Texas Southern University; Sigma Theta, Houston Baptist University; Epsilon Lambda, University of Houston; and Omicron Gamma, University of Houston, Downtown

Dance performance by Southeast Texas Cluster Undergraduate members to song "On Fire"

Slides shown highlighting Space Center Manned Space Flight Education Foundation

Slides shown, photos of Sorors Astronaut Mae Jemison and Dr. Jeanette Epps

Slides shown highlighting Houston Museum of African American Culture, Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, and The Ensemble Theatre

Slides shown highlighting NRG Stadium, Houston Texans football team, and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Slide shown, photo of 21st International President, Ivy Beyond the Wall, Faye Beverly Bryant

Video presentation to instrumental version of song "I Can Only Imagine," tribute to

21st International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Ivy Beyond the Wall, Faye Beverly Bryant

Dance performance by Southeast Texas Cluster Undergraduate members to song "Fire"

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Dance performances by Southeast Texas Cluster Undergraduate members to song "Girl on Fire" Houston Fire Department Ladder Truck 68 enters the conference hall with lights and sirens Ladder Truck 68 crew escort South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes to the stage

#### Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Houston Fire Department welcomed Conference attendees welcomed to Houston Stand down order given to Houston Fire Department

#### Opening Performance presented by Southeast Texas Cluster (Continued)

Ladder Truck 68 exits the conference hall

Final dance performance by Southeast Texas Cluster Undergraduate members to song "Firework"

#### Presentation by 89th South Central Regional Conference Committee

Chairman Yvette Mitchell, Mu Kappa Omega Chapter

"Welcome Aboard Flight SCRC90"

Co-Chairman Gwendolyn Kimble, Tau Rho Omega Chapter

"Cabin prepared," featuring items:

Pink KN95 masks

Pink water bottle

Pretty Girl Kit

Co-Chairman Tanya McKinney, Iota Xi Omega Chapter

"Safety briefing," including items:

Devotional item

Candle

Conference hall emergency exits identified

Reminder: Focus on God and reflect on past and future

"Safety briefing," including items (continued):

Pretty Girl Safety Kit

Rolling laptop bag

Chairman Yvette Mitchell

Recognition of "crew members":

Soror Katrina Owoh, Beta Pi Omega Chapter, Arkansas

Soror Erica Williams. Tau Iota Omega Chapter, Louisiana

Wishes for a "safe flight" for and offer of support to conference leadership and attendees

"Cleared for departure"

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

90th South Central Regional Conference officially called to order (10:47 a.m.)

Welcome statement

Thank you to attendees, in person and live stream; conference chairman and co-chairmen;

Planning Committee; and members of Southeast Texas Cluster

Reminder that members can live stream conference from hotel rooms

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Thank you to conference leadership. conference Planning Committee. and members of Southeast Texas Cluster

Recognition of members of Southeast Texas Cluster

Contributed funds as seed money

Provided free COVID testing for the conference

Recognition of communications team lead by MarQuisia Johnson

Recognition of technology team lead by Teresa Beaudoin

Presentation of Registration and Delegate Report (with slides shown) by 90th South Central Regional Conference Registration Chairman Racquell Garrett (For information only)

Registration as of March 17th at 8:00 p.m.:

Graduate: 3,730 Undergraduate: 478

General Members: 170

Former Regional Directors: 10 Directorate Members: 9

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Guests: 18

Children and Youth: 2 Total registered: 4,417

South Central Regional Delegate Strength: 797

Graduate Delegates: 482 Undergraduate Delegates: 87 General Member Delegates: Zero Total Certified Delegates: 569

Note: Certified delegates total included in the total registered numbers

Reminder: Final registration totals to be updated at Closing Plenary Session; delegates certified on the

morning of 3/18/22 are not included in the above numbers

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Announcement: Conference is seeing a record number of attendees with 1300 sorors joining the Opening Plenary Session via live stream

Seating of Delegates

Reminders: No photos should be taken during the plenary session once it has been officially called to

order

No photos of the official portion of the plenary session should be posted on social media No photos of Rededication Ceremony may be maintained on devices or posted to social

media

Presentation of Rules Committee Report including proposed Conference Rules (with slide presentation) by 90th South Central Regional Conference Rules Committee Chairman Donetta Henry

Reminder: All proposed rules published in Conference Agenda

Selected proposed rules read to the conference attendees: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 19, 20,

21, 22, 23, and 24



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Motion to adopt Rules Committee Report and Conference Rules by 90th South Central Regional Conference Rules Committee Chairman Donetta Henry Motion from committee, no 2<sup>nd</sup> needed No objection No discussion Rules Committee Report and proposed conference rules adopted

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Presentation of corrections to Conference Agenda Reminder: Conference Agenda app available

Recognition of International Constitution Committee members Camille Waters and Dorothy Smith

Motion to adopt Conference Agenda with noted corrections and flexibility

1st - Delegate Octavia Dobbins, Mu Theta Omega Chapter

2nd - Delegate Karen Baker Sonier, Xi Alpha Omega Chapter

No discussion

Conference Agenda with noted corrections and flexibility adopted

Presentation of 89th South Central Regional Conference Minutes by South Central Regional Grammateus Cerise McClendon Martin

Motion to accept 89th South Central Regional Conference Minutes 1st - South Central Regional Grammateus Cerise McClendon Martin 2nd - Delegate LaDonna Evans-Sutton, Tau Iota Omega Chapter No discussion 89th South Central Regional Conference Minutes accepted

Motion to ratify the appointment of the 90th South Central Regional officers:

Marsha Penn, Parliamentarian
Cerise McClendon Martin, Grammateus
Lindsey Leverett-Higgins, Anti-Grammateus
Welozette Duffin, Tamiouchos
Cathy Beans, Pecunious Grammateus
Shalindra "Lynn" Farris, Hodegos
Sondra Williams, Anti-Hodegos

1st - Delegate Lona Winnegan, Chi Omicron Chapter

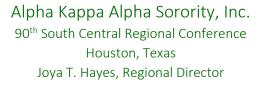
2nd - Delegate Yoshida Kirkwood, Omicron Tau Omega Chapter

No discussion

Appointment of the 90th South Central Regional officers ratified

Introduction of Supreme Basileus and Chief Executive Officer Glenda Baskin Glover by International Leadership Development Committee Co-Chairman Susan Johnson, "Three Minutes"







#### Supreme Basileus and Chief Executive Officer Glenda Baskin Glover

State of the Sorority Report, "We are Doing a Great Work, and We Cannot Come Down"

Thank you to Soror Joya T. Hayes, members of the Directorate, Danette Anthony Reed, members of Alpha Kappa Alpha, sorors of the South Central Region, and Soror Susan Johnson Moment of silence observed in remembrance of those lost to COVID-19

Video presentation begins, "Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service":

Excellence Administration 2018-2022

3,816,274 community service hours provided

Target 1: HBCU for Life: A Call to Action

#CAP

175,00 students assisted with college applications

14,000 admitted to colleges

Target 2: Women's Healthcare and Wellness

"Walking With the Supreme"

909,629,492 steps recorded on aka1908.com during the Excellence Administration

Target 3: Building Your Economic Legacy

**AKA Soror Business Directory** 

Nearly 3,000 businesses uploaded

Available online at aka1908.com and in hard copy at 70<sup>th</sup> Boule

Reminder: Upload your business today Chapter support of over 100,000 businesses \$60 million spent for Black Dollar 365

The Mississippi Health Project II

Took place 10/4-6/2021

Vaccines, COVID tests, and mammograms provided

Target 4: The Arts!

645,101 students exposed to arts enrichment and culture

Impact Day No. 1: AKA International Day of Prayer #AKASPRAY

Fourth Sunday each August

2,379 chapters implemented events during Excellence Administration

Impact Day No. 2: AKA HBCU Day #AKA1MIILION1DAY

National HBCU Week:

\$10 million raised for HBCUs as follows:

\$5 million for endowments

\$5 million for scholarships

Supreme Basileus Dr. Glenda Glover appointed Vice Chair of President's Advisory Board for HBCUs 3,335 HBCU Week and HBCU Day events implemented during the Excellence Administration







Totals for all four HBCU Impact Days by region:

Central Region: \$423,314.95 Far Western Region: \$332,510.62 \$350,585.95 Great Lakes Region: International Region: \$40,719.48 Mid Atlantic Region: \$564,512.63 Mid-Western Region: \$119,105.04 North Atlantic Region: \$789,218.02 South Atlantic Region: \$1,096,393.24 \$650,549.99 South Central Region: South Eastern Region: \$710,454.75

Impact Day No. 3: Breast Cancer Awareness Day

2,549 mammograms provided to community

Impact Day No. 4: AKA Care for the Caregivers Day

2,472 caregiver events 2018-2022

Impact Day No. 5: AKA MLK Day of Service

2,842 MLK events 2018-2022

Impact Day No. 6: Pink Goes Red Day for Heart Health

909,629,492 steps recorded on aka1908.com

2,358 Pink Goes Red events 2018-2022

Impact Day No. 7: AKA Global Impact Day

Over 600,000 new or gently-worn shoes collected for those in need (in partnership with Soles4Souls)

Over 150,000 eyeglasses collected for those in need (in partnership with Lions Clubs)

1,592 Global Impact Day events during Excellence Administration

Membership base as of 12/31/2021:

110,778 active (financial) members

1,045 chapters

Membership increased by 24 percent from previous year

Growth attributed to:

Program involvement

Reactivation and retention activities

Chartering

Continued investment in Undergraduate membership base and new Graduate and Undergraduate member initiations

The Leadership Fellows Program to take place 5/11-14/2022 in Atlanta, Georgia, will be the largest during this administration

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Risk management remains a top priority



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**Executive Leadership Academy** 

Two days of comprehensive training by accomplished C-Suite executives

500 applications received, of which:

25 inaugural Executive Fellows chosen for 2021

24 Executive Fellows selected for 2022

#### **AKA Documentary Twenty Pearls**

Released 3/26/2021

Awards received:

**HBO Max Best Documentary Award** 

1st Place Winner Martha's Vineyard Film Festival

30th Annual St. Louis Film Festival Leon Award, Best Documentary

Teaneck International Film Festival, 2021 Official Selection

Distribution through Comcast, Xfinity, and Homestead for lifetime income (\$2 per view)

Relaunched 2/22/2022, during Black History Month, distribution through Gravitas Ventures

1 billion homes now have access through Prime Video, ITunes, Vudu, Google Play, YouTube, Microsoft, and Vimeo

Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Museum for African-American Women

Property previously owned by founder purchased in St. Louis, Missouri

Giving Tuesday 2021: \$300,000 raised

Video presentation ends

Good financial stewardship under Excellence Administration

\$90.1 million in assets in Alpha Kappa Alpha entities as follows:

\$61.7 million in Alpha Kappa Alpha

\$27 million in Educational Advancement Foundation

\$1.4 million in housing foundation

Thank you to Former Supreme Basilei for their vision:

18th Supreme Basileus Mattelia Bennett Grays

25th Supreme Basileus Norma Solomon White

28th Supreme Basileus Carolyn House Stewart

29th Supreme Basileus Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson

Thanks to God, blessings to all

Motion by South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes to accept the State of the Sorority Report by unanimous consent

No objection

No discussion

State of the Sorority Report accepted by unanimous consent

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Announcement concerning change of time for luncheon and moving of International Finance Committee Report, International Membership Committee Report and awards to Second Plenary Session

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Introduction of Second Supreme Anti-Basileus Jasmyne E. McCoy by 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Undergraduate Planning Committee Chairman and Southeast Texas Cluster Undergraduate Coordinator Taylor Anthony

#### Second Supreme Anti-Basileus Jasmyne E. McCoy

Undergraduate Activities Committee Report, the "State of the Undergraduates"

Undergraduate Activities Committee theme is REACH – Resilience, Excellence, Ambition, Connection and Heart

Welcome to new Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 Initiates

Modified membership intake process resulted in massive influx of new members who work hard, maintain at least a 2.5 semester GPA and will work with Undergraduate Advisors and Graduate Advisory Councils for healthy student/Greek-life balance

Congratulations and best wishes to 2022 Graduates ending their Undergraduate chapter and college careers and entering the workforce and Graduate chapters

2022 Skee Week was a major success 3/6-12/2022

Congratulations to 2022 Leadership Fellows

43rd cohort of Leadership Fellows program will be held in May 2022 in Atlanta, Georgia

Reminder: Those who are interested in the Leadership Fellows program, please apply to be a part of the 2023 cohort

Thank you to the membership for support of Undergraduate PPE "Pretty Protective Equipment" Kit sales:

Kits consist of:

Masks, hand sanitizer, wipes, thermometer and gloves

Price: \$35.00.
Proceeds go to EAF

Undergraduate Activities Fund raised \$35,000 to date

Sold out, but more will be available at aka1908.com

Thank you to the membership for maintaining social media connections with the Undergraduate Activities Committee

Reminder: Follow Undergraduate Activities Committee on Instagram at aka\_uac, Twitter at aka\_uac, and on Facebook at akauac1908.

Two weekly initiatives, Workout Wednesday and Self-Care Saturday, were offered to help sorors in reducing stress and gaining information on how to live a happy, healthy, holistic lifestyle Questions, comments, or suggestions may be addressed to UAC using e-mail uac@aka1908 Thank you to Regional Director Joya T. Hayes, Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover, and members of the South Central Region for the opportunity to serve

Motion by South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes to accept the Undergraduate Activities Committee Report by unanimous consent

No objection

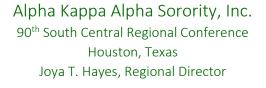
No discussion

Undergraduate Activities Committee Report accepted by unanimous consent

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Recognition of International Regional Director and Pandemic Task Force Chairman Joy Elaine Daley







Presentation of Nominating Committee Report and introduction of Certified Candidates (with slide presentation) by South Central Regional Representative to the International Nominating Committee Cheryl Daniel

Latest edition of "So You Want to Run For Office" released in April 2021 Presented virtual webinar in May 2021 and at Leadership Seminar Encouraged Undergraduates to run for office by providing detailed information regarding open offices and positions at roundups and fall cluster meetings Online submission portal launched

Held committee meeting in Chicago with focus of certifying candidates to run for office Opened the call for nominations on 9/28/2021 for 24 open positions as follows:

14 on Directorate

10 Regional Representatives to the International Nominating Committee Response as follows:

57 packages received 56 candidates certified One candidate could not be certified Two withdrawals Candidate Certification

54 certified candidates as follows by open office/position:

First Supreme Anti-Basileus: Carrie J. Clark, Great Lakes Region Joy Elaine Daley, North Atlantic Region Charletta Wilson Jacks, South Atlantic Region Chelle Luper Wilson, South Central Region

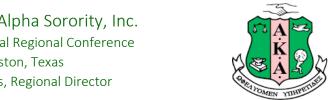
Second Supreme Anti-Basileus: Jamie M. Gray, South Atlantic Region

Supreme Tamiouchos:

Supreme Grammateus: Sonya L. Bowen, Central Region Edna Pearl Burems, Far Western Region Lavdena Adams Orr, North Atlantic Region Mitzi Dease Paige, South Eastern Region Carolyn G. Randolph, South Atlantic Region

Shariah Dixon-Turner, North Atlantic Region Tonette Anderson Echols, Far Western Region Karla Althea Hall, North Atlantic Region Audrey V. Kay, Far Western Region Patricia D. Roberts, South Central Region Joycelyn Jones-Smith, Far Western Region





Undergraduate Member-At-Large No candidates

North Atlantic Regional Director: Arla J. Bentley, Xi Sigma Omega Chapter Elicia Pegues Spearman, Theta Epsilon Omega

North Atlantic Undergraduate Representative to the International Nominating Committee No candidates

Mid Atlantic Regional Director: Nadine Vargas Stewart, Alpha Theta Omega Chapter Tracey D. Watkins, Xi Upsilon Omega Chapter

Mid Altantic Undergraduate Representative to the International Nominating Committee No candidates

South Atlantic Regional Director: Sylvia Blackmon-Roberts, Omicron Kappa Omega Chapter Tiffany Moore Russell, Psi Theta Omega Chapter Dianne Williams-Cox, Chi Upsilon Omega Chapter

South Atlantic Undergraduate Representative to the International Nominating Committee No candidates

Great Lakes Regional Director: Gwendolyn Kirtley, Alpha Omega Chapter Joyce L. Walker, Lambda Phi Omega Chapter

Great Lakes Regional Representative to the International Nominating Committee: Richelle A. McCoy, Alpha Omega Chapter
Shannon D. Teague, Alpha Sigma Omega Chapter

South Eastern Regional Director:

Announcement: Soror Tracey Morant Adams elected, to be ratified at 70<sup>th</sup> Boule

South Eastern Representative to the International Nominating Committee Announcement: Soror Kimberly R. Smith-Russ re-elected, to be ratified at 70<sup>th</sup> Boule

South Central Regional Director: Joya T. Hayes, Beta Psi Omega Chapter







South Central Regional Representative to the International Nominating Committee: Micaela Bowers, Omicron Lambda Omega Chapter.

Jacqueline Caviel, Mu Kappa Omega Chapter
Gwendolyn Kimble, Tau Rho Omega Chapter
Lindsey Leverett-Higgins, Phi Alpha Omega Chapter
Tracey Regina Lewis, Xi Alpha Omega Chapter
Toni McCastle-Freeman, a General Member
Yolanda Renee Murdock, Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter
Shalonda Renee Russell-Davis, Alpha Alpha Xi Omega Chapter

Central Regional Director: Kiahna W. Davis, Chi Chi Omega Chapter Tresa Dunbar Garrett, Theta Omega Chapter Mary Ann Whitlock Stoddard, Eta Omega Chapter

Central Region Representative to the International Nominating Committee: Soror Sharon Luster Dykes, Delta Phi Omega Chapter
Michelle McClendon, Phi Kappa Omega Chapter
Nichole Wilson, Alpha Mu Omega Chapter

Mid Western Regional Director: Tanesha DeLee Thompson, Mu Omega Chapter Anika Ayanna Wilson from Beta Sigma Omega Chapter

Mid Western Representative to International Nominating Committee: Sharon Hicks, Epsilon Nu Omega Chapter Armisha L. Walker-Harrison, Sigma Sigma Omega Chapter

Far Western Regional Director: Shelby D. Boagni, Alpha Gamma Omega Chapter

Far Western Representative to the International Nominating Committee: Shauna Graves-Robertson, Upsilon Beta Omega Chapter

International Regional Representative to the International Nominating Committee: Tekea A. Saunders, Sigma Xi Omega Chapter

Recognition of International Nominating Committee members
Armisha L. Walker-Harrison, Mid-Western Region, Chairman
Lavdena Adams Orr, North Atlantic Region
Jordyn Thompson, Great Lakes Region
Imani Graham, Central Region
Nadine Vargas Stewart, Mid-Atlantic Region









Kimberly Smith-Russ, South Eastern Region Shauna Graves-Robertson, Far Western Region Dianne Williams-Cox, South Atlantic Region Cheryl Daniel, South Central Region Alex Lightbourne, International Region

Motion by South Central Regional Representative to the International Nominating Committee Cheryl Daniel to accept the Nominating Committee Report Motion from committee, no 2<sup>nd</sup> needed No discussion

Nominating Committee Report accepted

#### Supreme Basileus and Chief Executive Officer Glenda Baskin Glover

Floor opened for nominations for South Central Regional Director No new nominations brought forward Floor closed for nomination for South Central Regional Director Soror Joya T. Hayes re-elected South Central Regional Director by declaration Acceptance of re-election to office by Soror Joya T. Hayes

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Recognition of candidates for office

Floor opened for nominations for South Central Region Representative to the International Nominating Committee

No new nominations brought forward

Floor closed for nominations for South Central Region Representative to the International Nominating Committee

Recognition of candidates for office from other regions who traveled to Houston for  $90^{th}$  South Central Regional Conference

Opening Plenary Session at recess (12:32 p.m.) Live stream ends (12:32 p.m.)

Second Plenary Session Friday, March 18, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.







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#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Audience assembled (3:00 p.m.)

"Scarf Day"

#### Dais participants

Directorate

Jasmyne E. McCoy, Second Supreme Anti-Basileus and Chairman, Undergraduate Activities Committee Chelle Luper Wilson, Supreme Grammateus and 24th South Central Regional Director

Gayle P. Miles-Scott, Supreme Tamiouchos

International Region

Joy Elaine Daley, Regional Director

Berna Greer, Chairman, Financial Officers Certification Committee

Karla Hall, Chairman, Investment Committee

Cynthia Finch, Chairman, Membership Intake Process Committee

Yolanda Murdock, Co-Chairman, Membership Intake Process Committee

Susan Johnson, Co-Chairman, Leadership Development Committee

Andrea K. Miles, Chairman, Sisterly Relations Committee

Carisma Ramsey Fields, Chairman, Public Relations and Communications Committee

Alysse Guerrier, Undergraduate Member-At-Large

North Atlantic Region

Lavdena Orr, Regional Representative, International Nominating Committee

South Atlantic Region

Carolyn G. Randolph, Regional Director

South Central Region

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Cathy Beans, Pecunious Grammateus

Marsha Penn, Parliamentarian

Shalindra "Lynn" Farris, Hodegos

Toni McCastle-Freeman, Regional Representative, International Membership Committee

Shawn Emerson Simmons, Chairman, International Program Committee

Cheryl Daniel, Regional Representative, International Nominating Committee

Shalonda Davis, Chairman, Awards Committee

Former South Central Regional Directors

Jacqueline O. Dansby, 18th Regional Director

Carmelita C. Smith, 19th Regional Director







Former South Central Regional Directors (Continued)

Polly Sparks Turner, 20th Regional Director

Shirley R. Fisher, 21st Regional Director

Tari T. Bradford, 22nd Regional Director

Gwendolyn J. Brinkley, 23rd Regional Director

90th South Central Regional Conference Committee

Jullette Spivey, Chairman

Chamelia Robinson, Co-Chairman

Kim Warren, Co-Chairman

Racquell Garrett, Chairman, Registration Committee

Krystal Braden, Chairman, Awards Committee

Donetta Henry, Chairman, Rules Committee

89th South Central Regional Conference Committee

Yvette Mitchell, Chairman

Gwendolyn Kimble, Co-Chairman

Tanya McKinney, Co-Chairman

South Central Regional Cluster Coordinators

Melanie Hillard, Arkansas Cluster Coordinator

Margaret Brooks-Winston, South Louisiana Cluster Coordinator

Markecia Riley-Barthelemy, South Louisiana Cluster Coordinator

Melanie Jones, Southwest Central Cluster Coordinator

Veronica Williams, Northeast Texas Cluster Coordinator

Candice Richmond, Southeast Texas Central Cluster Coordinator

Karis Cooks, West Texas/New Mexico Cluster Coordinator

Tina Stevens, West Texas/New Mexico Cluster Coordinator

Live stream begins (3:12 p.m.)

Technology provided by: Sweeney & Sons

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

90th South Central Regional Conference officially called to order (3:12 p.m.)

Distribution of Opening Plenary Session report by philacters

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Recognition of philacters

Meditation by South Central Regional Spiritual Oversight Committee Chairman Stephanie Hall Musical selection, "Revelation 19:1" by A. Jeffrey LaValley, with piano accompaniment, performed by South Central Regional Choir

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#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Instruction to philacters to allow sorors to come into conference hall without charge due to "passing the mic" activity at Diamond, Pearl, Golden and Silver luncheon causing event to end late

Acknowledgement of South Atlantic Regional Director Carolyn Randolph

Presentation of International Pandemic Task Force Committee Report (with video presentation) by International Membership Intake Process Committee Chairman Cynthia Finch (For information only)

Video presentation begins

12/1/21: Pandemic continuing, first confirmed case of Omicron variant

Task force created 3/21/20 by Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover

Task force operating under leadership of Chairman Joy Elaine Daley and Co-Chairman Kimberly Esmond Adams

Major operational developments and membership engagement initiatives through work groups:

Communications

**Chapter Operations** 

**Notification Protocols** 

Data Collection

Soror Assistance and Welfare

Provided critical support during virtual operations

Provided support to International meetings and events, serving membership in efforts to ensure safety precautions while allowing members to remain active in their communities Developed COVID-19 protocols in conjunction with International Risk Management Committee for International meetings, including Directorate Meeting and Mass Committee Meeting Supported sorority committees such as International Membership Intake Process Committee

in fall 2020, spring 2021, fall 2021, and spring 2022

Risk Mitigation Plan

Checklist

Mandatory full vaccination

COVID test results

Frequent temperature checks

Hand sanitization

Candidate Commitment form and waiver required to acknowledge COVID risk

Supported Mississippi Health Project

320 COVID-19 vaccines administered

Provided bookmark takeaway with COVID information and precautions to attendees and volunteers Supported Directorate by developing and distributing COVID-19 protocols and best practices to be used at regional conferences and 70<sup>th</sup> Boule in Orlando, Florida, covering the following areas:

Pre-conference, conference, and post-conference mitigation

Crowd management

Dining

Vendor planning

Medical triage

Met with Graduate and Undergraduate chapters across the globe virtually through events and workshops to discuss COVID-19, give operational updates, and serve as a resource at the chapter level







Provided support to promote and sustain membership

Continues to meet regularly to address significant developments relating to COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Alpha Kappa Alpha

Important information communicated through regular pandemic updates including:

Operational updates

Health and safety tips

Sisterly relations activities to stay connected

Chapter highlights

Published first COVID-19 survey to assist task force in formulating practices and recommendations for the Directorate

Responses from nearly 27,000 members

93 percent of responders fully vaccinated as of 7/4/21

80 percent of responders comfortable returning to in-person activities subject to vaccination requirement and following CDC protocols

Second survey will be sent out to consider timing of return to full in-person operations

Reminder: Be on the lookout for the second survey, participation will be greatly appreciated Virtual events held with thousands of sorors over 10 regions tuning in

"This is a Serious Matter" virtual Town Halls held:

Coronavirus information and precautions, "Vaccines and Variants"

"How to Run For Public Office"

"Becoming a College President"

Second Annual Virtual Commencement Ceremony held 6/5/21

2,250 graduates

40,000 viewers

Produced 2020 pandemic issue of Ivy Leaf magazine

Contributed articles to other issues of Ivy Leaf, keeping sorors up to date on COVID-19-related information and guidance

Facebook frame distributed to encourage sorors, family, and friends to get vaccinated

Reminder: Apply your Facebook frame today to help the task force spread awareness and save lives Continuing to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on Alpha Kappa Alpha from data reports across all Regions

As of 2/17/22:

1,948 reports of confirmed COVID cases

97 Undergraduate members included in total number

46 Ivies Beyond the Wall

Task force will continue gathering data in honor of members lost and in support of chapters Dr. Ala Stanford, founder of Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium, appointed Alpha Kappa Alpha Chief Medical Officer by Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover

Pandemic Task Force member Dr. Robyn Jones counseled and advised the Supreme Basileus and the task force to facilitate full and safe return to in-person operations

Task force will continue to serve as a resource to keep membership informed, motivated, engaged, and safe so that the work of Alpha Kappa Alpha can continue

Reminder: Get vaccinated and boosted Thank you for the opportunity to serve







Members of the Pandemic Task Force are:

Joy Elaine Daley, International Regional Director

Kimberly Esmond Adams, Special Assistant to Supreme Basileus, Risk Management Committee Chairman

Danette Anthony Reed, First Supreme Anti-Basileus

Jasmyne E. McCoy, Second Supreme Anti-Basileus

Cynthia D. Howell, Executive Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Martha Perine Beard, Chief of Staff to the Supreme Basileus

Ora B. Douglass, Program Committee Chairman

Cynthia J. Finch, MIP Committee Chairman and Health Care Professional

Jasmine Adkins Moore, Disaster Relief Committee Chairman

Kasey Coleman, Leadership Development Committee

Carol R. Dixon, Corporate Strategic Partners Committee

Hollye J.V. Weekes, Program Committee

Robyn R. Jones, Physician and Medical Director for Women's Health

Reminder: God is bigger than our storms. Remain faithful, persevere, and serve with excellence Video presentation ends

Reminder: Get vaccinated and boosted, be intentional about wearing a mask, frequently wash hands, practice social distancing, stay home if you are sick.

Thank you to Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover for entrusting the committee with this awesome responsibility, for the opportunity to be of service, and, on behalf of the Chairman, for support and cooperation Please continue to be safe, healthy, and well

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Announcement: Regional Directors are arriving from Diamond, Pearl, Golden and Silver luncheon

Additional Dais participants seated

Meditation by 22<sup>nd</sup> South Central Regional Director Tari T. Bradford

Presentation of International Finance Committee Report (with slide presentation) by Supreme Tamiouchos Gayle P. Miles-Scott

Announcement: Copies of proposed sorority budget for 2023 and 2024 available to each soror registered to the South Central Regional Conference (copies distributed at registration area) Budget is comparable to the previously-approved two-year budget with no increases of any kind, including dues or per capita

Video presentation begins

International Finance Committee, chaired by Supreme Tamiouchos, Gayle P. Miles-Scott, has remained steadfast with accelerated timeline in completion of their work:

End-of-the-vear financial statements

Annual audit

Year-end tax returns

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Annual audited financial results year ending 12/31/20:

Completed fall of 2021 (due to ongoing pandemic)

Audited by Certified Public Accounting firm of Ragland, Arnold, Buchanan, Morris & Associates with unmodified (clean) opinion, the highest opinion that can be received, meaning the books and records are in compliance and conformity with generally-accepted accounting priniciples

2020 Finance Audit Report provided to each chapter in Fall 2021 mailing

Total assets for all 8 funds were in excess of \$50 million as compared to 2019's \$45 million

Assets in general operating fund: \$22.9 million

Revenues for 2020 totalled \$23.1 as compared to 2019's \$35.9 million Investments for 2020 were \$10.6 million as compared to 2019's \$9.3 million

Taxes filed on time for last several years

No outstanding tax liabilities with Internal Revenue Service Unaudited Financial Report for 2021 year ending 12/31/21:

Total assets: \$61,754,686
Total liabilities: \$12,157,980
Total fund balance: \$49,596,706
Revenues for all funds: \$38,022,065
Expenditures: \$11,375,304

General operating fund (unaudited) as of 12/31/21:

Total assets: \$24,390,879
Total liabilities: \$8,738,677
Total fund balance: \$15,652, 202

Balance sheet remains healthy Ratio of assets to liabilities is strong

Minimal debt

Liabilities reflect basic operating costs

Financial audit for 2021 operating year in process by Certified Public Accounting firm

All tax filings are scheduled to be completed on time

Revised budget for 2022

Reminder: After extensive review of 2021 financial status of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the International Finance Committee developed revised recommendations for 2022 general operating fund budget which were approved 11/2021 by the Directorate

Recommended budgets for 2023 and 2024 were approved by the Directorate and will be presented for adoption at 70<sup>th</sup> Boule in Orlando, Florida

Reminder: Very important for chapters to file all annual financial reports accurately and timely. Reminder: Any chapters that have not submitted their financial reports that are due should do so

Immediately to be included in the sorority's group tax return

Tax payments

Chapters will receive tax payment invoices in 9/22, and all invoiced funds are due 1/1/23 All chapters are responsible for reimbursing the corporate office for payment of federal and state taxes Paid on the chapter's behalf by the due date

Chapter Basilei and chapter financial officers encouraged to attend the Managing Chapter Financial Operations workshop, which uses Fiscal Fitness Guide, during regional conferences

International Finance Committee continues to work with corporate office to assess financial status and ensure solid financial footing



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Thank you to Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover for allowing the committee to serve Thank you to members of International Finance Committee for their time and effort:

Gayle P. Miles-Scott, Chairman

Tanya L. Davis, Great Lakes Region

Karen Harris Hawkins, South Atlantic Region

Marilyn J. Evans, South Eastern Region

Audrey Kay, Far Western Region

Jasmyne E. McCoy, North Atlantic Region

Jasmine Williams, Great Lakes Region

Deborah Wilson, North Atlantic Region

Mary Bentley LaMar, Directorate Liaison

Video presentation ends

Thank you to South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Thank you to South Central Region

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Recognition of Supreme Tamiouchos Gayle P. Miles-Scott

Presentation of International Membership Intake Process Committee Report (with video presentation) by South Central Regional Representative and International Membership Intake Process Committee Co-Chairman Yolanda Murdock

Video presentation begins

The committee has a representative from each region

Introduction of committee members by region:

Cynthia J. Finch, Chairman - South Eastern Region

Yolanda Murdock, Co-Chairman - South Central Region

Twyla G. Woods-Buford - Mid-Western Regional Director and Directorate Liaison

Yvette Gray, North Atlantic Region

Onya Gardner, Mid-Atlantic Region

Deborah Varnadore-Simmons, South Atlantic Region

Dolores A. Sturdivant, Great Lakes Region

Tonya Parker, South Eastern Region

Francella Jackson, Central Region

Barbara Haack, Midwestern Region

Joyce Suber, Far Western Region

Denine Bratcher, International Region

Doretha Hibler Glymph, Resource - South Atlantic Region

Braxton Simpson, Undergraduate Representative - South Eastern Region

Report covers 2021-2022 year

Format, documents, and training central point of work as follows:

Modified membership intake process, delivered in safe, healthy format during global pandemic

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Membership intake process revised to 8 days for Undergraduates

Membership intake process revised to 7 days for Graduates





Training workshops and town hall presentations presented at:

Clusters

Regional conferences

Undergraduate roundups

Facts, information, and procedures presented at:

Graduate Advisor certification trainings

Basilei certification trainings

Other specially-designed training forums offered by Regional Directors and International Membership Intake Process Committee Representatives

Committee members have been flexible, accessible, and engaging to meet the needs of chapters and sorors

Sorority pivoted during global pandemic and designed membership intake process that is safe, consistent, comprehensive, and serves as a tool serving the guiding force behind the process

Modified Membership Intake Process Manual revised in 2021

Additional Roadmap Toolkits developed

Membership intake process continues to move forward with excellence

New innovative instructions and guidelines developed to give membership reassurance that activities could be hosted without rise in COVID-19 cases

"Participate, Educate and Vaccinate" program made education a priority concerning COVID-19 matters:

**Testing** 

Vaccination

Booster shot

Five core measures adhered to

International chairmen and committees created and designed pandemic-time processes and procedures International Risk Management Committee developed and designed health and safety protocols, screening tools and COVID-19 guidance how-to's

International Standards Committee revised and enhanced the Health Check

International Rituals Committee developed processes for sacred rituals

Special Soror Code of Ethics Committee developed new Soror Code of Ethics

International Technology Committee assisted with/provided:

Electronic submission of documents

Video updates

Sorority history

Application submission

Virtual meetings

Rush chapter informationals

Installed high-touch, high-tech platform with aka1908.com website for all sorors, whether Diamond, Pearl, Gold, Silver, Graduate, or Undergraduate, to access

"Knowing Your Documents"

Supporting documents from International committees brought sense of completeness and consistency Appropriately integrating documents created a complete and successful membership intake process





Evaluations forms sent out

Evaluation Summary affirmed:

New membership intake process design works well

Membership intake process presentations were considered informative

Twenty Pearls documentary film magnified depth of Alpha Kappa Alpha's rich history

Standardized workshops

Three Ps

Planned

Prepared

Presented

Concept will be a sustainable training legacy

Along with Twenty Pearls, preserved sacred documents and illuminated culture of service to all mankind Members added during pandemic:

Spring 2021: 6,472 Undergraduates: 3,916 Graduates: 2,541 Fall of 2021: 6,058 Undergraduates: 1,308

Graduates: 4,750 Yearly Total 2021: 12,530 Undergraduates: 5,339 Graduates: 7,291

Note: Highest number added in a single intake season in the history of Alpha Kappa Alpha's Existence Pearlfection in membership intake process submissions

10 Graduate Chapters

2 Undergraduate Chapters

Chapters (in order listed):

North Atlantic Region:

Rho Epsilon Omega

Great Lakes Region:

Nu Theta

Beta Beta Omega

Mu Nu Omega

South Eastern Region:

Alpha Pi Omega

Central Region:

Xi Eta Omega

Mid-Western Region:

Mu Eta Omega

Far Western Region:

Zeta Alpha

Xi Psi Omega

International Region:

Rho Nu Omega





Celebrate with #MIPEXCELS, #MIPAKA, and #MIPPEARLFECTION

Video presentation ends

Acknowledgement of 2018-2022 new Initiates

Report concluded

Reminder: Membership intake process workshops will be held 3/19/22

#### Introduction of South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Video presentation

Introductory address by 23<sup>rd</sup> South Central Regional Director Gwendolyn J. Brinkley, "And God Said,

'I'll Make a Lady'"

Introduction by South Central Spiritual Oversight Committee Chairman Stephanie Hall

Arrival of Joya T. Hayes and young Robert Elijah Hayes to the stage

Introduction of Soror Yolanda Adams by South Central Spiritual Oversight Committee Chairman Stephanie Hall Arrival of Soror Yolanda Adams to the stage

Celebratory dance, including those on stage, Dais participants, and audience led by sorors of the South Central Region to song "Victory"

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

State of the South Central Region Report (with video and slide presentations)

Video presentation begins

2021, another year of challenge and change in the midst of global pandemic

"We are South Central," Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Texas, continuing to touch lives and execute meaningful programs of service

Three pillars

Communication

Continuing to ensure members receive timely communications

E-mail

Social media

GroupMe

Video messages

Faye B. Bryant Leadership Institute on-demand information and learning materials platform launched in the Members Only section of the South Central Region website

Spiritual Oversight Committee monthly prayer

Two newsletters published

Recognition of Communications and Technology Teams for keeping South Central Region at the forefront of innovation and creative content

Action

Undergraduate members continue commitment to educational excellence

4.0 GPA Girls With Pearls

Llia Wright, Eta Kappa, Louisiana State University, Cumulative GPA: 4.156 Lauren Smith, Eta Kappa, Louisiana State University, Cumulative GPA: 4.075 Nia Walls, Tau Phi, University of New Mexico, Cumulative GPA: 4.060 Cristalyn Allmond, Alpha Rho, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff

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Jordan Braithwaite, Alpha Theta, Grambling State University

Thyme Turner, Alpha Theta, Grambling State University

Iman Wells, Beta Upsilon, Dillard University

Brynna Boyd, Delta Xi, University of Texas at Austin

Aria Morgan, Delta Xi, University of Texas at Austin

Tayla Weary, Epsilon Beta, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Kaycee Hubbard, Epsilon Mu, University of North Texas

Tori Johnson, Epsilon Sigma, Texas A&M Commerce

Diamond Bolden, Epsilon Tau, Xavier University of Louisiana

Kennedy Carey-Prescott, Epsilon Tau, Xavier University of Louisiana

Jallure Harrell, Epsilon Tau, Xavier University of Louisiana

Bria Ward, Epsilon Tau, Xavier University of Louisiana

Haylee Hines, Iota Zeta, Southern Arkansas University

Nadia Armstrong, Kappa Mu, Southern Methodist University

Madison Symonette, Theta Mu, University of Central Arkansas

Nacosia Mitchell, Upsilon Kappa, University of North Texas Dallas

Recognition of Class of 2021

Chapters with highest cumulative GPA (Fall 2021)

Gamma Alpha: 3.629

Delta Xi: 3.590

Kappa Lambda: 3.549

Tau Phi: 3.532 Zeta Tau: 3.527

Epsilon Tau: 3.524

Upsilon Kappa: 3.524 Sigma Beta: 3.510

Epsilon Mu: 3.507

Kappa lota: 3.490

2021 inaugural Executive Leadership Academy Fellows:

Davitka Hamler, Alpha Alpha Eta Omega

Ladacher Jackson, Omicron Mu Omega

Oanh Maroney-Omitade, Alpha Tau Omega

Soror Maria Smedley, Alpha Alpha Rho Omega

True Reflections of Sisterhood interest group chartered as Alpha Alpha Rho Omega serving Saline County, Arkansas, area as the 140<sup>th</sup> chapter of South Central Region

Five additional interest groups awaiting charter:

A Vision Fair

Pearls of Sisterhood and Service

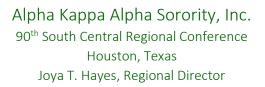
**Envisioned Excellence** 

Bayou Pearls

Tea Rose Pearls









South Central Region remains second-largest region of Alpha Kappa Alpha

Undergraduate chapters: 58
Graduate chapters: 82
Total chapters: 140

Support

2021 hurricane season

24 named storms in Gulf Coast region

4 hurricanes

Hurricane Ida worst storm

Polar vortex

Thank you to every South Central soror who supported Alpha Kappa Alpha Disaster Relief Fund and/or supported individual sorors in need from weather-related disasters — "We Help Each Other"

Alpha Kappa Alpha Disaster Relief Fund provided \$40,000 to members impacted by Hurricane Ida and the polar vortex

Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation

Joya T. Hayes Scholarship capitalized

Thank you to members for contributing/donating

Joya T. Hayes recipient of Green Diamond Award

\$2 million raised in one day for HBCUs, exceeding goal of \$1 million in one day

2021 South Central Region contribution to Educational Advancement Foundation: \$266,229.01

69th Boule Part II and Leadership Seminar hosted online 7/2021, "Essence of Big Easy"

Congratulations to Boule Chairman Sheryl Rodriguez and Co-Chairmen Cerise McClendon Martin, Karen King, and Shalindra "Lynn" Farris

Faye B. Bryant Leadership Development Institute

Virtual platform for education and learning for all sorors of the South Central Region Legacy of Faye B. Bryant who is missed and whose impact will be remembered and treasured for perpetuity

COVID-19

Now an endemic

Reminder: Follow CDC guidelines and regulations

Directorate has approved phased approach to safely resuming in-person events, service projects, and activities

Recognition of front-line healthcare workers

Acknowledgement of International Committee members

Thank you to Regional Appointees

Appreciation to all sorors and chapters of South Central Region for everything they do to make the region stronger and better

"Always remember that We are South Central, We are Appa Kappa Alpha"

Video presentation ends

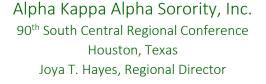
Acknowledgement of first responders, nurses, doctors

Acknowledgement of educators: teachers, principals, counselors, professors

Acknowledgement of survivors

Acknowledgement of family member and friends who served as caregivers and/or helped others







Membership Demographics

Graduate: 12,396 Undergraduate: 1,271

Total Membership: 13,667 (12 percent of active membership)

Note: Does not include 486 sorors completing membership intake process in January 2022

Recognition of and thank you to 2020 Initiates

Recognition of 2021 Initiates Recognition of 2022 Initiates

Charters

1 chapter chartered since last regional conference

5 interest groups currently

3 institutions prepared for Undergraduate chapter chartering

Recognition of South Central Region Chartering Committee and Chairman A. Denis Graves

Recognition of Membership Intake Process Team

Acknowledgement of RoShana Adamson, Membership Intake Process Undergraduate Chapter Liaison

Acknowledgement of Daphne Octave, Membership Intake Process Graduate Chapter Liaison

Reactivation Efforts in 2021

Graduate member reactivation: 1,206

Acknowledgement of 2020, 2021, and 2022 reactivated Graduate members

General member reactivation: 1,124

Acknowledgement of reactivated general members

Total reactivations: 2,300

Congratulations to all chapters for reactivation efforts

Top Schools GPAs – Fall 2021

Recognition of Undergraduate chapters by cumulative GPA:

Kappa Mu, Southern Methodist University: 3.666

Gamma Alpha, Philander Smith College: 3.629

Delta Xi, University of Texas at Austin: 3.590

Kappa Lambda, Texas Christian University: 3.549

Tau Phi, University of New Mexico: 3.532

Zeta Tau, Texas Tech University: 3.527

Epsilon Tau, Xavier University of Louisiana: 3.524

Upsilon Kappa, University of North Texas Dallas: 3.524

Sigma Beta, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi: 3.510

Epsilon Mu, University of North Texas: 3.507

Recognition of all Undergraduate chapter members of South Central Region

Activities of the Regional Director since last regional conference

#### Events:

27 greetings, including Founders' Day events

80 meetings, including chapter and interest group meetings

54 planning meetings

16 speaking engagements

13 Faye Beverly Bryant Leadership Institute events

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Communications

Responded to:

7,138 e-mails

628 texts

Uncounted GroupMe's, Messengers, and other SOS

Breakdown of time spent on activities by percentage:

Membership Intake Process questions: 30 percent

Chapter establishment: 7 percent

Planning and executing regional conferences: 10 percent Supervision and responsibilities of paperwork: 13 percent

Concerns, conflicts, hazing, foolishness: 40 percent

Reminder: Bring a Godly service mindset and professional attitude to Alpha Kappa Alpha

Top-rated issues: Graduate level

Conflict amongst chapter officers

Chapter elections

Membership Intake Process voting

COVID-19 procedures and protocols

Lack of discretion on social media

Inappropriate photos

Inappropriate chats

Undergraduate level

Membership Intake Process

Conflict surrounding voting

Conflict around adding lines

Applications not done correctly

Legacy preparation

Legacy entitlement

COVID-19

**Process** 

**Procedures** 

**Protocols** 

**Graduate Advisors** 

Graduate Advisors' relationships with Undergraduates

Undergraduate appreciation of Graduate Advisors

Respect by Undergraduates for Graduate Advisors

Acknowledgement of Undergraduate Cluster Coordinators

Note: Graduates must be consistent with what they say so that Undergraduates can

follow their example by being respectful and professional also

Entire Undergraduate track created for the 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference

Recognition of Undergraduate Advisory Committee

Acknowledgement of Undergraduate Roundup Chairman Katina Johnson Smith

Acknowledgment of Undergraduate Advisory Committee Chairman Shareen Addison



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference
Houston, Texas
Joya T. Hayes, Regional Director



Acknowledgement of 2021 and 2022 Leadership Fellow students

Acknowledgement of 21<sup>st</sup> Regional Director Shirley R. Fisher

Reminder: New Undergraduates, please apply to be Leadership Fellows

Executive Leadership Institute

New program under Supreme Basileus Linda Baskin Glover

New Graduate-level group participated in spring 2022

Acknowledgement of 2022 participants

Special in-person 2020 and 2021 Diamond, Pearl, Golden and Silver member celebration announced for 2022 in Dallas, Texas

Moment of silence observed in remembrance of those lost to COVID-19

Story, "The Alpha Kappa Alpha train is strong enough to carry the load. You can lay your baggage down."

Reminder: The pathway to leadership in Alpha Kappa Alpha is not based on material things and wealth but service

Thank you to former Regional Directors for service, support and help

Thank you to members of Beta Psi Omega Chapter in Austin, Texas, for support and the opportunity to serve as Regional Director

Thank you to regional teams of Alpha Kappa Alpha for serving

Thank you to all sorors of South Central Region for coming and trusting conference safety measures

"I am South Central, you are South Central, and we are South Central"

Motion by Supreme Tamiouchos Gayle P. Miles-Scott to accept the State of the Region Report by acclimation

No objection

No discussion

State of the Region Report accepted by acclimation

Presentation of International Program Committee Report (with slide presentation) by South Central Regional Representative to International Program Committee Tjuana Byrd Manning

Acknowledgement of fellow committee members Phyllis Anderson and Hollye Weekes

Time to celebrate the Excellence Administration and Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service Programs

2021 Accomplishments

Target 1

**HBCU Task Force** 

Work done in conjunction with South Central Region chapters

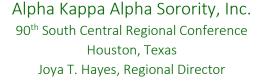
\$885,00 in chapter HBCU scholarships awarded

122 HBCUs adopted

Note: 18,700 South Central Region sorors are proud graduates of HBCUs, with nearly 7,000 being members of their alumni associations









Signature program #CAP

1600 students admitted to college

#### Target 2

Education of Women in Healthcare and Wellness

Since 2018, South Central Region has been engaged in hundreds of programs and have educated millions of women in:

Breast cancer awareness and prevention

Heart health

Nutrition for life

Care for the caregiver

#### Target 3

Financial planning, asset accumulation, and wealth building

313 financial planning programs

Operation AKA Assist activities

Over 125,000 individuals and families benefitted

Goods and services to:

Homeless

Individuals in transitional housing

Support of Black businesses

Nearly \$3 million spent

Reminder: Sorors encouraged to go to Members Only section of aka1908.com website to sign up their businesses

#### Target 4

Black History Month provided ideal opportunity for Alpha Kappa Alpha to highlight the arts South Central Region salutes:

Harlem Renaissance

Black Arts Movement

Sorors making an impact in performing arts

50,000 students and community exposed to the arts

#### Target 5

Pillowcase Dress and Shirt Project

13,694 pillowcase dresses donated

3,399 pillowcase shirts donated

66,899 pairs of shoes donated

25,000 pairs of eyeglasses donated

For every dollar raised at regional conferences, Soles4Souls provides:

Shoes, pillowcase dresses, pillowcase shirts to women and children in need

Shoes, pillowcase dresses, pillowcase shirts to women small businessowners

Reminder: Donate to Soles4Souls







Acknowledgement of International Program Committee:

Ora B. Douglass, Chairman

Jasmyne E. McCoy, Second Supreme Anti-Basileus

Tonja L. Ringgold, North Atlantic Representative

Renita Allen Dawson, Mid Atlantic Representative

Andria S. Daniels, South Atlantic Representative

Angela Reed, Great Lakes Representative

Ashley M. Tarrant, South Eastern Representative

Tjuana C. Byrd, South Central Representative

Tresa Dunbar Garrett, Central Representative

Tanesha Thompson, Mid Western Representative

Princess Faith Singleton, Far Western Representative

Jourdon Bowe, International Representative

Phillis Nichols Anderson, South Central Resource

Jane Jackson, South Eastern Resource

Edith Peterson Mitchell, North Atlantic Resource

Chiymelle Proby Nunn, Central Resource

Audrey J. Owens, Far Western Resource

Wanda Wall Spivey, Great Lakes Resource

Hollye J. Weekes, South Central Resource

Thank you to Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover for the opportunity to have served the committee

Thank you to Regional Director Joya T. Hayes for assistance and unyielding support

"Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service" for past four years, "Let's Celebrate"

Slide presentation ends

Thank you to sorors of the South Central Region

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Announcement: Empowerment session rescheduled to 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Presentation of International Educational Advancement Foundation Report (with slide presentation) by South Central Regional Coordinator Angela Mosley-Monts

Educational Advancement Foundation

Founded in 1980

Mission:

To promote lifelong learning

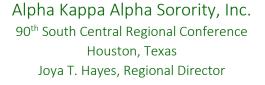
Financial support of students

Awards granted addressing one current Excellence Administration target to:

Undergraduate chapters

Community organizations







Recognition of Committee Chairman, Angela Davis, Pi Chi Omega Chapter, West Memphis, Arkansas Recognition of Committee Co-Chairman, Alice Cooper, Sigma Rho Omega Chapter, Shreveport, Louisiana Recognition of South Central Region Anti-Grammateus Lindsey Leverett-Higgins for assistance with multimedia presentation of report

Acknowledgement of Educational Advancement Foundation Captains

In four years, Educational Advancement Foundation has:

Increased net assets by \$12 million

Increased award amount by \$1.4 million

Reminder: Every active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is a member of the Educational Advancement Foundation- see website www.akaeaf.org for more information

EAF Fiscal Impace

Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/2021

Net assets: \$27 million

Over \$1.9 million awarded in scholarships and endowments

Helped over 475 students

Helped 6 community organizations

South Central Scholars

Undergraduates

Briana Cuero, University of Texas at Austin

Chandler Rasberry, Howard University

Carrington Whigham, Florida A&M University

Victoria Hardy, Dillard University

DiJ Press, Emory University

Abigail Torres, Texas Tech University

Nyah Thorpe, Prairie View A&M University

Michaela Zeno, Bennett College

Grace Whipple, Dallas Baptist University

Jennifer Wilson, Texas Southern University

Kennedy Smith, North Carolina A&T State University

Alyssa Hunt Jones, The University of Alabama

Alena Williams, Texas State University

Kiah Ford, University of Texas at San Antonio

Funmi Meshioye, Lone Star College, CyFair

Recognition of all South Central Scholars

Recognition of Youth Partners in Accessing Capital (Essay Scholars)

Trinity Harris, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Destiny Sanders, Loyola University New Orleans

Recognition of Community Assistance Awardees

**Primed Squared Consultants** 

Blessing Bags/Backpacks for Refugees

Thank you to membership for making sure the sorority was able to give these awards







#### **Graduate Scholars**

Maiya Turner, Texas A&M University

Alexandra Carmon, Hampton University

Travette Webster, University of Texas at Austin

Tamsin Woolley, Texas Southern University

Jayla Daniel, Boston University

Jennifer Ekeoba, Lamar University

Sereena Jivraj, Texas Christian University and The University of North Texas Health Science Center Fort Worth

Kaelin Keller, Columbia University Teachers College

Courtney Morris, Rice University

Elexis Stephens, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Quasha Graves, North Carolina A&T University

Jordyn Moore, University of Texas at Tyler

South Central Region Endowment Recipients

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Founders Endowment Fund

Jessica Jackson

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporators Endowment Fund

Armani Smith

Barbara McKinzie/Naomi Moses Endowment Fund

CDR Youth Asthma Foundation

Epsilon Phi Development Initiative

Kellogg School of Business

The HistoryMakers

**Urban Prep Academies** 

Deralyn Riles Davis Educational Advancement Foundation Scholarship Fund

Jordyn Moore

Gwendolyn Gatson Brinkley Scholarship Endowment Fund

Wiley College

Gwendolyn Gatson Brinkley Scholarship Endowment Fund

Gbolade Kayode

Makavla Robinson

Marva J. Lee Endowment Fund

Zykia Williams

Recognition of South Central Region Endowment Recipients

South Central Region Educational Advancement Foundation chapters

44 chapters participated

49 Platinum chapters

Silver chapters

Alpha Alpha Omicron Omega

Alpha Alpha Xi Omega

Delta Alpha Omega

**Epsilon Theta Omega** 



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Gamma Eta Omega

Gamma Omega Omega

Lambda Omicron

Lambda Sigma Omega

Mu Chi Omega

Mu Mu Omega

Nu Gamma Omega

Omicron Iota Omega

Sigma Beta Omega

Gold chapters

Epsilon Zeta Omega

Eta Chi Omega

Kappa Lambda

Omicron Gamma

Phi Sigma Omega

Sigma Kappa

Note: Deadline of 6/1/22 to reach Platinum chapter status and participate in Educational Advancement Foundation Boule Platinum Chapter Parade

Platinum chapters

Alpha Alpha Eta Omega

Alpha Alpha Nu Omega

Alpha Kappa Omega

Alpha Tau Omega

Alpha Xi Omega

Beta Kappa

Beta Mu Omega

Beta Pi Omega

Beta Psi Omega

Chi Omicron Omega

Chi Zeta Omega

Delta Xi

Epsilon Lambda

Gamma Psi

Mu Kappa Omega

Mu Theta Omega

Omega Alpha Omega

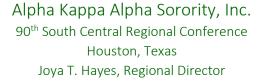
Omicron Lambda Omega

Omicron Mu Omega

Omicron Tau Omega

Recognition of South Central Region Educational Advancement Foundation Silver, Gold and Platinum Chapters







Capitalized Endowments

Alpha Alpha Eta Omega Endowment Fund

Alpha Rho Undergraduate Endowment Fund

Barbara A. McKinzie Endowment Fund

C. Connor/O. Brown Endowment Fund

Carmelita Caruth Smith Endowment Fund

Chelle Luper Wilson Endowment Fund

Collier Family Legacy Endowment Fund

Daffney A. Henry Epsilon Zeta Chapter Endowment Fund

Dansby Family Reunion Endowment Fund

Deralyn Riles Davis Endowment Fund

Dorothy S. Johnson Endowment Fund

Dr. Rodelia Glasco Endowment Fund

Evelyn Foster Hamilton Endowment Fund

ExxonMobil Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Employee STEM Scholarship Fund

Faye B. Bryant Excellence Scholarship Award

The Honorable Dr. Barbara Odom-Wesley Spirit of Achievement Scholarship Fund

The Honorable Elzie Odom Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship Fund

Gwendolyn Gaston Brinkley Scholarship Fund

Gwendolyn J. Brinkley Endowment Fund

Dr. Jacqueline O. Dansby Endowment Fund

Joya T. Hayes Endowment Fund

Katina Semien Political Science and Pre-Law Scholarship Endowment Fund

Keisha Wilson Tanner and Chelsea Tanner Scholarship Endowment Fund

Note: Joya T. Hayes Endowment Fund has been established and capitalized within two years

In 2019, there were 70 endowments with 27 capitalized

Currently there are 40 endowments with 12 uncapitalized

Thank you to South Central sorors for continuing to make a difference with the Educational Advancement Foundation

Dynamic, informative, and interactive workshops available at regional conference and planned for 70<sup>th</sup> Boule

Request: Please send chapter representatives or Educational Advancement Foundation Captains to the workshop sessions

Announcement: Educational Advancement Foundation scholarship and awards breakfast,

"The Magic of Excellence in Scholarship" will be held at 70<sup>th</sup> Boule registration Wednesday, 7/13/22 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Thank you to Educational Advancement Foundation Executive Director Erika Everett

Thank you to Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Thank you to Sorors of South Central Region







Presentation of International Standards Committee Report (with slide presentation) by South Central Regional Representative Cynthia Nance

Report delivered on behalf of International Standards Committee and Chairman, Brenda Lewis Report is a review of committee accomplishments since 2018

Electronic evaluations developed and implemented during 2018 Mass Committee Meeting

Electronic evaluations and re-evaluations completed across sorority in all but two regions since Implementation providing:

Significant financial savings

Convenience

No cost to chapters for electronic evaluations

Extended evaluation period allowed:

More thorough review of responses

Immediate virtual feedback to chapters after evaluations to assist in member training Issues revealed by evaluations:

Chapters' storage of files and documents incomplete or inadequate

Changes in banking (copies of checks no longer included in bank statements) resulted in an inability to document chapter finances

Note: See "Pivot to the Pandemic Guide" which addressed these issues

Officers transferring from chapters without turning over chapter files

Steps to address issues revealed by evaluations:

Training of regional Standards Committee members in evaluation process

Focus placed on chapter operations to ensure chapters understood Alpha Kappa Alpha polices, processes, and procedures

More than 1908 hours of virtual workshops

Virtual presentations made to interest groups and chapters included:

How to prepare electronic evaluation

How to effectively store all chapter documentation electronically in an organized fashion

How to set up online folders

How to upload files to online folders

Addressing deficiencies in evaluation summaries, most typically in the areas of:

Sisterly relations

Risk management

Constitution and bylaws

Financial procedures

Budgeting process

Protocol

Strategic planning

Committee created a process for chapters to file end-of-year reports electronically using Jotform Committee transitioned to end-of-year reporting online format

Highlighted chapters by awarding Certificates of Excellence

Note: Chapter reports must be submitted timely with all three signatures Google docs created to assist chapters in completing self-assessment forms

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Updated Documentation and Retentions Record Matrix to help chapters document possession and maintenance of Alpha Kappa Alpha resource publications

Developed Transition Form for chapter officers and committee members to record files being turned over from one administration to the next

Produced eight resource manuals during the last four-year period

Updated Standards Resource Guide with new chapter evaluation process

Updated "So Now You Are Elected."

Developed International Virtual Chapter Operations Guide at onset of pandemic

Updated Virtual Chapter Operations Guide with information and suggestions to standing committees to further enhance chapter experiences in virtual environment

Completed instructions on how to complete Standards end-of-year process electronically with guidance to assist chapters in submitting end-of-year forms

Developed step-by-step guide to enable chapters to prepare for evaluation process with instructions for setting up files and folders online

Created document outlining steps chapters should follow in completing internal or external chapter audits

Reminder: Chapter operations are the responsibility of all members. All members need to know Alpha Kappa Alpha's approved policies and procedures and work to ensure chapters follow them

Reminder: Standards workshop for 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference will be held 3/19/22 at 10:45 a.m.

Thank you to Regional Director Joya T. Hayes for support

Thank you to Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover for the honor of serving

Thank you sorors of South Central Region for their kindness and patience

Thank you to members of South Central Regional Standards Committee

Presentation of South Central Region Constitution Committee Report (with slide shown) by South Central Regional Parliamentarian Marsha Penn

One proposed amendment to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Bylaws

Concerns monthly chapter business meetings

Thank you to Phi Alpha Omega Chapter, Bentonville, Arkansas

#### Process

Requires two thirds affirmative vote from South Central Region delegates in order to be submitted to Supreme Parliamentarian and International Constitution Committee for further review

If required two thirds affirmative vote received, after all necessary reviews and constitutional forums, proposed amendment will be submitted to delegates of Boule for final vote/determination

The Proposed Amendment

Affects Article III, "Chapters," Section 11

Rationale

To grant chapters the flexibility to conduct either face-to-face or hybrid meetings in a manner that best suits their membership

To foster increased retention and engagement by allowing chapter members to remain active in their chapter despite changes in mobility and other life circumstances

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Current wording of Article III, "Chapters," Section 11, Page 23:

"Each Chapter shall have at least one meeting per month except during the summer months. Failure to meet three consecutive months between September and June will make the chapter inactive and ineligible for representation at Boule. Chapter meetings are to be held in a manner that allows sorors to be in a room together for face-to-face discussion of chapter business. In the event of an emergency or special circumstance, a chapter meeting may be held electronically upon approval by the Regional Director."

"Except for specific officers and sorors sponsoring candidates for membership, attendance at chapter meetings and activities shall be voluntary."

#### Words to be stricken (underlined above):

"In the event of an emergency or special circumstance, a chapter meeting may be held Electronically upon approval by the Regional Director."

#### Words proposed to be added:

"Sorors who are not present in person shall have the right to participate electronically, subject to any limitations established in rules adopted by the Chapter to govern such participation."

#### If adopted, complete new wording:

"Each Chapter shall have at least one meeting per month except during the summer months. Failure to meet three consecutive months between September and June will make the chapter inactive and ineligible for representation at Boule. Chapter meetings are to be held in a manner that allows sorors to be in a room together for face-to-face discussion of chapter business. Sorors who are not present in person shall have the right to participate electronically, subject to any limitations established in rules adopted by the Chapter to govern such participation. Except for specific officers, and sorors sponsoring candidates for membership, attendance at chapter meetings and activities shall be voluntary."

#### Floor opened for discussion

Delegate Myra McKenzie Harris, Phi Alpha Omega Chapter, Bentonville, Arkansas 20-percent increase in membership

Notable increase in meeting attendance by chapter members who:

Travel for work

Have small children

Relocated to other areas for jobs

Change in wording allows flexible approach with greater participation in chapter service opportunities, core activities, and chapter meetings

Please support the proposed amendment

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Reminder: Four people can speak in favor and four people can speak against the proposed amendment, each with one minute to speak





Floor opened for discussion (continued)

Delegate Cantresa Scineaux, Mu Theta Omega, Killeen, Texas

Question: "Should this pass, will there be new guidelines?"

Answer: (By Regional Director Joya T. Hayes) If the region supports the proposed amendment, the national Constitution Committee will review and address all issues/concerns, make a decision, and present it to the Boule. Documentation and communication of any changes will follow if the proposed amendment passes at Boule.

Delegate Pamela Harmon, Beta Mu Omega Chapter, Fort Worth, Texas

Face-to-face meetings should remain standard practice

Change in Bylaws is not necessary

If necessary, exceptions can be asked for from Regional Director

Developing chapter rules on who can and cannot participate electronically is not easy or desirable

Hybrid meetings may present additional costs to chapters and should not be mandatory Please vote against

Delegate Melanie Hoskins, Phi Alpha Omega Chapter, Bentonville, Arkansas

The shift to electronic meetings now recognized in the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of

Robert's Rules of Order including an appendix with simple rules which may be adopted by organizations

Consider the life of an Alpha Kappa Alpha woman:

She may study or work abroad for extended periods of time

She may be a student athlete or parent an athlete

She may have limited mobility

She may have transportation issues

She may have moved and be research chapters or considering starting an interest group

She may have attendance requirements to serve in the chapter or sponsor a candidate

Virtual accommodations made during COVID-19 have seen continuation/increase in attendance, engagement, reactivations, and community service

Proposal seeks to continue this practice to provide financial members a minimal level of visibility, access, and means of engagement

No further discussion

Presentation of South Central Tellers Committee Report by Committee Chairman Liz Pierre (Not transcribed, no minutes taken)

Thank you to Regional Director Joya T. Hayes for appointment to the committee Acknowledgement of fellow Tellers Committee members Bennyfer Bridgewater and Dee Davis

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

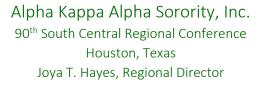
Acknowledgement of South Central Region Nominating Committee members

#### South Central Regional Representative to the International Nominating Committee Cheryl Daniel

Presentation of guidelines for speeches

Three minutes to speak







Time begins with first word spoken

Members of the Nominating Committee seated on front row to assist with process:

Timekeeper

Sign holder (2 minutes, 1 minute, 30 seconds, 10 seconds, Stop)

When Stop sign is raised, candidate may finish sentence and then must stop speaking Candidates will speak in alphabetical order

Speeches given by candidates for the office of Regional Representative to the International Nominating Committee as follows:

Candidate 1: Micaela Bowers, "Virtual Streetcar Ride to Commit, Serve, and Lead"

Candidate 2: Jacqueline Caviel, "Choose Caviel"

Candidate 3: Gwendolyn Kimble, "Seasoned With a Recipe For Success"

Candidate 4: Lindsey Leverett-Higgins, "A Soror Set Apart for Service and Sisterhood"

Candidate 5: Tracey Lewis, "Join Team TRL, Ready to Lead"

Candidate 6: Toni McCastle Freeman, "The Vision is FAIR"

Candidate 7: Yolanda Murdock, "The Decision-Maker"

Candidate 8: Shalonda Russell Davis, "Excellence, Impact, and Commitment"

Thank you to all sorors

Thank you regional Nominating team for assistance

Thank you to Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Thank you to everyone

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Acknowledgement of South Central Region Undergraduate Representative to the International Nominating Committee Cheryl Daniel

Thank you to Lavdena Orr, North Atlantic Regional Director, for coming and supporting the South Central Region and the process

Recognition of the candidates for the office of Regional Representative to the International Nominating Committee

Presentation of awards by 18th South Central Regional Director Jacqueline O. Dansby and 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Awards Chairman Shalonda Davis

Moment of reflection on 21<sup>st</sup> Supreme Basileus Faye Beverly Bryant Awards:

Grays-Purnell Undergraduate Leadership Award, 2nd Place: Randi Wright, Gamma Psi Grays-Purnell Undergraduate Leadership Award, 1st Place - Undergraduate: Marlissa Morris, Epsilon Lambda Faye B. Bryant Undergraduate Excellence Award, 2nd Place - Undergraduate: Kennedi Southall, Gamma Psi

Soror Faye B. Bryant Undergraduate Excellence Award, 1st Place: Nia Walls, Tau Phi Julia Brogdon Purnell Humanitarian Award, 2nd Place - Graduate: Allegra Cloud Jackson, Alpha Alpha Kappa Omega

Julia Brogdon Purnell Humanitarian Award, 1st Place - Graduate: Bonita Green Gambrell, Omicron Tau Omega







Mattelia B. Grays Leadership Development Award, 2nd Place - Graduate: Ladacher N. Jackson, Omicron Mu Omega

Mattelia B. Grays Leadership Development Award, 1st Place - Graduate: Natania Mathis, Alpha Alpha Xi Omega

Faye B. Bryant Human Relations Award, 2nd Place - Graduate: Vergie Phillips, Mu Chi Omega Faye B. Bryant Human Relations Award, 1st Place - Graduate: Leaundra Sanders, Kappa Nu Omega Mary Louis Williams Guiding Star for Public Service Award, 2nd Place tie - Graduate: Jenell Paul-Hogan, Alpha Alpha Mu Omega

Mary Louis Williams Guiding Star for Public Service Award, 2nd Place tie - Graduate: Sheila Taylor Clark, Omega Alpha Omega

Mary Louis Guiding Star for Public Service Award, 1st Place - Graduate: Denise Wallace Spooner, Alpha Omega Omega

Deralyn Riles Davis Spirit Award, 2nd Place - Graduate: Yaminah Roberts, Delta Omega Omega Deralyn Riles Davis Spirit Award, 1st Place - Graduate: Brittany Fitten, Alpha Xi Omega Dorothy S. Johnson Heritage Award, 2nd Place - Undergraduate: Destiny Richardson, Lambda Omicron Dorothy S. Johnson Heritage Award, 1st Place - Undergraduate: Amber Pinder, Kappa Iota Mamie McKnight Community Service Award, 2nd Place - Graduate: Carla Lee, Kappa Nu Omega Mamie McKnight Community Service Award, 1st Place - Graduate: Sawanna Ballou, Alpha Alpha Xi Omega Jewel M. Thomas Visionary Award, 2nd Place - Graduate: Sawanna Ballou, Alpha Alpha Xi Omega Jewel M. Thomas Visionary Award, 1st Place - Graduate: Dynette A. Davis, Omega Alpha Omega Jacqueline O. Dansby Educational Leadership and Achievement Award, 2nd Place - Graduate: Porchanee White, Alpha Omega Omega

Jacqueline O. Dansby Educational Leadership and Achievement Award, 1st Place - Graduate: Dewanna Jefferson, Chi Zeta Omega Chapter

Jacqueline O. Dansby Educational Leadership and Achievement Award, 1st Place - Undergraduate: Zaria Tucker, Alpha Rho

Carmelita Caruth Smith Spirit of the Ivy Award, 2nd Place - Graduate: Dirona Robinson, Alpha Alpha Omicron Omega

Carmelita Caruth Smith Spirit of the Ivy Award, 1st Place - Graduate: Natania Mathis, Alpha Alpha Xi Omega Carmelita Caruth Smith Spirit of the Ivy Award, 2nd Place - Undergraduate: Madison Russell, Alpha Rho Carmelita Caruth Smith Spirit of the Ivy Award, 1st Place - Undergraduate: Jah-Kai Veal, Epsilon Lambda Dr. Polly Sparks Turner Health Professions Award, 2nd Place - Undergraduate: Cristalyn Allmond, Alpha Rho Dr. Polly Sparks Turner Health Professions Award, 1st Place - Undergraduate: Olivia Pittman, Epsilon Lambda Gwendolyn J. Brinkley Fine Arts Award, 2nd Place - Graduate: Cora Bowie Davis, Phi Alpha Omega Gwendolyn J. Brinkley Fine Arts Award, 1st Place - Graduate: Keah Moffett, Omicron Lambda Omega Chelle Luper Wilson Merit and Culture Award, 2nd Place - Graduate: Tiffany Dudley, Alpha Alpha Nu Omega Chelle Luper Wilson Merit and Culture Award, 1st Place - Graduate: Myra McKenzie-Harris, Phi Alpha Omega Chelle Luper Wilson Merit and Culture Award, 1st Place - Undergraduate: Larissa Whale, Kappa Iota Katina M. Semien Political Science and Pre-Law Award Undergraduate Awardee, 2nd Place: Bailey Malveaux, Eta Kappa

Katina M. Semien Political Science and Pre-Law Award Undergraduate Awardee, 1st Place: Charyse Williams, Epsilon Lambda







Next awards will be presented at the Closing Plenary Session Congratulations to all award recipients

Announcements by South Central Regional Hodegos Shalindra "Lynn" Farris

Lost and found

Correction to Conference Agenda: Pre-Gala reception begins 3/19/22 at 7:00 p.m.

2022 Leadership Fellows need to meet with  $21^{st}$  Regional Director Shirley Fisher immediately after session at dais Conference bags go on sale at 10:30 a.m. 3/19/22, Booth 435

South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Congratulations to all awardees

Reminders: Closing Plenary Session at 3:00 p.m. 3/19/22

Empowerment session 7:00 p.m.

Educational Advancement Foundation AKApollo this evening, 3/18/22

Please go to workshops tomorrow

Have a good day

Second Plenary Session at recess (6:29 p.m.) Live stream ends (6:29 p.m.)

Closing Plenary Session Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.







### Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Houston, Texas Joya T. Hayes, Regional Director



## 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference "Reigniting the Flame of Excellence and Sisterhood" Closing Plenary Session

Saturday, March 19, 2022 2:46 p.m. to 6:12 p.m. George R. Brown Convention Center Houston, Texas

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Joya T. Hayes, South Central Regional Director
Jullette Spivey, 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Chairman
Chamelia Robinson, 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Co-Chairman
Kim Warren, 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Co-Chairman
Meeting Minutes Recorded and Prepared under the supervision of
Cerise McClendon Martin, South Central Regional Grammateus and
Lindsey Leverett-Higgins, South Central Regional Anti-Grammateus

# 90<sup>TH</sup> SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Live stream begins (2:46 p.m.)

Technology provided by: Sweeney & Sons

"Pearls Day"

Sponsor slides shown on large conference hall screens:

Workrise

The Mom Project

Lockheed Martin

Blue Cross Blue Shield

Bernstein Realty

The Home Depot

Boundless

Elite Couture Boutique

ExxonMobil

Ezra Coffee

Hilton

Microsoft

**NCBW 100** 

Rap Snacks

St. John

Teach For America

Chevron

**Top Floor Promotions** 

Pink and Green Gear QR Code shown on large conference hall screens

# Musical Prelude performed by South Central Regional Choir under the direction of Soror Linda Knight Burkley, Xi Alpha Omega Chapter

Song, a cappella, "Soul Stepping Sorors"

Song with piano accompaniment and various featured soloists, "Heal Our Land" by Tom and Robin Brooks Song with pre-recorded track and various featured soloists, "He Lives in You" by Mark A. Mancina, Lebohang Morake, and Jay Rifkin

Song with pre-recorded track and featured soloists and rappers, "Glory" by Common and John Legend Song with pre-recorded track and featured soloist, "Better" by Hezekiah Walker





#### Dais participants and audience seated

#### Dais participants

Directorate

Danette Anthony Reed, First Supreme Anti-Basileus

Chelle Luper Wilson, Supreme Grammateus and 24th South Central Regional Director

Gayle P. Miles-Scott, Supreme Tamiouchos

Former Directorate

Mattelia B. Grays, 18th Supreme Basileus

International Region Leadership

Berna Greer, Chairman, Financial Officers Certification Committee

Karla Hall, Chairman, Investment Committee

Cynthia Finch, Chairman, Membership Intake Process Committee

Yolanda Murdock, Co-Chairman, Membership Intake Process Committee

Susan Johnson, Co-Chairman, Leadership Development Committee

Andrea K. Miles, Chairman, Sisterly Relations Committee

Carisma Ramsey Fields, Chairman, Public Relations & Communication Committee

Alysse Guerrier, Undergraduate Member-At Large

South Atlantic Region Leadership

Carolyn Randolph, Regional Director

South Central Region Leadership

Joya T. Hayes, Regional Director

Cerise McClendon Martin, Regional Grammateus

Lindsey Leverett-Higgins, Anti-Grammateus

Welozette Duffin, Tamiouchos

Cathy Beans, Pecunious Grammateus

Marsha Penn, Parliamentarian

Shalindra "Lynn" Farris, Hodegos

Sandra Williams, Anti-Hodegos

Shawn Emerson Simmons, Chairman, Impact Days Committee,

Liz Pierre, Chairman, Tellers Committee

Glenda Chachere, Chairman, Philacter Committee

Myra McKenzie-Harris, Regional Representative, International Connection and Social Action Committee

Monique Edwards, Regional Representative, International Disaster Relief Committee

Robyn McCormick, Regional Representative, International Disaster Relief Committee

Shalonda Davis, Chairman, Awards Committee

Former South Central Region Regional Directors

Mary Louise Williams, 13th Regional Director

Jacqueline O. Dansby, 18th Regional Director

Carmelita C. Smith, 19th Regional Director

Polly Sparks Turner, 20th Regional Director

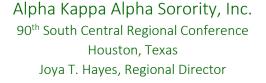
Shirley R. Fisher, 21st Regional Director

Tari T. Bradford, 22nd Regional Director

Gwendolyn J. Brinkley, 23rd Regional Director

Katina M. Semien Smothers, 25th Regional Director







89th South Central Regional Conference Leadership Yvette Mitchell, Chairman

90th South Central Regional Conference Leadership

Jullette Spivey, Chairman

Chamelia S. Robinson, Co-Chairman

Kim Warren, Co-Chairman

Racquell Garrett, Chairman, Registration Committee

Alice Cooper, Representative, Resolutions Committee

Ta'Meka Martin, Chairman, Awards Committee

Krystal Braden, Co-Chairman, Awards Committee

91st South Central Regional Conference Leadership

Rhonda Goode-Douglas, Chairman

Chimene Grant Saloy, Co-Chairman

Markecia Barthelemy, Co-Chairman

South Central Region Cluster Coordinators

Melanie Hillard, Arkansas Cluster Coordinator

Ozhene Codner, Arkansas Undergraduate Cluster Coordinator

Averyana Williams, North Louisiana Undergraduate Cluster Coordinator

Margaret Brooks-Winston, South Louisiana Cluster Coordinator

Markecia Riley-Barthelemy, South Louisiana Cluster Coordinator

Melanie Jones, Southwest Central Cluster Coordinator

Taylor Williams, Southwest Central Undergraduate

**Cluster Coordinator** 

Veronica Williams, Northeast Texas Cluster Coordinator

Erika Boyd, Northeast Texas Undergraduate Cluster Coordinator

Candice Richmond, Southeast Texas Central Cluster Coordinator

Taylor Anthony, Southeast Texas Undergraduate Cluster Coordinator

Karis Cooks, West Texas/New Mexico Cluster Coordinator

South Central Region Chapter Attendees

Mikayla Walker, Beta Kappa Chapter

Llia Wright, Soloist, Eta Kappa Chapter

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Acknowledgement of South Central Choir

Thank you to all sponsors:

Lockheed Martin

Chevron

Home Depot

St. Luke's Hospital

Texas Children's Hospital

**Urban Hydration** 

St. John's

Dollar General

C-CRETS

Workrise

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Ted Ellis
Fashion IMPACTS HandbagsULike
Ezra Coffee Company
Elite Couture Boutique
State Farm Insurance
Houston MPHC
Sysco
Memorial Hermann Health System
Fort Bend Church

Announcement: In 2022, South Central Region website will include section listing companies with employment and internships opportunities available to Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority members Chairmen for this effort will be Sorors Donetta Henry and Jasmine Barnes

Thank you to Lockheed Martin for providing employment and sponsorship opportunities

#### Thank you to Chevron

Sponsored 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Undergraduate activities Present at Undergraduate luncheon to provide opportunities for internships immediately

Acknowledgement of Soror Astronaut Stephanie Wilson, new member of Beta Phi Omega Chapter, Galveston, Texas

NASA Astronaut for 25 years Second African American woman to fly in space Flew on Space Shuttle three times (2006, 2007, 2010) 42 days in space aboard International Space Station Slated to be part of upcoming missions to moon

#### Video presentations of sponsors (in order shown):

C-CRETS
Lockheed Martin
Chevron
The Mom Project
St. Luke's Health
Texas Children's Heart Center
Urban Hydration

#### <u>First Supreme Anti-Basileus Danette Anthony Reed</u>

Acknowledgement of Soror Astronaut Stephanie Wilson Introduction of International Region Undergraduate Member-At-Large Alysse Guerrier







#### International Region Undergraduate Member-At-Large Alysse Guerrier

90th South Central Regional Conference Closing Plenary Session officially called to order (3:25 p.m.)

Meditation by Soror Mikayla Walker

Presentation of Faye B. Bryant Leadership Institute Report by Faye B. Bryant Leadership Institute Committee Chairman and Chancellor Emile Blaine

Thank you to Madam Regional Director Joya T. Hayes for her vision and ability in helping to create

the committee and Leadership Institute to remember Soror Faye B. Bryant and for the opportunity to serve Greetings on behalf of the faculty

Greetings on behalf of 2021 and 2022 Faye B. Bryant Leadership Institute participants

Recognition of Faye B. Bryant Leadership Institute participants

Recognition of South Central Region Leadership Development bachelor's degree recipients

Commencement Ceremony

Song played, "Bring Em Out" by T.I.

Faculty introduced:

Adrine Harrell

Ebani Broadus

Karen Baker Sonier

Meta Brown

Raven Owens

Triciana Porter

Wendolyn Washington

Procession of graduates to stage area

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Recognition of inaugural class of Faye B. Bryant Leadership Institute (462 graduates)

Acknowledgement of inaugural class, "In a pandemic, they continued"

Acknowledgement of South Central Leadership Development Team under leadership of Chancellor Soror Emile Blaine

#### Commencement Ceremony (continued)

Graduates move their tassels

Photos taken

Reminder: Sorors can check in with Leadership Institute next year in person in New Orleans, Louisiana, and in a "city near you" during the next two years

Graduates exit stage to song "Here We Go, Let's Rock & Roll" by C+C Music Factory

Commencement Ceremony ends

#### International Region Undergraduate Member-At-Large Alysse Guerrier

Congratulations to graduates

Introduction of Undergraduate Soror Llia Wright





Musical selection, "Rise Up," with pre-recorded track, performed by soloist, Undergraduate Soror Llia Wright

Presentation of 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Registration and Delegate Report (with slides shown) by Chairman Racquell Garrett

Thank you to Chi Omicron Omega Chapter, Katy, Texas, for their support

Thank you to 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Registration Committee Co-Chairs:

Teri Toliver Hailey, Gamma Omega Omega Chapter

Edwina Johnson, Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter

Thank you to 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Co-Chair Chamelia Robinson for being support Thank you to all 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Registration Committee members

#### Registration as of March 19th at 11:00 a.m.:

Graduate: 4,658

Undergraduate: 536

General Members: 227

Former Regional Directors: 10

Directorate Members: 10

Guests: 22

Children and Youth: 4

Total registered: 5,467

South Central Regional Delegate Strength: 797

Graduate Delegates: 598

Undergraduate Delegates: 100 General Member Delegates: 12 Total Certified Delegates: 710

Motion by 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Registration Committee Chairman Racquell Garrett to accept the Registration and Delegate Report

2nd – Delegate Octavia Dobbins, Mu Theta Omega Chapter

No discussion

90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Registration and Delegate Report accepted

#### International Region Undergraduate Member-At-Large Alysse Guerrier

Welcome to First Supreme Anti-Basileus Danette Anthony Reed

Presentation by Sorors Deardra Hayes-Whigham and Demetris Sampson, "Are You Ready for the Next Episode?"

First Supreme Anti-Basileus Danette Anthony Reed escorted to stage

Reminder: In July 2022, Soror Danette Anthony Reed will be installed as Supreme Anti-Basileus in Orlando, Florida







Presentation by Sorors Deardra Hayes-Whigham and DeMetris Sampson, "This Is How We Do It: 19.08"

Funds needed to host activities surrounding installation of the new Supreme Anti-Basileus in July 2022

Minimum donation requested of \$19.08

"Let's be great. Give 19.08"

Thank-you to Madam Regional Director Joya T. Hayes for the opportunity

#### First Supreme Anti-Basileus Danette Anthony Reed

Thank you to South Central Region for their support

Invitation to Orlando, Florida, for installation activities beginning on July 14, 2022

#### International Region Undergraduate Member-At-Large Alysse Guerrier

Acknowledgment of First Supreme Anti-Basileus Danette Anthony Reed

Presentation of International Membership Committee Report (with slide presentation) by South Central Regional Representative Toni McCastle-Freeman

Good afternoon

Thank you to:

Madam Regional Director Joya T. Hayes for understanding the assignment of membership

Madam Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover for the opportunity

International Membership Committee Chairman, Tracey Morant Adams

Entire International Membership Committee

International Membership Committee Director and Liaison, Central Regional Director Sonya Bowen

Slide presentation begins

Since 2018, under leadership of Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover, International Membership Committee strategies promoted:

Mentoring

Reactivation

Reclamation

Retention

Committee devoted to maintaining and supporting lifelong active membership

Significant accomplishments since 2018:

Slogan launched, "Membership is Pearlfection – You belong here!" to underscore for all members the value of their active presence in sustaining the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sisterhood

Committee listened to sorors and diligently planned and implemented necessary solutions to enhance member experience

Introduced and implemented Reactivation Workplace membership reclamation campaign to bring home Very Important Pearls

Began in fall of 2018

By 2021, highest level of active members in the history of Alpha Kappa Alpha reached

30,000 sorors reactivated

Acknowledgement of and "welcome back" to sorors reactivated in 2021 and 2022

Congratulations and thank you to 500 Best of Best chapters across all regions for their support of reactivation excellence







Worked to facilitate seamless online solutions:

Membership Directory

**Business Directory** 

Transfer verification process

End of Year Membership Report No. 8 introduced in 2019, "No more trips to the post office" "Mentoring Matters"

Committee recommends that chapters work to build effective mentoring programs for Graduate and Undergraduate members to further promote lifelong active membership Guidebook, "The Process of Lifelong Sisterhood," revised

Partnered with Diamond, Pearl, Golden and Silver Sorors Committee to create new recognition category, "Pearl Membership," to celebrate sorors attaining 65 years of membership

Reminder: Chapters are charged with continuing milestone celebrations annually Acknowledgement of Pearl Sorors

#### **Training**

130 workshops over last 3 1/2 years at:

Regional conferences

Cluster retreats

Leadership conferences

Region and chapter leadership development seminars and webinars

Thank you for the opportunity to share membership message throughout Alpha Kappa Alpha "You in '22" salute

2021-2022 South Central Region Best of the Best chapters:

Nu Omega	Chi Eta Omega	Eta Chi Omega
Alpha Beta Omega	Chi Nu Omega	Eta Delta Omega
Alpha Kappa Omega	Chi Omicron Omega	Eta Pi Omega
Alpha Xi Omega	Chi Zeta Omega	Eta Sigma Omega
Alpha Omega Omega	Delta Alpha Omega	Gamma Eta Omega
Alpha Tau Omega	Delta Gamma Omega	Gamma Omicron Omega
Beta Mu Omega	Delta Lambda Omega	Gamma Omega Omega
Beta Phi Omega	Delta Omega Omega	lota Eta Omega
Beta Pi Omega	Epsilon Psi Omega	Iota Rho Omega
Beta Psi Omega	Epsilon Theta Omega	lota Xi Omega
	Epsilon Zeta Omega	Kappa Nu Omega
		Kappa Xi Omega

Lambda Beta Omega Omicron Lambda Omega Rho Iota Omega Lambda Sigma Omega Rho Omicron Omega Omicron Mu Omega Mu Chi Omega Omicron Tau Omega Rho Beta Omega Mu Kappa Omega Phi Gamma Omega Rho Phi Omega Mu Mu Omega Phi Rho Omega Rho Pi Omega Mu Theta Omega Phi Sigma Omega Sigma Beta Omega Nu Gamma Omega Phi Xi Omega Sigma Rho Omega Omega Alpha Omega Phi Zeta Omega Tau Iota Omega





Omicron Epsilon Omega Omicron Iota Omega Tau Zeta Omega Theta Delta Omega Upsilon Lambda Omega Upsilon Zeta Omega Xi Alpha Omega Xi Theta Omega Zeta Gamma Omega Zeta Lambda Omega Zeta Phi Omega

Zeta Psi Omega

Pi Chi Omega Psi Mu Omega Alpha Alpha Eta Omega Alpha Alpha Kappa Omega Alpha Alpha Nu Omega Alpha Alpha Omicron Omega Alpha Alpha Rho Omega Alpha Alpha Xi Omega Tau Kappa Omega Tau Rho Omega

Chapters with most sorors reactivated in South Central Region:

1st Place – Alpha Kappa Omega, Houston, Texas 2nd Place – Xi Alpha Omega, Houston, Texas 3rd Place – Delta Lambda Omega, Shreveport, Louisiana

Thank you for having confidence in the committee

Thank you for e-mails, calls, texts and support

It has been a privilege to serve and enhance membership with excellence

Thank you to the Directorate, sorors, chapters, leaders for continuing to answer the membership call "It's all about you in 2022."

Reminder: Please continue reclamation, reactivation, retention, and mentoring efforts

Thank you for the opportunity to serve

Gift presented to First Supreme Anti-Basileus Danette Anthony Reed from South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes and South Central Region

Presentation of International Connection and Social Action Committee Report (with slide presentation) by South Central Regional Representative Myra McKenzie-Harris

Good afternoon

Report covers last four years (2018-2022)

International efforts:

Promises made, results achieved:

New Resource Guide

Guidelines for marches and rallies

Suggestions for advocacy activities

Disseminate LEAD information

Produced articles for Ivey Leaf

Produced E-blasts

Mid-Term presentations

General election presentations



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Additional accomplishments:

Created Legislative Agenda for Alpha Kappa Alpha for 2018-2022

Held numerous When We All Vote activities with First Lady Michelle Obama

Registered collectively more than 300,000 people to vote

South Central Region's Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter of Houston, Texas, registered the most people to vote over the course of the Excellence Administration

Over-delivered by doing the following:

Encouraged chapters to call for passage of John Lewis Voting Rights Act

Hosted absentee and early voting workshops

Promoted justice and policing reform initiatives

Collaborated with NAACP on Get Out the Vote activities

Encouraged community members to participate in U.S. Census

Hosted panels with elected officials

Held Faye Beverly Bryant program event on connection and social action activities in fall 2021

Thank you to South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes and Chancellor Emile Pendarvis Blaine for allowing program event

Gave 100 Day Countdown to 2020 election

Note: Registering 300,000 people to vote can make a difference in elections at local, state, and national level Alpha Kappa Alpha Soror Kamala Harris now serves as first woman Vice President of the United States of America

#### Regional efforts:

Hosted three AKA Days at the Capitol in 2019

Pivoted due to COVID-19

Hosted two virtual AKA Days at the Capitol in 2021

More than 100 registrants

Wonderful list of speakers

Hosted first of its kind Texas AKA Day at the Capitol in 2021 entitled, "Education, Health & Public Safety"

From 2019-2020, held more than 500 When We All Vote and other voter registration activities across the region Slides with photos shown of chapter activities

Held Faye B. Beverly Bryant webinar in 2020

Hosted regional election watch party

Advanced Alpha Kappa Alpha's LEAD Program

Videos

Letters to the editor

Trainings on redistricting

Reminder: Sorors must continue to LEAD (Learn, Empower, Advocate, and Decide)

2022 mid-term elections are very important

Thank you to International President Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover for the opportunity to serve Thank you to State Coordinators of South Central Region for their help with current information concerning the region and willingness to lead and engage:

Jamie Scott, Arkansas Vanessa Caston LaFleur, Louisiana Beverly McMillan, New Mexico Kelly Hodges, Texas







Presentation of International Disaster Relief Committee Report (with slide presentation) by South Central Representatives Robyn McCormick and Monique Edwards

Good afternoon

Report highlights goals and accomplishments of the newly-created committee over the past four years (2018-2022) Committee created in 2018 to execute Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover's vision of "a committee for us by us" to continually remain focused on identifying and assisting sorors adversely affected by disasters Published International Disaster Relief Chapter Guide

Available online and in hard copy

Guides chapters on:

How to respond to a disaster

Local protocols post disaster for communicating and confirming members' safety

Facilitated workshop at 2019 Leadership Seminar in Tennessee

Held workshops at regional conferences in 2019

Provided plenary reports at regional conferences in 2021 and 2022

Provided workshop and plenary report at 2021 Boule Leadership Seminar

Continually remain available to provide support on chapter, regional, and International levels

Biggest success of committee over past four years, ability to:

Mobilize quickly around disasters as they happen

Work collaboratively with Regional Directors and Corporate Office to:

Catalogue disaster impacts to sorors

Provide financial assistance to disaster-affected sorors on behalf of Alpha Kappa Alpha

Actively supported 13 events directly impacting sorors:

Hurricane Florence – September 2018

Hurricane Michael – October 2018

California wildfires – 2018 season

Ohio Tornado outbreak – May 2019

Hurricane Dorian – September 2019

Nashville, Tennessee tornadoes – March 2020

Mississippi tornadoes – April 2020

Hurricanes Laura and Delta – August/September 2020

California Bobcat Wildfires – 2020

Polar Vortex, Texas – 2021

Nashville, Tennessee and Alabama tornadoes – 2021

Louisiana rainstorms – 2021

Hurricane Ida – 2021

Monitored many other events

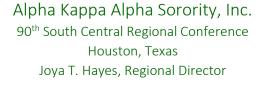
Provided initial updates for COVID-19 pandemic until Pandemic Task Force was created under the leadership of Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover

Over the past 3 1/2 years:

Monitored more than 50 disasters

Sent out 18 direct communications







Managed 14 disasters impacting the membership

\$170,000 disbursed directly to sorors as of February 2022:

Distributed over 7 regions

More than 300 sorors helped

Acknowledgement of Alpha Kappa Alpha members for their participation in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Disaster Relief Fund and South Central Region Emergency Relief Fund

Many notes of appreciation received from sorors

Note from soror of South Central Region regarding help received after Hurricane Ida read to membership To Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover:

"Your dream has been realized."

Committee remains eternally grateful for opportunity to be part of this inaugural effort within Alpha Kappa Alpha Thank you to South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes for steadfast commitment to disaster relief Creation of:

South Central Region Emergency Relief Fund

Adopt-a-Soror Program

Partnerships with other regions and Regional Directors to aid sorors with immediate needs following a disaster Note: Majority of 14 disasters have been in South Central Region

Thank you again to sister regions and Regional Directors for helping to provide support

Thank you to South Central Region for raising \$40,000 above and in addition to International Disaster Relief Committee funds to help disaster-affected sorors

Committee Chairman Jasmine Adkins Moore has designated Representatives from each region of Alpha Kappa Alpha, with South Central Region having two Representatives

International Disaster Relief Committee:

Led by: Jasmine Adkins Moore, Chairman, "Meteorologist," North Atlantic Region

Committee Members: Angela M. Parks, "Lightning Rod," North Atlantic Region

Tracey D. Watkins, "Tornado," Mid-Atlantic Region

Renee Forbes Williams, "Eye of the Storm," South Atlantic Region Katrina R. Thompson, "Tropical Storm," South Eastern Region

Davis Jones, "Earthquake," Central Region

Monique M. Edwards, "Tsunami," South Central Region Robyn S. McCormick, "Twister," South Central Region Jackie Newman, "Fire Storm," Great Lakes Region Meredyth Vick, "Hurricane," Mid-Western Region Emma E. Houston, "Quiet Storm," Far Western Region Maureen Burke, "Typhoon," International Region

Thank you to Supreme Basileus Glenda Baskin Glover for the opportunity to provide disaster relief support and committee report

Thank you to South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes for the opportunity for service

Presentation of South Central Region Finance Committee Report (with slide presentation) by Regional Tamiouchos Welozette Duffin

Good afternoon

Report reflective of 1/1/2021-12/31/2021





Thank you to financial team:

Cathy Beans, Pecunious Grammateus
Teri Todd, Arkansas Pecunious Grammateus
Alicia Grinage, Northeast Texas Pecunious Grammateus
Shanequa Burch, North Louisiana Pecunious Grammateus
Krystal Hopton, Southeast Texas Pecunious Grammateus
Kathy Saloy, South Louisiana Pecunious Grammateus
Sharon Baker, Southwest Central Texas Pecunious Grammateus
Dannyal Smith, West Texas/New Mexico Pecunious Grammateus

#### Reconciled Balance 1/1/2021 through 12/31/2021:

Beginning Balance: \$268,339.50 Total Deposits: \$1,418,997.11

Total Assets: \$1,687,336.61

Total Checks Paid: \$377,784.88

Total Electronics Withdrawals: \$68,144.58

Total Fees: \$194.60 Total Debits: \$446,124.06

Ending Balance: \$1,241,212.55

Total Checks Outstanding: \$186,603.95 Adjusted Book Balance: \$1,054,608.60

#### South Central Region Income and Expenses:

#### Income:

Sisterhood Summit: \$31,950.00 Donation – Polar Vortex: \$4,350.00

89<sup>th</sup> South Central Region virtual Conference Sponsor: \$4,100.00

#### 2021 AKA Day at the Capitol virtual events breakdown:

Arkansas: \$1,010.00 Louisiana: \$1,390.00 Texas: \$5,740.00

Total income for 2021 AKA Day at the Capitol: \$8,140.00

Total Income: \$48,540.00

#### Expenses:

Travel: \$196.44

Gifts & Accessories: \$247.50

Staff Travel: \$1,268.09 Storage Fees: \$3,018.80

Bonding Fee: \$342.00

Travel Expense (Airlines/Hotel): \$1,291.45

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# South Central Region Income and Expenses (Continued): Expenses (Continued):

Miscellaneous Expenses: \$854.00

Audio Presentation/Streaming/Summit: \$3,500.00

Shipping & Handling Fees: \$2,574.00

Audit Fee Allocation – Corporate Office: \$15,367.28

Materials Sold: \$7,242.46 Vendor Refund: \$550.00 Postage & Delivery: \$681.34 Total Expenses: \$37,133.36

#### Polar Vortex breakdown:

Income: \$4,350.00 Expenses: \$4,350.00 Balance: \$0.00

#### Hurricane Laura breakdown:

Income: \$43,500.00 Expenses: \$38,500.00 Balance: \$5,000.00

Reminder: Sorors that have received checks, please cash them

#### 2021 Donations breakdown:

AKA-EAF – HBCU Initiative HBCU Impact Day: \$20,000.00
AKA-EAF – Leadership Fellows Boule/Leadership: \$1,000.00
St. John Church – Youth Ministry Donation: \$1,500.00
Northwest Louisiana Sickle Cell Disease Association: \$250.00
Total Donations: \$22,750.00

### 89<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference (Virtual) Income and Expenses breakdown:

#### Income:

Registration: \$328,815.00

Conference Shirt: \$26,090.00 Faye B. Bryant Leadership Intensive 1: \$9,510.00

Faye B. Bryant Leadership Intensive 2: \$4,050.00

EAF Fundraiser: \$24,317.15

Chapter Award Fees – Graduate: \$5,100.00

Chapter Award Fees – Undergraduate: \$750.00

Sponsors: \$4,550.00 Vendors: \$41,100.00

Total Income: \$444,282.15

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89<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference (Virtual) Income and Expenses breakdown (Continued): Expenses:

Entertainment: \$6,400.00 Awards refund: \$150.00 Gifts & Accessories: \$1,600.77 Audio visual: \$44,290.73

Hall & Exhibit decorations: \$2,472.60 Speaker presentation fees: \$3,000.00

Ballot equipment: \$754.80

Meals: \$2,673.27

Staff lodging: \$9,057.36 Advertising expense: \$467.25 Dues & Subscriptions: \$624.00 Courtesies & Benevolence: \$852.01

Honorarium: \$5,000.00

Shipping & Handling fees: \$690.92

Regional Meeting Audio/Visual: \$22,405.00 Regional Meeting Awards & Exhibits: \$3,118.76

Meals & Entertainment: \$8,250.00

Regional Director: \$420.00 Vendor: \$566.74

Miscellaneous expenses: \$29,392.15

Conference Expenses: \$3,424.00 Audio/Visual presentation: \$62,880.12

Signs & Banners: \$652.22 Sales Tax: \$17,060.50 Total: \$226,203.20

Note: Streaming platform was main expense Conference profit: \$218,078.95

90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference (Virtual and Live) Income and Expenses breakdown:

Income as of 12/31/2021:

Assessment: \$419,765.00 Sponsor: \$19,421.51 Registration: \$186,918.41 Total: \$626,104.92

Notes: Amount reflected received in 2021 as seed money: \$419,765.00

Thank you to Southeast Texas Cluster for paying conference assessment in

November-December 2021 time period

Assessments from over the region are still being received in 2022







Expenses as of 12/31/2021:

Entertainment: \$21,450.00 Gifts & Accessories: \$11,362.50 Video presentation: \$2,000.00 Photography: \$1,500.00

Printing: \$691.45

Meetings Audio/Visual: \$12,538.22

Donation – Prairie View A&M University: \$5,000.00

Meals & Entertainment: \$1,499.78 Planning Meeting: \$694.98

Protocol: \$890.84

Travel expenses: \$7,349.31 Miscellaneous expenses: \$920.45

Miscellaneous expenses: \$920.45 Conference expenses: \$63,970.00 Total: \$129,867.53

Note: Balance as of 12/31/2021: \$496,237.39

Reminders: Make all checks for deposit into South Central account payable to "Alpha Kappa Alpha

Sorority, Incorporated"

Utilize "Memo" section of check to reference the purpose of payment

Please send only chapter checks, cashier's checks, or money orders (no personal checks)

Personal checks are accepted for payments to endow current or former Regional Directors' Funds Please make these checks payable to Educational Advancement Foundation to ensure receipt

Please forward all payments to South Central Pecunious Grammateus Cathy Beans:

P.O. Box 354, Liberty Hill, Texas 78642-0354

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Recognition of Southeast Texas Cluster

Paid \$175.00 per person in the middle of COVID-19 pandemic to ensure adequate funds for down payments for  $90^{th}$  South Central Regional Conference

Financial transparency:

At the closeout of 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference, once all bills are paid the South Central Region will do its best to refund as much of the seed money as possible to the sorors of Southeast Texas Cluster Expenses included:

On-site COVID testing Live stream expenditures

\$30,000 for WiFi

Acknowledgement of Communications Team

Acknowledgement of Sweeney & Sons live stream and production team

Presentation of South Central Region Cluster Coordinators (with slide presentation) by Southeast Texas Cluster Coordinator Candice Richmond

Good afternoon

"Some women fear the fire, while some women simply become the fire"



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Houston, Texas Joya T. Hayes, Regional Director



Thank you to Sorors of South Central Region for keeping the Flame of Sisterhood and Service alive in your hearts and your communities

Congratulations to all chapters for their dedicated service

Thank you to Regional Director Joya T. Hayes for the opportunity to serve

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Acknowledgement of Undergraduates

Entire Plenary Session of 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference was facilitated and run by Undergraduates Recognition of International Region Undergraduate Member-At-Large Alysse Guerrier

Announcement: Adjustment to final pieces of Closing Plenary Session to accommodate 91st South Central Regional Conference presentation and performance

Announcement: 91st South Central Regional Conference will be in New Orleans, Louisiana

70<sup>th</sup> Boule scheduled for in-person in New Orleans went virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic

South Central Region negotiated return to New Orleans in future to avoid financial loss due to cancellation Sorors of South Louisiana Cluster, having hosted conference three years ago, have graciously agreed to once again host conference in 2023

Acknowledgement of 91st South Central Regional Conference leadership from New Orleans, Louisiana

#### Presentation by 91st South Central Regional Conference Committee

Introduction of Committee members by Chairman Rhonda Goode-Douglas, Omicron Lambda Omega Chapter, New Orleans, Louisiana:

Co-Chairman Chimene Grant Saloy, Alpha Beta Omega Chapter, New Orleans, Louisiana

Co-Chairman and South Louisiana Cluster Coordinator Markecia Barthelemy, Rho Pi Omega Chapter, New Orleans, Louisiana

Invitation to 91st South Central Regional Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana

Video presentation from New Orleans & Company

Second Line parade featuring Houston's Hustlers Brass Band and Zulu Tramps, led by South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes, 25th Regional Director Katina M. Semien Smothers, and Soror Keah Moffett, Omicron Lambda Omega Chapter

#### Response by 90th South Central Regional Conference Committee

Chairman Jullette Spivey

On behalf of the 90th South Central Regional Conference leadership team, thank you to sorors of South Louisiana Cluster for your invitation

To Chairman Rhonda Goode-Douglas and Co-Chairmen Chimene Grant Saloy and Markecia

Barthelemy, we wish you well on your upcoming journey

Co-Chairman Chamelia Robinson and Co-Chairman Kim Warren

Offering of a thoughtfully prepared security box of items needed for the journey

"Keep God first in your planning, all things will work together for His good"

Invitation accepted, "We will see you in New Orleans"

Presentation of South Central Regional Conference Recommendations and Resolutions Committee Report (with slide presentation) by Representative Alice Cooper Good afternoon





#### Resolutions read to the membership as follows:

#### Resolution No. 1: Women's History Month

Whereas, the month of March is recognized as National Women's History Month which celebrates the importance of women in the history of the United States and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; Whereas, Soror Ethel Hedgemon Lyle was a visionary leader and our "Guiding Light" in the founding of our Sisterhood; and Soror Kamala D. Harris is the first African American woman and Asian American woman to serve as Vice President of the United States;

Soror Glenda Baskin Glover, our CEO, has been successful in raising more than 5 million dollars in three years for Historically Black Colleges and Universities;

Whereas, we the Sorors of the South Central Region congratulate the historical nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to be the first African American woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Now be it resolved that we the Sorors of the South Central Region applaud and celebrate ALL women.

#### Resolution No. 2: Support of Ukraine

Whereas, on February 24th, 2022, the Russian Federation launched an unprovoked, unrelenting, brutal, full-scale invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine, a peaceful nation, and has caused thousands of Ukranian casualties and the displacement of over 1.5 million Ukranian citizens resulting in the largest humanitarian tragedy to befall Europe since World War II;

Now be it resolved that the South Central Region hereby stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine. We call upon all Sorors to pray for the peace of Ukraine as we continue to be "Supreme in Service to All Mankind" by supporting the Ukranian people through international Program Target V: Global Impact Global Assistance Activities and Refugees in American Assistance Program.

#### Resolution No. 3: Right to Vote

Whereas, The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law to outlaw discriminatory voting practices and now, nearly 60 years later we are still facing discriminatory voter suppression laws; Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has partnered with civil rights organizations, Black women leaders and the National Pan Hellenic Council to press for the passage of federal and state legislation that will secure our right to vote;

Now be it resolved that all Sorors will actively engage elected officials on the critical issues of voting and for the passage of legislation at federal and state levels to secure our right to vote.

#### Resolution No. 4: Black Maternal Health

Whereas, Black women are more likely to die from complications related to pregnancy at roughly three times the rate of white, Hispanic, Asian American, and Pacific Islander women - regardless of their income or education levels;

Whereas, Vice President Kamala Harris hosted Directorate members at the White House to answer a call to action on Black Maternal Health, including a focus on improving data collection and maternal health risk monitoring, and addressing the social factors that contribute to poor maternal health outcomes. Therefore, be it resolved that the Sorors of South Central Region will develop plans to answer Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's National Call to Action by engaging elected officials on the critical issue of Black Maternal Health.







#### Resolution 5: City of Houston

Whereas, the city of Houston is home to the Johnson Space Center, the Houston Rockets, Houston Astros, Houston Texans, and several nationally-known healthcare facilities; Whereas, the city of Houston has laid out the pink and green carpet to reignite the flame of excellence and sisterhood for all Sorors attending the 90th Regional Conference; and Whereas, Houston, Texas is the largest city in the South Central Region and the home of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority esteemed 18th Supreme Basileus, Soror Mattelia B. Grays, and the 21st Supreme Basileus Ivy Beyond the Wall, Faye B. Bryant; 20th South Central Regional Director, Polly Sparks Turner, and the 23rd South Central Regional Director, Soror Gwendolyn Brinkley;

Therefore, be it resolved that the 90th South Central Regional Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, extends our sincere appreciation to the city of Houston, Texas for hosting our regional conference.

#### Resolution 6: Planning Committee

Whereas, the Southeast Texas Cluster has skillfully planned and executed the 90th South Central Regional Conference with expertise; and

Whereas, General Conference Chairman Soror Jullette Spivey, Co-Conference Chairmen Soror Chamelia S. Robinson and Soror Kim Warren and the host chapters have worked numerous hours to plan and implement a wonderful conference;

Therefore, be it resolved that the 90th South Central Regional Conference reignited The Flame of Excellence and Sisterhood. We Are South Central, we are Alpha Kappa Alpha, and we express our sincere appreciation to the sorors of the Southeast Texas Cluster and congratulate them on a job well done.

#### Resolution 7: Congratulations to South Central Regional Director

Whereas, our fiery 26th South Central Regional Director Soror Joya T. Hayes, has Reignited the Flame of Excellence and Sisterhood by reigniting the fire in us to go forth and provide supreme service to all mankind after this dynamic Regional Conference experience; and Whereas, Soror Hayes has demonstrated a superior emotional intelligence; an unprecedented inaugural hybrid conference experience with the emphasis on prioritizing safety while monitoring the latest CDC guidelines on COVID-19 and executing meaningful program implementation with zeal and genuine compassion for all;

Whereas, Soror Hayes has served to exude love and steadfast commitment during these times of uncertainty and has been highly responsive to the needs of Sorors and chapters; Now therefore, be it resolved that the Sorors of South Central Region with love and admiration commend Soror Joya T. Hayes for her engaging dynamic leadership and responsiveness to the needs of the region.







Thank you to the members of the Resolution Committee:

Florestine Johnson, Chairman, Omicron Mu Omega Chapter

Kelly Nicole Williams, Xi Theta Omega Chapter

Cheryl Neal-Green, Xi Omega Chapter

Fatima Abdullah, Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter

Sharon Dees Bracey, Alpha Alpha Omicron Omega Chapter

Rachael Campbell, Omega Alpha Omega Chapter

Darcea Handy-Quaye, Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter

Sandra Henson, General Member

Ebani Broadus, Eta Delta Omega Chapter

Alice Cooper, Sigma Rho Omega Chapter

Thank you to Regional Director Joya T. Hayes for the opportunity to serve

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Thank you to Resolutions Committee Chairman Florestine Johnson for her service and recognition of her virtual attendance, "You are here with us"

Motion to accept South Central Region Resolution Committee Report Motion from committee, no 2<sup>nd</sup> needed

Passage of Resolutions:

Resolution 1: Women's History Month

No objection

No discussion

Resolution passed

Resolution 2: Support of Ukraine

No objection

No discussion

Resolution passed

Resolution 3: Right to Vote

No objection

No discussion

Resolution passed

Resolution 4: Black Maternal Health

No objection

No discussion

Resolution passed

Resolution 5: City of Houston

No objection

No discussion

Resolution passed

Resolution 6: Planning Committee

No objection

No discussion

Resolution passed



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#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Recognition of 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Planning Committee

Passage of Resolutions (continued):

Resolution 7: Congratulations to South Central Regional Director

No objection No discussion

Resolution accepted with unanimous consent

Resolution Committee Report accepted

Presentation of Time and Place Committee Report by 90th South Central Regional Conference Chairman Jullette Spivey

Fall Cluster Retreat schedule:

West Texas/New Mexico: Virtual collaboration, 9/24/2022

Southeast Texas: Houston, Texas, 10/1/2022 Arkansas: West Memphis, Arkansas, 10/8/2022 Northeast Texas: Dallas, Texas 10/15/2022 South Louisiana: Lafayette, Louisiana 12/3/2022 Southwest Central Texas: Killeen, Texas 10/29/2022

North Louisiana: 11/5/2022

Upcoming South Central Regional Conferences:

2023: New Orleans, Louisiana, hosted by Southern Louisiana Cluster 2024: Austin, Texas, hosted by Southwest Central Texas Cluster

Presentation of South Central Region Philacter Committee Report by Committee Chairman Glenda Chachere

Good afternoon

Conference late fees collected as of time of report (3/19/22 5:26 p.m.): \$1,435.40

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Acknowledgement of and thank you to Inventory Committee led by Reshonta Stewart, Beta Psi Omega Chapter, Austin, Texas

Announcement: Conference bags are sold out

Presentation of Tellers Committee Report by Chairman Liz Pierre (not transcribed)

Motion to accept the Tellers Committee Report by Committee Chairman Liz Pierre Motion from committee, no 2<sup>nd</sup> needed No objection No discussion Report accepted

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Acknowledgement of candidates for South Central Region Nominating Committee



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Joya T. Hayes, Regional Director



Announcement of Soror Gwendolyn Kimble as next South Central Region Representative to the International Nominating Committee

Acceptance of election to office by Soror Gwendolyn Kimble

Call for unfinished business

Announcement: By-Law Amendment required 66.8 percent approval, received 66.9 percent, passed and will be forwarded to International Constitution Committee

Presentation of final announcements and important information by South Central Regional Hodegos Shalindra "Lynn" Farris

Lost and found

Financial Officer Certification certificates may be obtained from Soror Berna Greer at closing of the session

Reminder: For Closing Gala, sorors must bring conference name tags and guest tickets

Reminder: Pre-Gala Fire begins at 7:00 p.m.

Beta Pi Omega Chapter, Little Rock, Arkansas, please meet chapter Basileus at dais after the session Thank you to Regional Director Joya T. Hayes for the opportunity to serve, congratulations on a wonderful first in-person conference, "We're happy for you"

Gift presented to Regional Director Joya T. Hayes by 90th South Central Regional Conference Team

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Final acknowledgements, "We are South Central":

Spiritual Oversight Committee and Chairman Stephanie Hall

Technology Committee and Chairman Teresa Beaudoin

Sponsorship Committee and Chairman Mina LaGrange

Sisterly Relations Committee and Chairman Tracey Lewis

Diamond/Pearl/Silver/Golden Advisory Committee and Chairman Rita Cloman

Faye B. Bryant Leadership Institute Development Committee and Chairman Emile Blaine

Undergraduate Activities Committee and Chairman Shareen Addison

Logistics Committee and Chairman Lauri Patterson

MarQuisia Johnson

South Central Region Chief of Staff Yvette Mitchell

Sorors of Beta Psi Omega Chapter

Presentation of awards by 18th South Central Regional Director Jacqueline O. Dansby and 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Awards Chairman Shalonda Davis

Greetings

Salute to chapters who submitted entries

2021 International Program awards:

Target 1, HBCU For Life: Hashtag CAP Signature Program
2nd Place - Small Chapter Graduate: Epsilon Theta Omega
1st Place - Small Chapter Graduate: Alpha Alpha Nu Omega
2nd Place - Medium Chapter Graduate: Upsilon Lambda Omega
1st Place (tie) - Medium Chapter Graduate award: Omega Tau Omega

2nd Place - Large Chapter Graduate award: Xi Theta Omega 1st Place - Large Chapter Graduate: Mu Kappa Omega







2nd Place - Small Chapter Undergraduate: Gamma Psi 1st Place - Small Chapter Undergraduate: Epsilon Lambda

2nd Place (tie) - Small Chapter Graduate: Alpha Alpha Xi Omega and Kappa Nu Omega

1st Place - Small Chapter Graduate: Epsilon Zeta Omega

2nd Place - Medium Chapter Graduate: Alpha Alpha Nu Omega

Target 1 HBCU For Life A Call For Action

1st Place - Medium Chapter Graduate: Upsilon Lambda Omega

2nd Place (tie) - Large Chapter Graduate: Alpha Alpha Eta Omega and Chi Zeta Omega

1st Place - Large Chapter Graduate: Xi Alpha Omega

Target 2, Women's Healthcare and Wellness

2nd Place - Small Chapter Undergraduate: Gamma Psi 1st Place - Small Chapter Undergraduate: Epsilon Lambda 2nd Place - Small Chapter Graduate: Epsilon Zeta Omega 1st Place - Small Chapter Graduate: Alpha Alpha Xi Omega 2nd Place - Medium Chapter Graduate: Upsilon Lambda Omega

1st Place Women's Health and Wellness - Medium Chapter Graduate: Omicron Tau Omega

2nd Place - Large Chapter Graduate: Beta Pi Omega

Target 3: Building Your Economic Legacy

1st Place - Large Graduate Chapter: Alpha Tau Omega 2nd Place - Small Chapter Undergraduate: Gamma Psi 1st Place - Small Chapter Undergraduate: Epsilon Lambda 2nd Place - Small Chapter Graduate: Delta Alpha Omega 1st Place - Small Chapter Graduate: Phi Alpha Omega

2nd Place - Medium Chapter Graduate: Alpha Alpha Nu Omega 1st Place - Medium Chapter Graduate: Upsilon Lambda Omega

2nd Place - Large Chapter Graduate: Mu Kappa Omega 1st Place - Large Chapter Graduate: Xi Alpha Omega

Target 4, The Arts!

2nd Place - Small Chapter Undergraduate: Gamma Psi 1st Place - Small Chapter Undergraduate: Epsilon Lambda 2nd Place - Small Chapter Graduate: Alpha Alpha Xi Omega 1st Place - Small Chapter Graduate: Kappa Nu Omega

2nd Place - Medium Chapter Graduate: Upsilon Lambda Omega 1st Place - Medium Chapter Graduate: Alpha Alpha Nu Omega 2nd Place - Large Chapter Graduate: Chi Omicron Omega 1st Place - Large Chapter Graduate: Alpha Xi Omega

Target 5, Global Impact

2nd Place - Small Chapter Undergraduate, Epsilon Lambda 1st Place - Small Chapter Undergraduate: Gamma Psi 2nd Place -- Small Chapter Graduate: Alpha Alpha Xi Omega 1st Place - Small Chapter Graduate: Phi Alpha Omega

2nd Place - Medium Chapter Graduate: Upsilon Lambda Omega 1st Place - Medium Chapter Graduate: Omicron Tau Omega







Target 5, Global Impact (Continued)

2nd Place - Large Chapter Graduate: Alpha Xi Omega

1st Place - Large Chapter Graduate: Omicron Lambda Omega

Overall Excellence Achievement Award

2nd Place - Small Chapter Undergraduate: Zeta Mu 1st Place - Small Chapter Undergraduate: Gamma Psi 1st Place - Medium Chapter Undergraduate: Theta Mu 1st Place - Large Chapter Undergraduate: Eta Kappa 2nd Place - Small Chapter Graduate: Mu Chi Omega 1st Place - Small Chapter Graduate: Rho Phi Omega

2nd Place - Medium Chapter Graduate: Alpha Alpha Nu Omega 1st Place - Medium Chapter Graduate: Upsilon Lambda Omega 2nd Place - Large Chapter Graduate: Alpha Alpha Eta Omega 1st Place - Large Chapter Graduate: Alpha Tau Omega

#### **Graduate Chapter Awards**

Graduate Good Citizen Award

2nd Place - Small Chapter: Rayetta Baty, Iota Xi Omega 1st Place - Small Chapter: Cheryl Green, Phi Xi Omega

2nd Place - Large Chapter: Pamela S. Foster, Omega Alpha Omega 1st Place, Large Chapter: Soror Yaminah Roberts, Delta Omega Omega 2nd Place - Extra Large Chapter: LaDondra Wilson, Omicron Mu Omega 1st Place - Extra Large Chapter: Meca Grant, Alpha Alpha Kappa Omega 2nd Place - Large Chapter: Pamela S. Foster, Omega Alpha Omega 1st Place, Large Chapter: Soror Yaminah Roberts, Delta Omega Omega 2nd Place - Extra Large Chapter: LaDondra Wilson, Omicron Mu Omega 1st Place - Extra Large Chapter: Meca Grant, Alpha Alpha Kappa Omega Outstanding Basileus Award.

2nd Place - Small Chapter: Jackie Gorman, Alpha Alpha Xi Omega 1st Place - Small Chapter: Kimberly Warren, Psi Mu Omega Chapter 2nd Place - Medium Chapter: Raven Owens, Omicron Iota Omega 1st Place - Medium Chapter: Robyn Carrier, Alpha Alpha Kappa Omega

2nd Place - Large Chapter: Alana Miller, Omega Alpha Omega 1st Place - Large Chapter: Gwendolyn Kimble, Tau Rho Omega

2nd Place - Extra Large Chapter: Chamelia Robinson

1st Place - Extra Large Chapter: Velena McRae, Alpha Xi Omega

#### Outstanding Initiate Award

2nd Place - Small Chapter: Lawandra Smith, Omicron Epsilon Omega

1st Place - Small Chapter: Clarissa Pritchett, Iota Xi Omega

2nd Place - Large Chapter: Jessica Kemp, Alpha Tau Omega Chapter 1st Place - Large Chapter: Lucretia Bluitt, Chi Omicron Omega Chapter

Soror of the Year Award

2nd Place - Small Chapter: Dirona Robinson, Alpha Alpha Omicron Omega

1st Place - Small Chapter: LaQuinta Davis Lewis, Kappa Nu Omega



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#### Soror of the Year Award

2nd Place - Medium Chapter: Shontai Thomas, Alpha Alpha Kappa Omega 1st Place - Medium Chapter: Patrice Langford, Alpha Alpha Nu Omega 2nd Place - Large Chapter: Ora Netta Hall, Alpha Tau Omega Chapter 1st Place - Large Chapter: LaWanna Willis, Omega Alpha Omega 2nd Place - Extra Large Chapter: Rose Mary Bolden, Alpha Xi Omega 1st Place - Extra Large Chapter: Amie T. Francis, Xi Alpha Omega

Golden Soror of the Year Award

2nd Place (tie): Gwendolyn Lacy, Alpha Omega Omega and Adena Loston, Alpha Tau Omega Chapter

1st Place: Delores Shaw, Alpha Xi Omega Chapter

Chapter of the Year Award

2nd Place - Small Chapter (tie): Iota Xi Omega and Phi Alpha Omega

1st Place - Small Chapter: Alpha Alpha Xi Omega 2nd Place - Medium Size Chapter: Mu Theta Omega 1st Place - Medium Chapter: Alpha Alpha Nu Omega 2nd place - Large Chapter: Omicron Mu Omega 1st Place - Large Chapter: Omega Alpha Omega 2nd Place - Extra Large Chapter: Mu Kappa Omega 1st Place - Extra Large Chapter: Alpha Kappa Omega

Outstanding Chapter Exhibit

1st Place - Small Size Chapter: Kappa Nu Omega

1st Place - Large Size Chapter (tie): Beta Psi Omega and Omicron Tau Omega

1st Place - Extra Large Chapter: Alpha Alpha Kappa Omega

Outstanding Chapter Scrapbook

2nd Place - Small Chapter: Omicron Iota Omega 1st Place - Small Chapter: Rho Omicron Omega 2nd Place - Large Chapter: Upsilon Lambda Omega 1st Place - Large Chapter: Delta Omega Omega 2nd Place - Extra Large Chapter: Omicron Nu Omega 1st Place - Extra Large Chapter Alpha Xi Omega

Outstanding Chapter Attendance Award

2nd Place - Small Chapter Undergraduate: Alpha Theta

1st Place - Small Chapter Undergraduate (four-way tie): Tau Phi, Upsilon Kappa, Sigma Beta, and Zeta Mu

1st Place - Medium Chapter Undergraduate: Eta Kappa 1st Place - Large Chapter Undergraduate: Theta Mu

2nd Place - Small Chapter Graduate: Eta Delta Omega, Lubbock, Texas 1st Place - Small Chapter Graduate: Rho Phi Omega, Bryan, Texas

2nd Place - Medium Chapter Graduate: Delta Alpha Omega, Waco, Texas 1st Place - Medium Chapter Graduate: Alpha Omega Omega, Beaumont, Texas

Outstanding Chapter Attendance Award – In Person

2nd Place - Large Chapter Graduate: Delta Omega Omega, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 1st Place - Large Chapter Graduate: Alpha Tau Omega Chapter, San Antonio, Texas 2nd Place - Extra Large Chapter Graduate: Omicron Mu Omega, Dallas, Texas 1st Place - Extra Large Chapter Graduate: Alpha Xi Omega, Dallas, Texas







Large amount of entries for awards submitted

Awards were judged by sorors from three different regions

Thank you to the 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference Awards Committee:

Tarah Townsend

Jamilla Bluford

Melanie Hoskins

Recognition of Host Chapter Awards Committee Chairmen Ta'Meka Martin and Krystal Braden Thank you to Regional Director Joya T. Hayes for the opportunity to serve

#### South Central Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

Acknowledgement of 18<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Director Jacqueline O. Dansby for taking on the responsibility of announcing the awards of the South Central Region and following so well in the footsteps of Soror Faye Beverly Bryant

772 awards were given

Acknowledgment of chapters and individuals who won awards

Excited to see you next year in New Orleans

South Central Region made it through the pandemic and the 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference in Houston, Texas, having "reignited our South Central flame"

Thank you to the membership

Reminder: Ivy Beyond the Wall Memorial Service, Gospel Brunch, and Ecumenical services with performance by Soror Yolanda Adams will occur Sunday 3/20/22

Acknowledgement of South Central Regional Parliamentarian Marsha Penn for excellent agenda and ensuring regional conference plenary sessions went according to plan

Motion for the adjournment of the  $90^{th}$  South Central Regional Conference by Regional Director Joya T. Hayes

No objection

No discussion

Closing Plenary Session and 90<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Conference adjourned by unanimous consent (6:12 p.m.)

Live stream ends (6:12 p.m.)





