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National Council of Alpha Chi

2021-25 At-Large Faculty Members

Bonita Cade, Roger Williams University (VI)	2013-17, 2017-21, 2021-25
Jessica Henry, Hastings College (IV)	2021-25
Myra Houser, Ouachita Baptist University	2022-25
Jodi Pilgrim, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	2022-25

2023-27 At-Large Faculty Members

Linda Cowan, West Liberty University (V)	2019-23, 2023-27
Teagan Decker, Univ. of North Carolina at Pembroke (III)	2023-27
Steve Hoekstra, Kansas Wesleyan University (IV)	2019-23, 2023-27
Kip Wheeler, Carson-Newman University (III)	2019-23, 2023-27

Regional Secretary-Treasurers

Region I	Dennis Hall, Angelo State University	2022-26
Region II	Kate Stewart, University of Arkansas at Monticello	(A-L 2011-15) 2020-24
Region III	Amanda Ford, Shorter University (<i>pro tem</i>)	2020-24
Region IV	Teddi Deka, Missouri Western State University	2016-20, 2020-24
Region V	Craig Rogers, Campbellsville University	2014-18, 2018-22, 2022-26
Region VI	Ken LaSota, Robert Morris University	2012-16, 2016-20, 2020-24
Region VII	Jackie Kegley, California State University, Bakersfield	2017-20, 2020-21, 2021-24

Regional Student Representatives, 2022-24

Region II	Aislinn Beak, East Central University	2022-24
Region IV	Kiante Stuart, Hastings College	2022-24
Region VI	Lauren Pribyl, Franklin Pierce University	2022-24

Regional Student Representatives, 2023-25

Region I	Anthony Sarmiento, Angelo State University	2023-25
Region III	Breanna Tonkery, Freed-Hardeman University	2023-25
Region V	Lindsey Morais, West Liberty University	2023-25
Region VII	Marquesa Calderon, Hawaii Pacific University	2023-25

National Council Executive Committee

Linda Cowan, West Liberty University, President	(VP 2022-23) 2023-27
Bonita Cade, Roger Williams University, Vice President	2023-27
Teddi Deka, Missouri Western State University, Secretary	2013-27
Lara Noah, Executive Director (ex-officio)	start date Sep. 1, 2018

Regional Presidents & Vice Presidents

These along with the regional secretary-treasurers and student representatives above comprise the regional executive committees.

Region I	President:	Jennifer Huddleston, Abilene Christian University	2022-24
	Vice President:	Erika Nielson Vargas, Texas State University	2022-24
Region II	President:	Myra Houser, Ouachita Baptist University	2021-22, 2022-24
	Vice President:	Leslie DeArman, Southern Methodist University	2022-24
Region III	President:	Kip Wheeler, Carson-Newman University	2022-24
	Vice President:	Mary Jackson, Milligan University	2022-24
Region IV	President:	Justine Pas, Lindenwood University	2022-24
	Vice President:	Kathi Vosevich, Lindenwood University	2022-24
Region V	President:	Tanner Babb, Huntington University	2022-24
	Vice President:	Joni Lindsey, Lake Superior State University	2022-24
Region VI	President:	Graziana Ramsden, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	2023-24
	Vice President:	Linda Latimer, Post University	2023-24
Region VII	President:	Maria Palaiologou, California State University, Bakersfield	2022-24
	Vice President:	Breanna Naegeli, Grand Canyon University	2018-20, 2020-22, 2022-24

2023 National Convention Minutes

1. The National Convention of Alpha Chi met March 30 – April 1, 2023, at The Clyde Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with the theme Action for Our Atmosphere. Chapter delegations began checking in at Alpha Chi Central in the Pavilion landing starting at 3 p.m., Thursday, March 30. A judge and moderator orientation session was held at 5 p.m. in Pavilion I-II led by Ms. Katie Holmes, Director of Operations. Carson Vollmer, Region VII Student Representative, led a mixer and icebreaker called “Cross That Line!” at 5 p.m. in the Fiesta room.

2. Delegates met in Pavilion IV-VI at 6 p.m. for the opening dinner and keynote address. Dr. Linda Cowan, Vice President of the National Council, welcomed delegates to the convention. She introduced Mr. Vollmer and Ms. MacKenzie Jacobs, Region V Student Representative. They gave a summary of what being a student representative meant to them. Dr. Cowan followed up with an explanation of the process on how students can become student representatives. Ms. Aislinn Beak, Region II Student Representative, read a land acknowledgement statement.

Ms. Lara Noah, Executive Director of Alpha Chi, extended her welcome to the convention. She explained that the 2020 convention in Albuquerque had been canceled, so she was happy to finally be able to hold the convention that had been planned for so long ago. She had the remaining student representatives in attendance introduce themselves: Lauryn Pribyl, Region VI and Uriel De La Rosa, Region I. They, along with Ms. Beak, gave a brief overview of each day’s activities. Ms. Noah then recognized all speakers, judges, and moderators. She also pointed out Jason Collin, the convention photographer, to the delegates.

Ms. Noah introduced Mia Trujillo, Development Associate at Cuidando Los Niños, the local organization for which Alpha Chi collected funds for the past year. Ms. Trujillo provided information about her school and its efforts with homeless families.

Dr. Cowan introduced keynote speaker, Dr. Lyla June Johnston. Dr. Johnston introduced herself in the traditional way of her elders. She expressed excitement at speaking to such an educated group and noted that her elders had knowledge that is not academically recognized. She charged the delegates to use their scholarship for compassion and service. Much of history and science uplifts colonial history and marginalizes indigenous contributions, and her goal is to dismantle some of these traditions. She encouraged delegates to use their scholarship to rewrite history and science and to uplift their communities, as well. Dr. Johnston then performed a beat box musical number. After the song, she listed three things with which we have been indoctrinated: (1) The more recent something is, the better it is. Dr. Johnston contends that there is beauty in our roots and our history. (2) More technology equals more civilized. Dr. Johnston feels that civilization should be judged on how we treat one another and not the quality of the watch we wear. (3) It is all about you. Dr. Johnston asks us to consider the effects of our actions on the seven generations to come. She shared that her ancestors say you can succeed in life if you are not doing it for money, not doing it for fame, and you have no fear. Dr. Johnston ended her presentation with another musical performance in honor of her ancestors. She then answered questions from the audience.

Dr. David Jones, President of the National Council, provided an overview of the voting procedure for four at-large National Council positions. He noted that the ballot box would be taken to Alpha Chi Central where it would be available until 9 p.m. He also asked voting delegates to bring runoff ballots with them to the 8 a.m. session on Friday morning, just in case a run-off election is necessary. Ms. Jacobs and Mr. Vollmer dismissed the delegates after directing them to their appropriate regional convening and reminding them of the trivia contest to be held at 9 p.m.

3. At 7:45 p.m. regional convenings began in separate rooms. This time was reserved to allow the seven regions to network and prepare for regional elections and other regional business that was to occur at the convention.
4. The opening day of the convention ended with the “Trivia Contest 2023” in Pavilion IV-VI that began at 9 p.m. Delegates enjoyed music, snacks, prizes, and, of course, trivia.
5. Activities for Friday, March 31, began with a continental breakfast and roundtable discussions organized primarily by field of study at 7 a.m. in Pavilion IV-VI. Delegates were given the opportunity from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. to assist in assembling “Kindness Kits” to be donated to Albuquerque’s Westside Emergency Housing Center. Posters for the teams participating in the Collaborative Research Competition were on display in Pavilion III. Brown’s Graduation Supplies & Awards Company, official Alpha Chi supplier, displayed Alpha Chi items and convention memorabilia during regular convention hours.
6. Prior to the Collaborative Research Competition presentations, Dr. Jones announced that Dr. Linda Cowan, Dr. Steve Hoekstra, and Dr. Kip Wheeler had been elected as at-large members of the National Council. A runoff election between Dr. Justine Pas and Dr. Teagan Decker was conducted for the 4th at-large position, which was won by Dr. Decker.
7. The first of three sessions of the Trisha Yarbrough Collaborative Research Competition presentations were held in Pavilion I-II from 8-9:15 a.m. The theme for the competition was Action for Our Atmosphere. Teams from Fresno Pacific

University, Gardner-Webb University, and Texas Lutheran University presented in this session. Dr. Tim Lindblom, Editor of *Aletheia*, served as the moderator for the competition. The second session of the Collaborative Research Competition presentations from 10:30-11:20 a.m. featured teams from California State University, Bakersfield, Missouri Western State University, and Abilene Christian University.

8. Regional business meetings were held from 9:15-9:45 a.m. In addition to any other regional business, Regions I, III, V, and VII elected new student representatives to the National Council.
9. Four concurrent chapter development sessions were held in separate rooms from 9:50-10:25 a.m. Four additional concurrent chapter development sessions were held from 11:25-11:55 a.m. Following the second sessions, delegates were free to enjoy the rest of the day exploring Albuquerque.
10. Activities for Saturday, April 1, began with an optional beginner-level sunrise yoga session at 7 a.m. Alpha Chi Central was open at 7:45 a.m. Posters for the teams participating in the Collaborative Research Competition were on display in Pavilion III. Brown's Graduation Supplies & Awards Company, official Alpha Chi supplier, displayed Alpha Chi items and convention memorabilia during regular convention hours. The first session of student presentations (7 concurrent sessions of 4 presentations each) started at 8 a.m.
11. At 9:20 a.m., delegates convened in Pavilion IV-VI for a plated breakfast. Dr. Bonita Cade welcomed the group and then introduced Dr. Ronald Brown from Texas State University. Dr. Brown introduced the 2023 Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. Ronald Johnson. Dr. Jones presented Dr. Johnson with the award.

Dr. Johnson addressed the group. He began by thanking Ms. Noah, Ms. Holmes, and the National Council, and he recognized Dr. Paula Williamson of Texas State University for mentoring him as a student at that university. He then shared a few words discussing a book he is writing about the tenacity and contributions of the family of nineteenth century Haitian refugees, William and Joseph Appo, while relating their story to his life. Dr. Johnson learned some difficult things about his family history and relayed that self-discovery can be a scary thing. He credited Alpha Chi with giving him a community where he could overcome his life's difficulties and be the scholar that he knew he was. He explained that anti-intellectualism is running rampant in our country. The country needs societies like Alpha Chi promoting scholarship as the power of the mind to dispel ignorance and overcome superstition. We must submit ourselves and those around us to the scholarly search for truth. Dr. Johnson answered questions from the audience after he finished speaking.

12. The final session of the Collaborative Research Competition was from 10:20-10:55 a.m. Teams from Mary Hardin-Baylor and Ouachita Baptist University presented in the session.
13. The second session of student presentations (7 concurrent sessions of up to 4 presentations each) was held from 11 a.m. to noon when delegates were released for lunch.
14. Delegates gathered at 1:30 p.m. in the Atrium for a group photo. This was followed by the third session of student presentations (7 concurrent sessions of up to 4 presentations each) from 1:45 p.m. to 3:05 p.m., and the final session of student presentations (6 concurrent sessions of up to 3 presentations each) took place from 3:10 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. After the last student presentations, delegates were released for dinner.
15. At 6:30 p.m., delegates returned to Pavilion IV-VI for the 2023 Alpha Chi Closing Awards Ceremony where various accomplishments were recognized. After Ms. Noah welcomed the delegates back, Dr. Cowan shared that a tornado had hit Little Rock, Arkansas the previous day, and Alpha Chi's national office had sustained some damage though the extent was unknown at the time.

Dr. Cowan then recognized the outgoing National Council members: Uriel De La Rosa, Region I Student Representative; Briana Lay (not present), Region III Student Representative; MacKenzie Jacobs, Region V Student Representative; Carson Vollmer, Region VII Student Representative; Fabrice Poussin, Region III Secretary-Treasurer; June Hobbs of Region III, Council Member-at-Large; Karl Havlak of Region I, Council Secretary; and David Jones of Region IV, Council President.

Dr. Jones installed the newly elected and re-elected National Council members: Dr. Linda Cowan (West Liberty University), At-Large Member 2023-27; Dr. Steve Hoekstra (Kansas Wesleyan University), At-Large Member 2023-27; Dr. Kip Wheeler (Carson-Newman University), At-Large Member 2023-27; Anthony Sarmiento (Angelo State University), Region I Student Representative 2023-25; Breanna Tonkery (Freed-Hardeman University), Region III Representative 2023-25; and Marquesa Calderon (Hawaii Pacific University), Region VII Student Representative 2023-25. Installed in absentia were Dr. Teagan Decker (University of North Carolina at Pembroke), At-Large Member 2023-27, and Lindsey Morais (West Liberty University), Region V Student Representative. Dr. Jones then introduced the new 2023-27 officers of the National Council: Dr. Linda Cowan, President; Dr. Bonita Cade, Vice President; and Dr. Teddi Dekka, Secretary.

Ms. Noah recognized the recipients of the Advisor Service Pins: Dr. Jackie Kegley, California State University, Bakersfield, for 10 years of service; Dr. Ruth Nalliah, Huntington University, 15 years; Dr. June Hobbs, Gardner-Webb University, 20 years; Dr. John McLaughlin, Freed-Hardeman University, 20 years; Dr. Michael Collins from William Penn University, 25 years; Dr. Karl Havlak from Angelo State University, 25 years; and Dr. David Jones from Westminster College, 25 years.

Dr. Cowan announced the recipients of the Distinguished Service Awards: Dr. Rebekah Crowe, Wayland Baptist University, Region I; Dr. Myra Houser, Ouachita Baptist University, Region II; Dr. Laura Steil, Mars Hill University, Region III; Dr. Justine Pas, Lindenwood University, Region IV; Dr. Linda Cowan, West Liberty University, Region V; and Dr. Yongli Chen, Hawaii Pacific University, Region VII.

Ms. Beak recognized faculty advisors who were present who were retiring: Dr. Michael Rosenfeld, Director of the Center for Academic Excellence, Pace University and Dr. June Hobbs, Professor of English and Director of Undergraduate Research, Gardner-Webb University.

Dr. Jones announced the winner of the President's Cup for Outstanding Chapter. This is Alpha Chi's most prestigious chapter honor that has been awarded since 1987 to recognize a chapter's vitality and significant service to their members, their campuses, and their surrounding community. Dr. Jones asked delegations who submitted materials for the President's Cup to stand and be recognized. The 2023 President's Cup for Outstanding Chapter in the country was awarded to the Iowa Iota Chapter at Waldorf University, Forest City, Iowa. Dr. Jones presented the trophy to the Outstanding Chapter.

Dr. Wheeler thanked delegates and chapters who had donated items and contributed to the assembly of the Alpha Chi Kindness Kits, which would be going to the local Westside Emergency Housing Center. He recognized Wayland Baptist University, Carson-Newman University, Lindenwood University, Lipscomb University, Hawaii Pacific University, Abilene Christian University, West Liberty University, and Grand Canyon University for their outstanding contributions.

Ms. Noah thanked delegates and chapters who contributed to Cuidando Los Niños as part of the national service initiatives. She recognized Angelo State University, Mars Hill University, Missouri State Western, Huntington University, and the National Office staff for their outstanding support in helping raise \$1,000.

George Kantelis, Communications Manager, announced the winner of the convention photo contest. Blaise Babineck from Hawaii Pacific University won with a photo of delegates from Hawaii building a snowman on Sandia Peak. Mr. Kantelis then shared a brief video showcasing Birmingham, Alabama, the site of the 2024 national convention.

Dr. Havlak, chair of the Scholarship Committee, announced the 2023 recipients of the Gaston Scholarships, winners and alternates of the Nolle Scholarships, winners and alternates of the Nolle Cooperative Scholarship, recipients of the Sledge Fellowships, winners and alternates of the Benedict Fellowships, winner of the Benedict Cooperative Fellowship, winners and alternates of the Pryor, Freeman, and Organ Fellowships. These awards will be sent to the recipients in the fall, upon verification of their full-time enrollment.

The recipients of the \$3,000 Edwin W. Gaston Scholarship for full-time undergraduate study in the fall of 2023 were Jennifer Frisella from Westminster College and Sydney Motl from Ouachita Baptist University. The recipients of the \$2,000 Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship for full-time undergraduate study in the fall of 2023 were (alphabetically): Faith Cummings from Christopher Newport University, Araliya Dooldeniya from Abilene Christian University, Joshua Fisher from Grace College, Marius Grytdal from Milligan University, Ethan Jones from Southern Methodist University, Michelle Lominac from Gardner-Webb University, Micah Moulder from Gardner-Webb University, and Linden Williamson from Texas Lutheran University.

Alternates for the Nolle Scholarship were (in order): 1) Lauren Semersheim, Mars Hill University; 2) Thien-Kim Ho, Lyon College; 3) Grace Catherine Beckham, Belmont University.

The recipient of the \$2,000 Alfred H. Nolle Cooperative Scholarship for full-time undergraduate study in the fall of 2023 was Jasmin Buffenn from Huntington University. The alternate for the Nolle Cooperative Scholarship was Mila Fisher, Southwestern University.

The recipients of the \$4,000 Robert W. Sledge Fellowship for full-time graduate or professional study in the fall of 2023 were Cheyenne Burns from Lindenwood University and Chloe Vaughn from Belmont University. The recipients of the \$3,000 H.Y. Benedict Fellowship for full-time graduate or professional study in the fall of 2023 were (alphabetically): Hannah Barr from Mars Hill University, Isabella Bonder from University of New England, Holly Dasher from University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Chloe Deffner from Abilene Christian University, Alyssa Powers from Belmont University, Marcelo Salazar-Barragan from Southwestern University, Chloe Sullivan from Christopher Newport University, and Rachel Swick from The College at Brockport SUNY.

Alternates for the Benedict Fellowship were (in order): 1) Dawson Mowry, William Carey University; 2) Grace Hester, William Carey University; 3) Danya Gonzalez, Fresno Pacific University.

The recipient of the \$2,000 H.Y. Benedict Cooperative Fellowship for full-time graduate study in the fall of 2023 was Heather Knott from Bridgewater College. No alternate was selected.

The recipient of the \$6,000 Joseph E. Pryor Fellowship for a student in a doctoral program who has completed at least two years of study was Damian Hutchins from Gardner-Webb University. The alternate was Foozhan Tahmasebinia from Southern Methodist University.

The recipient of the \$4,000 Dennis M. Organ Fellowship for a student in the first or second year of graduate study was Schyler Jones from Lipscomb University. The recipient of the \$4,000 Waldon S. Freeman Fellowship for a student in the first or second year of graduate study was Tessa Stutzman from Huntington University. The alternate for the Organ/Freeman Fellowships was Lilbeth Ramirez from Southern Methodist University.

Ms. Noah announced the student presenters chosen to receive \$100 Convention Presentation Prizes endowed to honor those with strong ties to Alpha Chi. The winners were applauded as their titles and names were announced. The following prizes were award for 2023:

- Walden Freeman Prize in American History: Danya Gonzalez
- Ellen Millsaps Prize in American Literature: Ashlee Reed
- Avery Grenfell Church Prize in Anthropology and Sociology: Hannah Irving
- Alexander Bendazzi and Strayer University Prize in Art, Music, and Dance Papers: Kim Ho
- Gayle Webb White Prize in Business Management: Autumn Paulson
- Joseph E. and Bessie Mae Pryor Prize in Chemistry: Elizabeth Milner
- Brown's Graduation Supplies Prize in Communication: Sophie Rossitto
- Thelma Hall Prize in Creative Writing: Hannah Meyer
- Patricia A. Williams Prize in Education: Brittany Brown
- Jeanette Wieser Prize in Exercise Science and Nutrition: Allyson Butts
- Joseph E. and Bessie Mae Pryor Prize in Mathematics: Priscilla Perey Ratonel
- Bonnie Revelle Prize in Molecular and Cellular Biology: Sai Sondh
- Johnny and Frances Williams Prize in Performing Arts: Michaela Zimmerman
- Clark Youngblood Prize in Philosophy and Religion: Derek Driskill
- Margaret A. Fitzgerald Prize in Political Science: Edward Hansford
- Mary Waterstreet Prize in Psychology: Audrey Sineath
- Floyd and Rosana Tesmer/DC Gamma Prize in Original Visual Art: Ian Crombie
- Milton L. and Avery G. Church Prize in Environmental Science: Erik Yost
- Dennis M. Organ Alumni Member Prize: Damian Hutchins
- Suzanne and J.T. Pundt Graduate Student Member Prize: Bailey McCarl

Dr. Lindblom announced the winners for the Trisha Yarbrough Collaborative Research Competition. Placing first in the competition and winning a \$5,000 prize was California Zeta, from Fresno Pacific University for their project titled, "Language, Perception and Climate Change: The Unique Understandings of Spanish-Speaking College Students." Placing second in the competition and winning a \$2,500 prize was North Carolina Zeta from Gardner-Webb University for their project titled, "Environmental Impact of Waste at Gardner-Webb University: A Proposal for Change."

Dr. Cowan closed the convention by reading a statement of gratitude to the many groups and individuals who made the 2023 convention a success. The Convention After Party with networking, snacks, and desserts took place in the foyer outside Pavilion IV-VI upon the official close of the convention.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Karl Havlak
National Council Secretary (outgoing)*

2023 National Council Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome and Plenary I Call to Order.** On Thu., Mar. 30, 2023, Dr. David Jones, president of the National Council, convened the first plenary of the Alpha Chi National Council at 8:19 a.m. in the Enchantment AB meeting room at The Clyde Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Members present were David Jones, Linda Cowan, June Hobbs, Steve Hoekstra, Kip Wheeler, Jessica Henry, Karl Havlak, Kate Stewart, Teddi Deka, Craig Rogers, Ken LaSota, Jacquelyn Kegley, MacKenzie Jacobs, Carson Vollmer, Aislinn Beak, Myra Houser, Dennis Hall, Jodi Pilgrim, Bonita Cade, Uriel De La Rosa, and Lauryn Pribyl. Also present were Executive Director Lara Noah (ex officio) and Director of Operations Katie Holmes (advisory). National Council members not present were Kianté Stuart and Briana Lay. Dr. Jones welcomed the National Council to Albuquerque and noted that the Executive Committee last visited the convention site in July 2019. Many changes have occurred since that visit, including the name of the hotel. Each attendee was asked to introduce themselves.

2. **President's Report.** Dr. Jones had provided his report in advance, and it was included in the electronic National Council packet. He highlighted a few of the items for the National Council. He thanked Ms. Noah and Ms. Holmes for the work during the difficult past few years. He also thanked the Executive Committee for the support he has received from them, and finally he thanked all the National Council, particularly the members he has known and worked with for many years.

In his report Dr. Jones emphasized some things Alpha Chi does well, such as putting on a highly professional conference where students can present their work and hear amazing speakers, providing publication opportunities with a new offering, Kalo, added this year, and ensuring a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion despite attacks on DEI initiatives happening now in some parts of the country.

Dr. Jones suggested that Alpha Chi should continue to look to charter new chapters and consider alternate revenue streams by forming new partnerships, applying for grants, or fund raising. Rogers/LaSota moved to accept the President's Report. The report was approved.

3. **Nominations for NC Officers 2023-27.** Dr. Jones opened the floor for nominations for National Council offices. Drs. Cowan and Cade were nominated for President prior to the meeting; no other nominations were received. Dr. Cade, Dr. Hoekstra, and Dr. Rogers were nominated for Vice President prior to the meeting; no other nominations were received. Dr. Deka and Dr. Rogers were nominated for Secretary prior to the meeting; no other nominations were received. Dr. Jones indicated that elections would be held later in Plenary I. Each nominee provided a brief statement to the Council.

4. **2023 Consent Agenda.** Havlak/Hoekstra moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was approved. Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- a. 2023 National Council Meeting Agenda
- b. National Council Minutes from Mar. 2022 (*Proceedings Recorder*, p. 7)
- c. Executive Committee Minutes from Aug. 2022 (*Proceedings Recorder*, p. 11)
- d. Audit & Finance Committee's Recommendation to Accept the Report of the 2021 Professional Audit
- e. Committee Chair Reports (found in the online National Council Meeting folder)
- f. Roll/Quorum: With the resignation of Dr. Fabrice Poussin from the Region III Secretary-Treasurer position, the National Council stands at 24 voting members.

5. **NC Volunteers.** Ms. Holmes reported that Council interest was shown at the 2022 convention for Council members to help with various welcoming duties. She reviewed where volunteers were needed and summarized what those duties would be. She shared a signup list of assigned volunteers for all members to review.

6. **Executive Director's Report.** Ms. Noah thanked the Executive Committee for their help over the past few unusual years. She said that she reviewed the committee reports and expressed her gratitude for all the effort committees have put forward and the results that have come out of the committees. She asked that each committee chair review notes that she entered in the committee folder prior to the committee meetings later in the convention. She noted that her self-evaluation was submitted to the Executive Committee and was made available in the online Council Packet.

Ms. Noah expressed her delight with Alpha Chi's new publication, Kalo. It provides another venue in addition to Aletheia for students to publish their work. It was a combined effort of the office staff, and guidelines for submissions are now being developed in conjunction with the Publications Committee.

Ms. Noah noted that AX needs to develop and approve a governance policy for the acceptance of financial gifts. Such a policy is important for receiving gifts and would allow Alpha Chi to refuse gifts from entities that do not align with its values.

Ms. Noah expected that several constitutional amendments would be proposed in the upcoming year. Some initiatives may come from a joint meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee and Constitution committees. She hopes that Alpha Chi's policies regarding the exact types of schools that are eligible to establish Alpha Chi chapters can be reviewed this year. Ms. Noah recommends reviewing the process for approving constitutional amendments by considering moving away from approving amendments solely at the national convention. Ms. Noah ended by noting

that she has served on the Board of Directors of ACHS since 2020 and is currently the board's vice president. ACHS is responsible for the audits of 69 societies to ensure that each maintains ACHS standards. She encouraged the new Council president, whoever is elected, to be willing to attend the 2024 ACHS meeting to see the work ACHS does for honor societies like ours.

7. **2023 Budget Discussion.** Dr. Havlak, secretary of the National Council, spoke to the proposed budget that was distributed from the Audit & Finance for approval in early February and was subsequently tabled until this meeting. Discussion ensued regarding funds retained in dissolved or inactive chapters, reporting funds via chapter annual reports, and possible improvements to chapter reporting to the national office. Actions regarding Audit and Finance were tabled until the next day. Darryl Gecelter of Crowded financial technologies made a presentation via Zoom regarding how their services could contribute to chapter accounting.
8. **Plenary I Recessed.** To allow committees to meet, Dr. Jones recessed Plenary I from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.
9. **Plenary I Resumed.** Dr. Jones called the plenary back to order at 1:31 p.m. in Enchantment AB with the same attendees. He noted that the Executive Director's report had not been accepted. Kegley/LaSota moved to accept the Executive Director's Report; the motion was approved without further discussion.
10. **Audit and Finance Committee Budget Discussion.** Discussion on recommendations from the Audit and Finance Committee submitted in February had been tabled to allow more discussion today. A Jones/Stewart motion to un-table the recommendation passed. Dr. Havlak reviewed the recommendations: (1) The committee recommends accepting the proposed budget for the remainder of 2023; (2) The committee recommends a 3% pay-raise for all staff members of the National Office be implemented beginning in September upon approval by the National Council in Executive Session; (3) The committee recommends that the Executive Director have the discretion to take a special withdrawal of up to \$50,000 from the endowment to assist with cash flow throughout the year in addition to the annual 5% withdrawal. The floor was opened for discussion.

Since new member enrollment has continued to decline since the start of the pandemic, Havlak/Hoekstra moved to amend recommendation (3) as follows: The committee recommends that the Executive Director have the discretion to take a special withdrawal of up to \$200,000 from the endowment to assist with cash flow throughout the year in addition to the annual 5% withdrawal. The motion to amend passed without further discussion.

Dr. Jones sought further discussion on item (1) of the committee's recommendation. LaSota/Wheeler felt that funds for needs-based dues scholarships listed in the budget should be relegated to the chapters. Dr. Hoekstra agreed that chapters should help where they are able, but he felt that some national funds should still be made available. Ms. Beak agreed it should remain in the budget because it contributes to the society's desire to increase accessibility and inclusion. Questions arose on how students would be made aware of such funds if they were made available, and Ms. Noah said that information could be included on the "invited students" page directing students facing financial difficulties to the resources.

Dr. Jones called for a vote on approving the 2023 budget. The committee's recommendation to approve the amended 2023 budget passed with one vote in opposition.

Dr. Jones noted that item (2) from the Audit and Finance Committee recommendations will be taken up in Executive Session.

11. **Convention Committee Report.** Dr. Cowan, vice president of the National Council, relayed that much of the planning was already in place for 2023 convention because a convention in Albuquerque was originally planned for 2020. The same keynote speaker as well as the excursions remained on the program. She mentioned that a trivia night game will be held on Thursday and that 86 individuals had expressed interest. She said that Dr. Henry had written a land acknowledgement statement, which would be read by Ms. Beak at the opening of the convention. Cade/Wheeler moved to accept the Convention Committee Report; the motion was approved without further discussion.
12. **Election of Officers.** Dr. Jones oversaw the election of the new National Council officer positions. Dr. Cowan was elected President. Dr. Cade was elected Vice President. Dr. Dekka was elected Secretary. The new officers will be installed on Saturday evening and will preside over Plenary III.
13. **Plenary I Adjourned.** Seeing no objections, Dr. Jones adjourned the plenary at 2:21 p.m.
14. **Plenary II Call to Order.** Dr. Jones convened the second plenary of the Alpha Chi National Council at 5:30 p.m., Fri., Mar. 31, 2023, in Enchantment AB meeting room at The Clyde Hotel. All NC members present at Plenary I were present for Plenary II and were joined by Communications Manager George Kantelis.
15. **Scholarship Committee Report.** Dr. Havlak read the names of the scholarship/fellowship winners and asked that the names not be shared prior to the award ceremony on Saturday.

Dr. Havlak explained that the committee had a discussion on possibly allowing non-fulltime students to participate in the scholarship/fellowship competitions. Worthy students may have other obligations that do not allow them to attend school full time. Another idea from the committee was the possibility of giving the scholarship/fellowship funds directly to the student as a scholarship for the current semester. This might be attractive to students who are graduating and not intending to attend graduate school. He stressed that these items need to continue to be considered by the committee to address the decline in participants in the scholarship/fellowship competitions.

Dr. Havlak presented a motion from the committee that the funds designated for regional scholarships should be distributed to regions proportionate to each region's active membership. Regions with adequate funds to conduct a scholarship competition would not be eligible for the national funds.

Dr. Jones called for discussion. With more information needed, Dr. Jones suggested tabling the motion. Rogers/Kegley moved to table the motion. After further discussion on the difficulty of standardizing the scholarship competitions at the regional level, Dr. Rogers asked to recall his motion to table. Dr. Jones then called for a vote on the original motion, and it was defeated with one abstention.

Cowan/LaSota moved to accept the Scholarship Committee Report; the motion was approved without further discussion.

16. Awards and Honors Committee Report. Dr. LaSota reported that the committee's Distinguished Alumni Award recommendation was Dr. Zac Imel who had been nominated by Westminster College of Missouri. The President's Cup winner recommendation was Waldorf University. Kegley/Houser moved to accept the recommendations of the committee, and the motions were approved without further discussion.

17. Presentation by Peabody Global Consulting. Dr. Brad Gray of Peabody Global Consulting joined the meeting by Zoom and gave a summary of an external organizational analysis and strategic planning support proposal that he had given to the Audit/Finance committee last December. A discussion ensued regarding potential benefits, timeline, and implementation if adopted. Dr. Jones proposed taking up the discussion again in Plenary III due to time constraints.

18. Plenary II Recessed. Dr. Jones recessed Plenary II at 6:30 p.m. for dinner.

19. Plenary II Resumed. Dr. Jones resumed Plenary II at 7:47 p.m. in Enchantment AB with the same attendees as earlier.

20. DEI Ad Hoc Committee Report. Dr. Kegley reported that the committee recommends that the updated website statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion that was sent to Ms. Noah earlier this semester also be added to the Constitution. The statement could be assigned "Section II: Alpha Chi Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement" and be placed between Section I and the current Section II rather than being designated as Section III. If that is deemed not appropriate, the committee suggested that it be included as part of Section I: Purpose. Ms. Noah said this could be included in the suggested amendments being prepared by the Constitution Committee.

Dr. Kegley also brought a motion from the committee that in the criteria for designation of a Star Chapter, a new requirement be added between requirements 5 and 6 that a chapter must encourage at least one initiative that promotes discourse between diverse viewpoints. Dr. Cade expressed concern that having a DEI activity as a criterion to be checked off was not an appropriate approach to DEI. Dr. Jones halted discussion for time due to the impending Alumni Hospitality event starting at 9:00 p.m.

21. Plenary II Recess. Dr. Jones recessed the plenary at 8:15 p.m.

22. Executive Session. Plenary II resumed in Executive Session at 9:03 p.m. The National Council met with the no national office members present to discuss the Executive Director annual evaluation process and national office salaries. Dr. Jones adjourned Plenary II at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Karl Havlak

National Council Secretary, 2019-2023

23. Plenary III Called to Order. Dr. Linda Cowan convened the third plenary of the Alpha Chi National Council at 8:18 p.m., Saturday, April 1, 2023, in Enchantment AB meeting room at The Clyde Hotel. Council members present were Aislinn Beak, Bonita Cade, Marquesa Calderon, Linda Cowan, Teddi Deka, Dennis Hall, Steve Hoekstra, Jessica Henry, Myra Houser, Jackie Kegley, Ken LaSota, Jodi Pilgrim, Lauren Pribyl, Craig Rogers, Anthony Sarmiento, Kate Stewart, Brianna (Bre) Tonkery, and Kip Wheeler. Also present were Executive Director Lara Noah (ex officio) and Director of Operations Katie Holmes (advisory), Ka'Shayla Banks (Administrative Support, National Office) and George Kantelis (Communications Manager, National Office). The attendees include the newly elected members. National Council members Kianté Stuart (Region IV rep) and Lindsey Morais (new Region V rep) were not present. Dr. Cowan introduced three new student representatives to the council: Marquesa Calderon (Region VII), Anthony Sarmiento (Region I), and Brianna Tonkery (Region III). Lara Noah introduced Alpha Chi staff: Ka'Shayla Banks, George Kantelis, and Katie Holmes who were in attendance.

24. Director of Operations Report. Katie Holmes, Director of Operations, presented a summary of her report which was previously submitted to the council, discussing duties and audit procedures. She reported the following statistics regarding the current convention: 50 chapters attended with 225 registered delegates. There were 95 student presentations and 7 collaborative research presentations. She noted that scholarship applications are still trending downward. Holmes also compiled the 2022 issue of the *Proceedings Recorder* in Melinda Hicks' absence and assisted with *Aletheia* communications and submissions and *Kalo*. She became more involved with ACHS and served on their program committee, attending their conference in Jacksonville, FL. Dr. Cowan thanked Holmes for her work.

25. Communications Manager's Report. George Kantelis, Communications Manager from the National Office delivered a report. He reviewed social media statistics from LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, and Discord. He explained that short videos originally posted on Alpha Chi's YouTube and TikTok go to other people besides Alpha

Chi followers. Kantelis contributed revisions to Alpha Chi's Wikipedia page so it displayed accurate information when individuals search for Alpha Chi. Noah encouraged board members to follow Alpha Chi on these social media sites, sign up for notifications, and send news to the national office that Alpha Chi should or could comment on. Kantelis additionally reported that the *Aletheia* and *Kalo* logos had been rebranded.

26. **DEI Ad Hoc Committee Report (continued).** Chair Kegley proposed a second motion on behalf of the DEI Committee as stated: "The committee recommends the following statement be made to chapters: "Alpha Chi strongly urges chapters to pursue strategies that encourage a diversity of members and increases accessibility to Alpha Chi activities locally and nationally to all students." Discussion led by Dr. Cade revolved around the word "diversity" and its definition, with a recommendation for the committee to continue the discussion via email to flesh this out further. Dr. Henry suggested they present a date so that it does not fall to the wayside. The motion was withdrawn by Kegley, and the DEI Committee will continue the discussion. DEI Committee member Aislinn Beak will send a prompt to all DEI Committee members within one month to inspire the discussion.
27. **Chapter Development Committee Report.** Steve Hoekstra, chair of the Chapter Development Committee, reported on efforts the committee would work on to collaborate across chapters and regions. Examples included publishing virtual events including social media. The committee will reach out to dormant chapters inactive for 3-4 years. The committee requested volunteers to assist in their future contact endeavors.
28. **Publications Committee Report.** Kip Wheeler, chair of the Publications Committee, reported that the number of submitted manuscripts received for *Aletheia* and *Kalo* are available in his written report. He elaborated that *Aletheia* has a system for review and editors who work for an honorarium, but *Kalo* has yet to be set up this way. The committee met throughout the year mostly via email, and the publications were managed primarily by their respective editors, Lara Noah being the interim editor of *Kalo*.
29. **Membership and Expansion Committee Report.** Teddi Dekka, chair of the Membership and Expansion Committee, reported that the committee was on standby for the year, with standing charges recently presented at this year's convention. Work going forward may address constitutional changes for membership and working with the Constitution Committee. The committee will meet in the near future to discuss these charges.
30. **Audit and Finance Committee Report.** Committee member Dennis Hall presented the report in lieu of chair Karl Havlak, who fulfilled his term of office at this current convention. Dr. Hall reported that some chapters do not provide an annual report, and often only the Star and Notable chapters report. Hall also notes that some chapters charge very high local dues, and some still charge local dues even when they have a significant running chapter balance. The Audit & Finance and Constitution committees will continue discussing this in the coming year.
31. **Strategic Planning Committee Report.** Committee member Linda Cowan presented the report in lieu of chair David Jones, who fulfilled his term of office at this current convention. Dr. Cowan presented the following motion: "Alpha Chi moves to not hold an in-person convention in 2025." Discussion ensued. After discussion, Cowan motioned to add the word "national" to the statement. The motion to add the word "national" was carried unanimously. The motion was then presented as follows: "Alpha Chi moves to not hold an in-person national convention in 2025." The motion passed with one opposed and one abstention.
32. **Regional Reports.** Dr. Cowan acknowledged that minutes would be submitted by each regional Secretary-Treasurer as part of the convention proceedings and stated that if the Secretary-Treasurer was satisfied with their report, they could indicate "satisfied" here, unless they were proposing a motion. Each regional Secretary-Treasurer reported as follows:
 - Region I:** (Hall) satisfied.
 - Region II:** (Stewart) provided a brief report regarding wanting to reach out to inactive chapters and how this will mesh well with the Chapter Development Committee.
 - Region III:** (Wheeler) Secretary Poussin had resigned. Wheeler discussed his regional trivia contest from last year and how many attended.
 - Region IV:** (Deka) satisfied.
 - Region V:** (Rogers) satisfied.
 - Region VI:** (LaSota) reported on attendee numbers, the election of a new president and vice president, and two regional scholarship awardees.
 - Region VII:** (Kegley) reported meeting attendance by 5 chapters, 30 members, 1 new advisor, and the election of a new Student Representative, Marquesa Calderon. The region discussed increasing enrollment and contacting inactive chapters.The committee had no questions for the regional Secretary-Treasurers regarding these reports.
33. **Alpha Chi Mission and Year Ahead.** Dr. Cowan, as the newly elected president, addressed the Council. She characterized the mission as the "Great Reset." She stated that the year ahead will be focused on the constitution and moving forward, particularly with strategic planning.
34. **Board Practices.** Dr. Cowan indicated that the National Council would discuss board practices via email soon.
35. **Council Forms and Instructions.** Dr. Cowan provided each committee member with a committee placement form, to be completed by each member, describing one's strengths and weaknesses and committee preferences to aid in the assignments to new committees for 2023-24.

- 36. Old Business.** The proposal by Dr. Brad Gray of Peabody Global Consulting included a cost of conducting an initial analysis which may be more prudent. There was some discussion regarding what would be done, receiving more bids, and contacting references regarding tangible outcomes. Dr. Cowan will work with Ms. Noah to provide clarification.
- 37. New Business.** None.
- 38. Adjournment.** Hearing no objection, President Cowan adjourned Plenary III at 9:47 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Teddi Deka
National Council Secretary, 2023-27*

2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

President Linda Cowan called Alpha Chi's Executive Committee (EC) Meeting to order on Wed., Jul. 26 at 5:12 p.m., at the Sheraton Hotel/BJCC in Birmingham, Alabama, which will be the site of the 2024 national convention. Attending were Lara Noah (Executive Director), Katie Holmes (Director of Operations), Linda Cowan (President), Bonita Cade (Vice President), Teddi Deka (Secretary). Guest: Tom Leonard (via Zoom on Thursday). Director Noah had created a tentative agenda of topics for the meeting, so discussions on those ensued.

1. Convention.

- a. The committee reviewed the spring's Convention and Council Meeting minutes.
- b. 2024 Housing & Travel Grants: Suggestion to reduce travel subsidy sent to Audit and Finance Committee.
- c. Conference theme: "Leadership for Tumultuous Times" was proposed by Dr. Cade and accepted. The participation grants, theme announcement, and info about going virtual in 2025 will be ready to distribute by Sep. 1, 2023.
- d. Spring deadlines were set for Jan. 31 for convention presentation submissions, Feb. 15 for convention registration, Mar. 1 for hotel cutoffs, Mar. 5 for scholarships, and Mar. 15 for collaborative papers. These deadlines will best facilitate convention planning. When and how to inform individuals about not holding an in-person 2025 convention will be a discussion point for the National Council meeting on Aug. 15. Dr. Cowan will provide a framework for discussion ahead of the meeting. Alternate possibilities for presentation opportunities for 2025 were discussed including a virtual convention and consideration for graduate students.
- e. 2026 & Future Conventions (virtual and in-person): A discussion ensued introducing possibilities of partnering with other organizations in the future such as Unify America's College Bowl to encourage discussions amongst students. In-person convention possibilities for 2026 convention include Knoxville, TN and Washington, DC. A possible model for future virtual conventions may be to host it on a college campus to be broadcast virtually—where some National Council and staff could be there to facilitate the broadcasting (emcee, host) with the college, and most attendees are virtual with the hope that the hosting university would cover the hosting costs in exchange for national publicity for their institution. Currently, the plan is to have an in-person meeting in 2026.
- f. The Constitution & Bylaws Committee needs to consider how Alpha Chi might conduct official national business if an in-person annual convention is ever discontinued or goes back to biennially.
- g. During convention check-in, provide nervous presenters an example presentation room in which they can test their presentation.

Wednesday's meeting was recessed at 6:52 p.m. On Thursday, Jul. 26, Dr. Cowan reconvened the meeting at 8:31 a.m., with all members present.

2. National Council.

- a. Onboarding for Dr. Teagan Decker (at-large) and Lindsey Morais (Reg. V student rep): These two Council members were unable to be present at the end of the 2023 convention, so their installation ceremony will take place in the upcoming Aug. 15 Council meeting.
- b. The national office will schedule a session for student representatives and the executive committee toward the end of August or early September.
- c. A Google Form will be re-sent August 10 that asks Council members to acknowledge their committee charges and chair assignments for 2023-24. In 2024, three Regional Secretary-Treasurers will be completing their maximum terms on the Council. Constitution & Bylaws changes regarding representation on the Council will be considered. The national office will consult a parliamentarian regarding such changes.

- d. The EC wishes to hold monthly National Council Meetings via Zoom, with an agenda available in advance with an opportunity to discuss via email. Meetings would be time limited to roughly 50 minutes.
- e. The only current path to Council membership is via the election of chapter advisors who are typically college professors. This can limit the variety of expertise on the board. While composition of the Council from public and private, large and small, is usually a consideration, it would be helpful to consider the skills of the individuals who are elected to the Council, and expand to administrators, registrars, and more professors in the sciences and engineering.
- f. Dr. Jones presented a framework for a strategic plan, and there is a published strategic plan in place from 2016. The EC acknowledges the need to draft a new strategic plan.
- g. Several changes in the Constitution & Bylaws will be needed if changes to the board size or composition are considered. The Constitution will be reviewed to determine procedures for making changes to elections.
- h. While it has been our tradition to publish detailed meeting minutes and the full auditor's report online in the *Proceedings Recorder*, Director Noah mentioned that we are not required by law or the AX Constitution to do so. Moving forward, the auditor's report will not appear in the *Proceedings*, but the public inspection of the recent 990 will be linked from said document annually.

3. Membership & Finances.

- a. Director Noah discussed a draft of a Bank Resolution (draft in meeting folder) regarding our fiduciary account signers. At the Aug. 15 Council meeting, the Executive Committee will recommend approval of a Bank Resolution to add the National Council Secretary to checking and investment accounts.

The Executive Committee recessed for lunch at 12:22 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

- b. The committee examined charts on registration history, membership academic fields, undergraduate and graduate numbers, gender, and ethnicity from 2021-22 to 2022-23. The number of graduate students in AX has increased. The number of students who joined in the spring was again lower than expected with data showing lower invitation rates compared to 2021, which may reveal some pandemic-caused changes in higher ed. The national office is working on a postcard with a QR code which can be sent to invitees who are in a current invitation group (alphachihonor.org/accept will enable students to register from this link by entering their email). Advisors will be able to use a multi-pronged approach to encourage invitees to accept their invitations. The national office is also working on a new poster, and the current poster is available for printing on GreekTrack. They are working on reducing graphics on the invitation since many of these graphics do not load for students at certain schools.
- c. The professional audit report is currently with the Audit and Finance Committee, and a committee recommendation to approve it has been prepared for the upcoming Council meeting. The 990 draft must be approved by a committee of the board before submitting, so the executive committee reviewed the document. Dr. Cowan moved to approve the 2022 Form 990 as distributed; motion approved.
- d. Director Noah advised that if Alpha Chi wants to fundraise, it needs to be registered as a charitable organization with all states that require it, and this will cost about \$10,000 per year, which was approved by the Council in the 2023 budget. The committee encouraged she start this process so that fundraising can begin before the end of 2023.
- e. It was suggested that information about the 2024 convention be added to impending marketing to new chapters.

On Thursday at 3 p.m., the EC met with strategic planning consultant Tom Leonard. At 4 p.m. we toured the Birmingham/Jefferson Convention Center (BJCC) meeting space. At approximately 5 p.m., the EC recessed for dinner.

On Friday, Jul. 28, Dr. Cowan reconvened the meeting at 8:20 a.m., with all members present.

The Executive Committee will propose the following motion at the next Council meeting: The Executive Committee recommends the Executive Director sign the contract with Tom Leonard of Leonard Strategic Advantage to begin the strategic plan work with the Council-approved planning committee. A vote on this motion will take place at the August 15, 2023 National Council meeting via Zoom. The committee also drafted and approved an informational letter to the National Council from the Executive Committee to be sent in advance of the meeting.

- 4. **Publications.** *Kalo* is Alpha Chi's spring publication, and its new submission guidelines now appear on the website. The Executive Director will put a budget request to secure a faculty editor for *Kalo* at \$1,500 per issue.

5. **Office Changes.** Due to the continued problems in repairing the Shackleford building in which the office was located when a tornado hit it in March, Director Noah found a new, slightly larger space and negotiated our current lease rate for six months. The office move was completed on July 12. As Ka'Shayla Banks, the office's administrative support specialist, will be going to graduate school in the fall, the rehiring process was started in early July and is almost complete.

The Committee recessed at 9:40 a.m. for members to do some sightseeing to aid in convention planning. The Civil Rights Institute and the 16th Street Baptist Church were the destinations, though there is also an Art Museum and several other options. Pizitz Food Hall, with food options at a college student price point, was also discovered not too far from the hotel.

The Committee was reconvened Friday at 6 p.m.

6. **Updates.**

- a. Director Noah has a goal to have at least one virtual event for members, alumni, and chapter advisors per quarter with announcements going out in newsletters and emails to the appropriate lists. Tim Brown is working on some new merchandise for AX. Fundraising will be part of our model estimated to be in place at the end of 2023, after the national office has state fundraising paperwork in place.
- b. If we have constitutional changes, we will need to provide opportunities to ask questions and have discussions. All will need to be approved by the National Council by the end of January so that the information can go out at least 30 days in advance of the convention and provide opportunities for discussion. Early February is also the push date for *Kalo*. The current consensus is to refer to ACHS publications regarding reputable honor societies.

7. **ED Review Process.** No executive director review process is formally defined in the Constitution & Bylaws. A mention appears in Article VI of the Constitution under Section 1, Paragraph 2, in which the director shall be reviewed annually in an executive session of the National Council. The Executive Committee agrees that it is its duty to review the executive director's performance without requiring a self-evaluation. The Executive Director will complete a State of the Society report due annually by Jan. 31. The Executive Committee will then meet in executive session to determine their recommendation of continued employment to the National Council. The Constitution & Bylaws will be reviewed to specify the process of reviewing the executive director and a timeline. It was discussed that a multi-year contract should be investigated for the future.

8. **Other Business**

- a. In other business, Dr. Cade discussed "leadership in tumultuous times" and, after touring some of the sightseeing locations, recommends reserving some debriefing time for attendees after they have one or more meaningful experiences at local historic sites on the Friday of the convention. The idea may be to pay for group tickets to the Civil Rights Institute or the 16th Street Baptist Church instead of the model of "doing what you choose," to be able to effectively have these discussions. Dr. Cowan discussed doing something other than the traditional service project which may be a workshop or debrief, or work with individuals to create a service or outreach in their own communities then report through the national office or *Kalo*. Alpha Chi's motto is "the truth will set you free." Dr. Dekka suggested providing delegates with a booklet of questions that can guide them to finding ways to carry on the discussion at home.
- b. A rearrangement of the typical convention was discussed and a new tentative agenda to reflect this will be prepared by the office and distributed to the EC for its next discussion on Aug. 24. After lengthy, creative discussions, the meeting was recessed at 8:31 p.m.

9. **Final Plenary:**

- a. On Saturday, Jul. 29, at 8:15 the meeting was reconvened. Dr. Cade had an early departure and was unable to attend. The committee discussed some benefits of having live conventions every other year which included more planning time.
- b. If we have monthly Council meetings, we may be able to reduce the number of in-person Council Meeting sessions needed during the convention. The main business would be to clean up motions that had been pending and vote, recognize outgoing Council members, and welcome/install new members.
- c. Every committee chair has a plan form that is due Sep. 30 and a report form due by the convention.
- d. T. K. Thorne is the author of the book, *Behind the Magic Curtain: Secrets, Spies, and Unsung White Allies of Birmingham's Civil Rights Days*, and she might be a good possibility for our keynote convention speaker. Having her contact information, that will be pursued.

- e. The Awards Committee could discuss some recognitions to replace the distinguished service award that's given out by regions each year, since some regions do not propose anyone and it seems to be an award that is not holding up. Could it be replaced by other recognitions for involvement and participation?

With impending departures, the final session of the Executive Committee Meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Teddi Deka
National Council Secretary*

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Edwin W. Gaston, Jr., and Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship Nominees

(stipends for senior year of undergraduate study)

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 - *C Jasmin Buffenn, Huntington University, Indiana Beta
 - Kalli Cannistraro, Christopher Newport University, Virginia Zeta
 - Elizabeth Charpentier, Colby-Sawyer College, New Hampshire Alpha
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 - *G Jennifer Frisella, Westminster College, Missouri Delta
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 - Edward Hansford, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi
 - Isaac Herod, Westminster College, Missouri Delta
 - A Thien-Kim Ho, Lyon College, Arkansas Iota
 - * Ethan Jones, Southern Methodist University, Texas Alpha Omega
 - Anna Jones, Milligan University, Tennessee Nu
 - Marina Keator, Belmont University, Tennessee Eta
 - Elizabeth Milner, Hawaii Pacific University, Hawaii Beta
 - *G Sydney Motl, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas Beta
 - * Micah Moulder, Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta
 - Nolan Reynolds, Waldorf University, Iowa Iota
 - A Lauren Sermersheim, Mars Hill University, North Carolina Epsilon
 - Carlos Suarez, Austin College, Texas Kappa
 - * Linden Williamson, Texas Lutheran University, Texas Alpha Delta

Robert W. Sledge and H.Y. Benedict Fellowship Nominees

(stipends for the first year of graduate or professional study)

- * Benedict recipient A alternate
- *D declined award *A from alternate to recipient
- *S Sledge recipient *C Cooperative award recipient

- Anna Andrews, University of Tennessee Southern, Tennessee Xi
- * Hannah Barr, Mars Hill University, North Carolina Epsilon
- * Isabella Bonder, University of New England, Maine Epsilon
- Amber Bormann, Southern Methodist University, Texas Alpha Omega
- Shannon Buehre, Missouri Western State University, Missouri Lambda
- *S Cheyenne Burns, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi
- Luke Colvard, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta
- * Holly Dasher, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas Beta
- Lillian Deal, Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta
- Endia Dees, William Carey University, Mississippi Beta
- *B Chloe Deffner, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
- Linh Dinh, Brescia University, Kentucky Delta
- Derek Driskill, Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta
- A Danya Gonzalez, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta
- A Grace Hester, William Carey University, Mississippi Beta
- *C Heather Knott, Bridgewater College, Virginia Gamma
- * Michelle Lominac, Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta
- Allisan McGowan, Kansas Wesleyan University, Kansas Delta
- Lindsey Mixon, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma Theta
- Lindsey Morais, West Liberty University, West Virginia Epsilon
- A Dawson Mowry, William Carey University, Mississippi Beta
- * Alyssa Powers, Belmont University, Tennessee Eta
- Shinead Promnitz, William Penn University, Iowa Beta
- Bronwyn Reagan, Cottey College, Missouri Tau
- Ryan Reed, University of New England, Maine Epsilon
- America Sabillon Fernandez, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- * Marcelo Salazar-Barragan, Southwestern University, Texas Alpha
- Ainsley Steinbrueck, Southeastern University, Florida Lambda
- * Chloe Sullivan, Christopher Newport University, Virginia Zeta
- * Rachel Swick, The College at Brockport, SUNY, New York Omicron
- Emily Taylor, University of New England, Maine Epsilon
- *S Chloe Vaughn, Belmont University, Tennessee Eta

Joseph E. Pryor, Dennis M. Organ, and Walden S. Freeman Graduate Fellowship Nominees

(stipends to graduate student members or active alumni at the time of application)

- D Doctoral recipient
- M Master's recipient
- A Alternate

- Taylor Brown, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi
- Anesce Dremen, Carthage College, Wisconsin Delta
- Chloe Gray, Shorter University, Georgia Theta
- Britini Grenke, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- D Damian Hutchins, Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta
- MacKenzie Jacobs, West Liberty University, West Virginia Epsilon
- M Schyler Jones, Lipscomb University, Tennessee Kappa
- Bryan Langford, Lipscomb University, Tennessee Kappa
- Shauna Meilner, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- Zachary Merhavy, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- Kasozzi Matthew Mulindwa, Southeastern University, Florida Lambda
- MA Lilibeth Ramirez, Southern Methodist University, Texas Alpha Omega
- Traci Ramsey, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
- Kyndal Riewe, Angelo State University, Texas Alpha Iota
- Jacqueline Russell, Texas A&M University - Texarkana, Texas Beta Alpha
- Yunru Shen, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
- Austyn Shumard, Culver-Stockton College, Missouri Beta
- M Tessa Stutzman, Huntington University, Indiana Beta
- DA Foozhan Tahmasebinia, Southern Methodist University, Texas Alpha Omega
- Carson Vollmer, California State University, Bakersfield, California Iota

2021-22 Star & Notable Chapter Award Recipients

Star Chapters

Region I

Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
Texas Lutheran University, Texas Alpha Delta
Texas State University, Texas Iota

Region II

Harding University, Arkansas Eta
University of Texas at Tyler, Texas Alpha Xi

Region III

Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta
Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta
Southeastern University, Florida Lambda

Region IV

Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi

Region V

Huntington University, Indiana Beta

Region VI (none awarded)

Region VII

California State University, Bakersfield, California Iota
Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta

Notable Chapters

Region I

Angelo State University, Texas Alpha Iota
Southwestern University, Texas Alpha
Wayland Baptist University, Texas Alpha Eta

Region II

East Central University, Oklahoma Gamma
Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma Epsilon
Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas Beta
Texas A&M Univ.-Texarkana, Texas Beta Alpha

Region III

Freed-Hardeman University, Tennessee Iota
Mars Hill University, North Carolina Epsilon
Milligan University, Tennessee Nu

Tennessee Wesleyan University, Tennessee Gamma

Region IV

Hastings College, Nebraska Alpha
Kansas Wesleyan University, Kansas Delta
Missouri Valley College, Missouri Sigma
Missouri Western State University, Missouri Lambda
Waldorf University, Iowa Iota

Region V

West Liberty University, West Virginia Epsilon

Region VI (none awarded)

Region VII

Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha

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- The Panamanian Crucible: Manuel Noriega, The Reagan Doctrine, and the U.S. Invasion of Panama
Zachary Blake, Lyon College, Arkansas Iota
- Assessing Appropriate Assessments
Samantha Burleson, William Carey University, Mississippi Beta
- Big-5 Personality Traits as they Relate to Risk Behaviors: Comparisons of Traits with Participation in and Consideration of Risk Behaviors
Grace Freeman and Jessica Matyas, Ph.D., Rochester University, Michigan Eta
- Critical Drinking: Analyzing Twelfth Night's "Drunken Rogue"
Laura Hand, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta
- Spheres in F3q
Benjamin Norton and Jeremy Chapman, Ph.D., Lyon College, Arkansas Iota
- The Attractive Criminal: Do Defendants' Attractiveness, Crime, and Juror Gender Affect Punitiveness and Verdict?
Victoria Tumilty, High Point University, North Carolina Nu
- An Investigation of the Frequency of Time and Number Words Used in Informal Conversations with Children
Samantha Urban, Belmont University, Tennessee Iota; Komal Patel, Raelyn Sanders, and Ananya Nath
- Faith & Trust: Religion's Impact on Political Trust
Chloe Vaughn, Belmont University, Tennessee Eta

***Kalo*, Alpha Chi's New Annual Spring Magazine**

The inaugural issue of this new publication was published online in February 2023. A special printed version was distributed to 2023 convention attendees, but this will continue as an online-only publication, available from the Alpha Chi website.

Regional Reports

Each region annually supplies minutes for the current year and a fiscal report for the preceding year. This is typically the duty of each region's secretary-treasurer. Alpha Chi institutions are divided by state into Alpha Chi's seven geographic regions as follows:

- Region I—New Mexico, Oklahoma Panhandle, West Texas
- Region II—Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, East Texas
- Region III—Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia
- Region IV—Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming
- Region V—Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin
- Region VI—Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont
- Region VII—Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington

Region I Report

Minutes – March 30, 2023

1. **Call to order (Session I):** Jennifer Huddleston, Region I President, called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m. on March 30, 2023, in the Pavilion I-II meeting room of the Clyde Hotel.
2. **Roll Call:** A roll call of chapters found the following chapters present at the meeting: Abilene Christian University (11 delegates), Angelo State University (5 delegates), Southwestern University (4 delegates), Texas Lutheran University (2 delegates), Texas State University (7 delegates), University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (4 delegates), and Wayland Baptist University (3 delegates). It was noted that several of the delegates at the meeting were attending their first convention.
3. **Ice Breaker:** Region I student representative, Uriel De La Rosa, led the delegates in a couple of ice breaker activities.
4. **Student Representative Nominations:** Region I student representative Uriel De La Rosa discussed details of his office and nominees for the position of Student Representative were sought. Several delegates asked for further clarifications from Mr. De La Rosa. Karl Havlak, National Council Member, pointed out that the student representative has a full vote on the Alpha Chi National Council and commended Uriel for his work over the last two years. Nominees: Yunru Shen of Abilene Christian, Jared Yanez of Abilene Christian University, Rebecca Reeves of University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, and Anthony Sarmiento of Angelo State University. After the meeting, Noah del Angel of Texas State University was nominated, and Rebecca Reeves declined her nomination.
5. **Scholarship Results:** Erika Nielson, Region I Vice President, announced the results of the Region I scholarship competition. The three winners of the \$1000 scholarship are: Ashlee Reed of Abilene Christian University, Johnni Fuller of Abilene Christian University, and Noah del Angel of Texas State University. Should any of the recipients decline their award or win a national scholarship, the alternates will be awarded the scholarship. The three alternates for the scholarship in order are: Rebecca Ramirez of Southwestern University, Rebecca Reeves of University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, and Ashley Maldonado of Sul Ross State University.
6. **Adjournment:** Jennifer Huddleston adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes – March 31, 2023

1. **Call to Order (Session II):** Jennifer Huddleston, Region I President, called the meeting to order at 10:52am on March 31, 2023 in the Pavilion I-II meeting room of the Clyde Hotel.
2. **Roll Call:** All Region I chapters from the previous meeting were in attendance, in addition to the Institute of American Indian Arts (1 delegate).
3. **Approval of Region I Business Meetings (Austin, Texas 2022) Minutes:** Minutes were approved.
4. **Scholarship Changes:** Jennifer Huddleston discussed a suggestion brought by the National Executive Committee that regions begin including a service component in scholarship competitions and possibly moving the competitions to the Fall. The purpose of this change would be to encourage more applications and divorce them from the national competition. She proposed that the scholarships be separated into three categories: service, scholarship, and creative work, and that all three take place in the Fall. She brought the proposal up for discussion. Concerns were raised as to whether students would have sufficient academic work in the Fall and the deadline was debated. Both support and criticism were given for the idea of splitting the competition into three categories. Dr. Huddleston suggested tabling

the discussion until a more concrete proposal could be presented. This proposal will be made digitally sometime in the next few months.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Dennis Hall, Region I Secretary-Treasurer, summarized the circulated copies of the report showing Region I had total assets of \$110,693.75 as of 12-31-2022. The total cost to Region I for the 2022 National Convention was \$15,998.02, which includes \$3000 in scholarships and \$12,998.02 in travel subsidies. Dr. Hall discussed the closing of the investment accounts and indicated that the Region I executive committee planned on moving a portion of the assets to an interest-bearing account, as was discussed at the 2022 National Convention. The Treasurer's Report was approved by the delegates.
6. **Travel Reimbursement:** Dennis Hall reminded chapters that a travel reimbursement form should be sent to him by mail or email after the convention. Region I will reimburse each chapter up to \$700 per faculty delegate or speaking student delegate, with a maximum of \$2100 per chapter.
7. **Student Representative Elections:** Jennifer Huddleston projected names of the four student representative candidates and each gave a short speech. Voting delegates were provided with ballots, which were turned in and counted. The vote resulted in a tie between candidates Noah del Angel of Texas State University and Anthony Sarmiento of Angelo State University. A second vote was taken by ballot, and Anthony Sarmiento was named the Region I Student Representative for the 2023-2025 term.
8. **President's Cup:** Jennifer Huddleston called for nominations for the President's Cup Competition. The Texas State University chapter was nominated to represent Region I in the 2024 President's Cup competition.
9. **Adjournment:** Jennifer Huddleston adjourned the meeting at 10:53am.

Region I Financial Statement

Year Ending 31 December 2022

Beginning Balances January 1, 2022

First Financial Bank of Abilene (Checking)	\$ 10,018.36
Morgan Stanley Deposit Account (MSDA)	\$ 1,062.34
Putnam Short Duration Income Account (PSDIA)	\$ 115,601.52
Total Beginning Balance	\$ 126,682.22

Additions/(Deductions) Checking

Transfer from Morgan Stanley PSDIA (1-10-2022)	\$ 115,595.02
Transfer from Morgan Stanley MSDA (1-10-2022)	\$ 1,081.33
Transfer from Morgan Stanley MSDA (6-01-2022)	\$ 8.66
Stamps (Angelo State University)	\$ (11.60)
National Convention - Austin, Texas - Travel Subsidies	\$ (12,998.02)
National Convention - Regional Scholarship	\$ (3,000.00)
Total Change in Checking Account	\$ 100,675.39

Additions/(Deductions) MSDA

Transfer to Checking	\$ (1,090.49)
Interest	\$ 0.45
Putnam Short Duration Dividends	\$ 27.70
Total Change in and MSDA	\$ (1,062.34)

Additions/(Deductions) PSDIA

Transfer to Checking	\$ (115,595.02)
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Investment Management Fees	\$ (6.50)
Total Change in Investment Account	\$ (115,601.52)
Assets at December 31, 2022	
First Financial Bank of Abilene (Checking)	\$ 110,693.75
Morgan Stanley Deposit Account	-
Putnam Short Duration Income Final Value	-
Net Worth December 31, 2022	
	\$ 110,693.75

*Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Hall
Region I Secretary-Treasurer*

Region II Report

Minutes – March 30, 2023

- Call to Order:** Regional President Myra Houser called the meeting to order and noted that Vice-President Leslie DeArman, Secretary Kate Stewart, and Student Representative Aislinn Beak were also present. Kate Stewart, Secretary for Region II, called the roll. She highlighted the proceedings from the previous meeting, which was held virtually and commented on some of the information from National Council meetings pertaining to regions and chapters.
- Roll Call:** The following chapters attended the meeting: East Central Oklahoma, Harding University, Lyon College, Ouachita Baptist University, Southeastern Oklahoma, Southern Methodist University, University of Arkansas at Monticello, and University of Texas, Tyler.
- Announcements:** Houser announced that Region II had no officers to elect and that the deadline for applying for regional scholarship was April 15.
- Chapter Introductions:** As this was essentially a meet-and-greet session, the President asked that each of the eight chapters introduce themselves and highlight some of their activities and challenges. Most agreed that increasing acceptance for membership loomed large.
- Adjournment:** Dr. Houser then gave a homework assignment for the next meeting: listing strategies for renewing our chapters and our region. With this charge in hand, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with the reminder that Region II would hold another business meeting on March 31, at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes – March 31, 2023

- Call to Order:** At 9:20 a.m., President Myra Houser called the second session of Region II's business meeting to order. Leslie DeArman, Vice-President, Kate Stewart, Secretary, and Aislinn Beak, Student Representative to the National Council, also attended.
- Discussion:** After welcoming the members, Dr. Houser opened the floor for discussion on the "homework" from the last meeting.
 - East Central shared its strategies for growing its chapter. Much of the chapter's efforts focus on working through academic disciplines, fostering collaboration among various fields of study. These activities are student led and promote discussion among students. The chapter uses Linked-In as a means of discussion.
 - Harding noted that its chapter promotes cooperative endeavors with Honors College. Again, most of the local chapters use social media as their means of communication. Facebook, Instagram, and Linked-In emerged as the most used platforms.
 - Dr. Carol Strong stressed that chapters should focus on the academic emphasis of Alpha Chi's mission. Dr. Strong and Aislinn Beak plan to work on strategies for effective use of the aforementioned social media outlets. As this work continues, Dr. Houser will craft a survey to ascertain both good and bad ideas. Eventually, Region II hopes to list the "Top Five" ideas for revitalization efforts.

3. **Goals:** Region II has set as one of its goals to reach out to inactive chapters. The group agreed on April 15 as a target date for developing concrete strategies for chapter renewal.
4. **Adjournment:** With its business concluded, Region II dismissed in time for the next conference activities.

Region II no longer has a treasury and thus no financial report was needed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kate Stewart, Ph.D.
Region II Secretary-Treasurer*

Region III Report

Minutes – March 31, 2023

1. **Roll Call:** Wheeler started the meeting by passing around a sheet for attendance. Region III chapters represented included the following eight schools: University of Tennessee Southern, Gardner-Webb University, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Carson-Newman University, Lipscomb University, Faulkner University, Chowan University, Mars Hill University, and Freed-Hardeman University. A total of 37 faculty and students from Region III attended (11 advisors and 26 students).
2. **Officer Introductions:** Introduced president and officers, including Dr. Amanda Ford as the secretarial replacement (pro tem) for Fabrice Poussin until 2024. (Professor Mary Jackson, the vice-president, was unable to attend). Explained the next election for a Secretary-Treasurer would be in 2024 in Birmingham.
3. **Financial Report:** Report from Secretary Amanda Ford on finances. Dr. Ford explained that we spent down the Region III funding two years ago at the request of the National Office, and the account has been merged back into the National Office general coffers.
4. **Event Communications:** Discussed whether using email or GreekTrack announcements would be best for Region III events. Consensus was that email would be the preference of most chapters. Wheeler noted that one chapter had missed out on the Region III scholarship competition deadline because they weren't monitoring GreekTrack announcements.
5. **Discussion:** Discussed outcome of Region III's trivia night contest earlier in the fall of 2022. The reigning champions were the Mars Hill "Capybaras," which were recognized as victorious. Discussed possibility of Region III challenging another region to a match. Three chapters (Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, and Carson-Newman) expressed interest in having a similar match later in April and agreed to work out details via email.)
6. **Scholarship Results:** The winner out of four undergraduate submissions was Helen Donahue of Tennessee. Her paper was "Anti-Mimesis, Technogenesis and the Boundaries of the Plausible: Exploring Gendered AI in Film and Society." No Region III graduate contestants submitted any eligible work.
7. **Student Representative Elections:** Three students competed and gave speeches to canvas the room for their candidacy to the National Council as the Region III student representative: Madison Thomas of Mars Hill University, Bre Tonkery of Harding University, and Erica Moek of Chowan University.
 - a. The winning representative by majority vote was Bre Tonkery.
8. **Event Planning:** Brainstormed various ideas for regional events, including:
 - a. Region III spotlight in *Kalo*
 - b. Math Meeting Treasure Hunts
 - c. Escape Room event on Zoom
 - d. Regional Ted-X event
 - e. Region III Zoom troubleshooting and outreach sessions
 - f. Creating an Instagram for Region III; Fun Fact Fridays
9. **Convention:** Discussed possibility of offering a live Zoom link for Region III meetings next year in Birmingham so students who did not attend the Convention could watch the proceedings.
10. **Adjournment:** Adjourned meeting 9:39 a.m.

Region III no longer has a treasury and thus no financial report was needed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Ford
Region III Secretary-Treasurer (pro tem)*

Region IV Report

Minutes – March 30, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting began at 8:47 p.m.
2. **Officers Present:** President Justine Pas, Vice President Kathi Vosevich, Secretary Teddi Dekka. Student Representative Kianté Stuart absent.
3. **Roll Call:** Kansas Delta, Iowa Iota, Missouri Lambda, Missouri Pi, Missouri Sigma, and Nebraska Alpha. No advisors reported attending for the first time.
4. **Old Business:** Corrections to the 2022 minutes: Kathi Vosevich instead of Kathy Vosevich. The second session of the minutes should reflect that both Waldorf and Lindenwood were nominated for the President's Cup. VP Vosevich moved to approve; student Edward Hansford seconded. All approved with amendments.
5. **New business:** None
6. **Announcements:**
 - a. Star Chapters in the Region
 1. Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi, Region IV
 - b. Notable Chapters in the Region
 1. Hastings College, Nebraska Alpha, Region IV
 2. Kansas Wesleyan University, Kansas Delta, Region IV
 3. Missouri Valley College, Missouri Sigma, Region IV
 4. Missouri Western State University, Missouri Lambda, Region IV
 5. Waldorf University, Iowa Iota, Region IV
 - c. Region IV Scholarship Recipients
 1. Nolan Reynolds, Waldorf University
 2. Lauren Halamicek, Westminster College
 3. Reserve Awardee: Cheyenne Burns, Lindenwood University
 4. Neither awardee was present, so their acceptance materials were provided to their faculty advisor or other representative from their university.
7. **Calls:** President's Cup Nominees (region can nominate one per every 20 chapters in the region). Nominees will complete materials throughout the year and President's Cup will be awarded at the next convention. Our region can nominate two, and nominations came from the floor which were Kansas Wesleyan University, Lindenwood University, and Waldorf College.
8. **Reminders:** Secretary Dekka reminded chapters to complete the reimbursement forms for the convention, and that Region IV did not have a separate form.
9. **Publications:** VP Vosevich gave a brief presentation on Aletheia.
10. **Recognition:** Secretary Dekka recognized Dr. David Jones, who is completing his service as president on the national council.
11. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes – March 31, 2023

1. **President's Cup:** The meeting began with elections for President's Cup. Waldorf withdrew their application, so the two going forward will be Kansas Wesleyan and Lindenwood. If Lindenwood receives the President's Cup this year, then only Kansas Wesleyan will move forward by unanimous agreement.
2. **Recognition:** Next, President Pas recognized David Jones, outgoing President of the National Council, who is a member of Region IV and chapter advisor of Westminster College. He spoke to the Region IV students and advisors about his service, and opportunities for students to move forward, publish, and other opportunities for undergraduates. He encouraged work within individual chapters, reminded students of the AX message to serve and make scholarship effective for good.
3. **Discussion:** VP Vosevich thanked Dr. Jones, and emphasized learning to talk about yourself, which is an important skill for interviews. Who are you? What are your values? Why are you the right person for this scholarship or this job? She asked every student in the room to introduce themselves and say something about themselves. Each student stood up and said something about themselves, turning toward the audience. VP Vosevich discussed some of the components that were good to discuss when presenting information about yourself. Afterwards, Pas emphasized discussing "soft skills" as "power skills" which are very important to your future employment.

4. **Member Opportunities:** A question from the floor prompted discussion from Dr. Vosevich regarding opportunities for AX students once they graduate such as ability to present, Kalo, and scholarships. Advisor Steve Hoekstra offered information about building enthusiasm and leadership and Secretary Deka advised students to bring ideas to advisors instead of relying on advisors for suggestions.
5. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Region IV no longer has a treasury and thus no financial report was needed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Teddi Deka
Region IV Secretary-Treasurer*

Region V Report

Minutes – March 31, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Craig Rogers, Campbellsville University.
2. **Roll Call:** Four chapters were present: Campbellsville University, Huntington University, Lake Superior State University, and West Liberty University, with a total of twelve delegates present.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the business meeting of March 25, 2022, were approved.
4. **Scholarship Results:** The scholarship committee announced the winner of this year's competition. The winner of the fellowship was Tessa Stutzman of Huntington University, and the winner of the scholarship was Jasmin Buffenn of Huntington University.
5. **Announcements:** Dr. Craig Rogers gave a report on the National Council meeting. Ms. MacKenzie Jacobs gave the student representative report. The next convention will be held in Birmingham, AL.
6. **Student Representative Elections:** An election for the Region student representative to the national council for 2023-2025 was held. Lindsey Morais of West Liberty University was elected.
7. **Adjournment:** With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Region V no longer has a treasury and thus no financial report was needed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Craig L. Rogers
Region V Secretary-Treasurer*

Region VI Report

Minutes – March 31, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** 9:15 a.m.; Dr. Kenneth A. LaSota presiding.
2. **Reciting of Alpha Chi Motto:** "Ye Shall Know the Truth and the Truth Shall Set You Free."
3. **Roll Call of Region VI Officers:**
 - a. Dr. Margaret Fitzgerald (Interim President),
 - b. Dr. Kenneth A. LaSota (Secretary/ Treasurer)
 - c. Ms. Lauren Pribyl (Student Delegate)
4. **Roll Call of Region VI members and guests.** There were six (6) chapters in attendance: Pace University (NY), Robert Morris University, Roger Williams University, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Franklin Pierce University, and Post University, with twelve (12) total attendees present.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Review of Minutes of 2022 Region VI meeting in Austin, TX. Minutes accepted as submitted.
6. **Finances:** Review of Region VI financial statement. It was noted that Region VI no longer has its own dedicated budget.
7. **Davis Awards:** No chapter submitted nominees and no awards were distributed.
8. **Scholarship Results:** Region VI scholarships for best student paper were announced. Awards totaling \$500 were presented to students in the following two categories: Visual Arts, Ian Crombie, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts; and Political Science, Casey Young, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

9. **Awards:** No announcements were made regarding the Region VI chapters earning 2023 Star Chapter Awards.
10. **Announcements:** Under new business, it was announced that the 2024 National Convention would be in Birmingham, Alabama.
11. **Convention:** Region VI chapters seeking to be reimbursed for expenses for travel to Albuquerque were directed to contact the Alpha Chi National Office. There was a general discussion of conference sponsored highlights and activities in and around the Albuquerque area.
13. **Special election of Region VI officers:** Because the Region VI President and Vice President offices are vacant, elections were held to fill these positions for the term 2023-24. Dr. Graziana Ramsden, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, was nominated and unanimously elected as President of Region VI. Dr. Linda Latimer, Post University, was nominated and unanimously elected as Vice President of Region VI.
14. **Adjournment:** 9:47 a.m.

Region VI no longer has a treasury and thus no financial report was needed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Ken LaSota
Region VI Secretary-Treasurer*

Region VII Report

Minutes – March 30, 2023

1. **Roll Call:** Grand Canyon University: Breanna Naegeli, Advisor; Ben Yocco, Alumnus; Students: Avery Carbajal; Shrijita Shukla; Breanna Matthews; Elizabeth Drewlo; Erik Yost; University of La Verne: Jerome Garcia, Advisor; Students: Sai Sondh; Kamila De La Fuente; Hawaii Pacific University: Yongli Chen, Advisor; Students: Blaise Babineck; Marquesa Calderon; Elizabeth Milner; Fresno Pacific University: Daniel Larson; Advisor; Pam Johnston, Advisor; Marshall Johnston, Advisor; Students: Nicolas Portwood; Luke Smith; Veronica Mendez Garcia; Dayna Gonzales; Luke Colvard; Magdalena Wenger; California State University, Bakersfield: Jackie Kegley, Advisor; Maria Palaiologou, Advisor; Students: Carson Vollmer; Jesus Villarreal.
2. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Maria Palaiologou, CSU, Bakersfield, President. After a round of introductions from everyone in attendance, Dr. Palaiologou introduced herself. She noted that she teaches Ancient Greek Philosophy and has been President of the Region for one year. She indicated that she wanted to encourage as much interaction in the region as possible either through Zoom or personal get-togethers on campuses. She encouraged ideas from everyone about how we might increase membership in the region and even to encourage inactive chapters to rejoin in Alpha Chi events.
3. **Student Representative Changes:** Dr. Palaiologou announced that Region VII needed to elect a student representative to the National Conference this year as Carson Vollmer was finishing his two year term and was going on to Medical School this coming year. Carson briefly described the duties of a student representative and indicated that it has been a great experience for him. Students were urged to seek the position.
4. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes – March 31, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.
2. **Student Representative Elections:** Two students presented themselves as candidates for the Student Representative to the National Council: Marquesa Calderon, Hawaii Pacific and Breanna Matthews, Grand Canyon. Each student made a brief presentation. Marquesa Calderon was elected.
3. **Discussion:** There was a brief discussion of ways the region could increase membership in Alpha Chi. A new effort will be made to contact inactive chapters. President Palaiologou indicated that she would be calling together chapters via Zoom for further discussion of methods to attract new memberships and to encourage inactive chapters to rejoin in Alpha Chi activities.

Region VII no longer has a treasury and thus no financial report was needed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Kegley
Region VII Secretary-Treasurer*

Alpha Chi Institutional Advisor Directory 2023

25	Abilene Christian University Texas Psi	Region I	Dr. Jennifer Huddleston Biology	1600 Campus Court Abilene, TX 79699
60	Adrian College Michigan Alpha	Region V	Dr. Bryan Bott MLC Department	110 S. Madison Street Adrian, MI 49221-2575
376	Alabama State University Alabama Eta	Region III	Dr. David Harmon Dept. of Humanities	915 S. Jackson Street Montgomery, AL 36101
290	Alice Lloyd College Kentucky Eta	Region V	Dr. Rhonda Smith-Daugherty History	100 Purpose Rd Pippa Passes, KY 41844
271	Alliance University New York Pi	Region VI	Dr. Sharron Greaves Chair, Dept. of Communications	2 Washington Street New York, NY 10004
34	American International College Massachusetts Alpha	Region VI	Dr. Amelia Janeczek Biology Department	1000 State Street Springfield, MA 01109
372	Anderson University South Carolina Eta	Region III	Dr. Rod Rutland Kinesiology	316 Boulevard Anderson, SC 29621
49	Anderson University Indiana Alpha	Region V	Dr. Jason Parks English	1100 East Fifth Street Anderson, IN 46012
80	Angelo State University Texas Alpha Iota	Region I	Dr. Karl Havlak Mathematics Department	2601 W. Avenue N San Angelo, TX 76909
55	Appalachian State University North Carolina Alpha	Region III	Prof. Paul Orkiszewski Belk Library	287 Rivers St. Boone, NC 28608
100	Arkansas Tech University Arkansas Kappa	Region II	Dr. Micheal Tarver Department of History	407 West Q Street Russellville, AR 72801-2222
10	Austin College Texas Kappa	Region II	Dr. Lisha Storey Director, Writing Center	900 N Grand Ave. Sherman, TX 75090-4440
126	Averett University Virginia Beta	Region III	Dr. Jennifer Hughes English Department	420 West Main Street Danville, VA 24541
97	Azusa Pacific University California Gamma	Region VII	Dr. David Weeks Honors College	901 E. Alosta Ave. Azusa, CA 91702
389	Bacone College Oklahoma Lambda	Region II	Dr. Donna Sharp Liberal Arts & Humanities	2209 Old Bacone Road Muskogee, OK 74403
255	Barry University Florida Epsilon	Region III	Mrs. Debbie Chanan Social Work	11300 NE 2nd Ave. Miami, FL 33161
76	Barton College North Carolina Gamma	Region III	Dr. Bill Hunt English	700 Vance St. NE Wilson, NC 27893
348	Bayamon Central University Puerto Rico Beta	Region III	Mr. Yanius Alverado Dean of Students	PO Box 1725 Bayamon, PR 00960-1725
3	Baylor University Texas Gamma	Region I	Dr. Ronald Johnson History	1 Bear Place Waco, TX 76798
181	Bellevue University Nebraska Gamma	Region IV	Dr. Roxanne Sullivan Chair, Psychology & Women's Studies	1000 Galvin Road South Bellevue, NE 68005-3098
121	Belmont University Tennessee Eta	Region III	Dr. Christian Williams Public Health	1900 Belmont Blvd Nashville, TN 37212
213	Benedict College South Carolina Epsilon	Region III	Dr. Gwenda Richburg Greene Honors Program	1600 Harden St. Columbia, SC 29204
110	Blackburn College Illinois Beta	Region V	Dr. James Bray Biology	700 College Avenue Carlinville, IL 62626
223	Bloomfield College New Jersey Beta	Region VI	Dr. Harry Franqui-Rivera Humanities	467 Franklin Street Bloomfield, NJ 07003
407	Blue Mountain Christian Univ. Mississippi Eta	Region III	Mrs. Rosa Rutland Instructor of Spanish	P.O. Box 160 Blue Mountain, MS 38610
111	Bluefield State University West Virginia Delta	Region V	Prof. Vince Mateescu Applied Science	Bluefield State University Bluefield, WV 24701
358	Bluefield University Virginia Kappa	Region III	Dr. Tracey Stout Division of Christian Studies	3000 College Avenue Bluefield, VA 24605
141	Bowie State University Maryland Alpha	Region VI	Dr. Kim Evelyn Dept. of Lang., Lit., & Cultural Studies	14000 Jericho Park Road Bowie, MD 20715-9465
137	Brescia University Kentucky Delta	Region V	Dr. Christopher Griffin History Department	717 Frederica Street Owensboro, KY 42301
374	Brevard College North Carolina Omega	Region III	Dr. Vance Reese Music	1 Brevard College Dr. Brevard, NC 28712
132	Bridgewater College Virginia Gamma	Region III	Dr. Ian McNeil Chemistry	402 E. College St. Bridgewater, VA 22812
102	Buena Vista University Iowa Epsilon	Region IV	Dr. Steven Mills Associate Professor of Spanish	610 W. 4th Street Storm Lake, IA 50588-1713
107	Caldwell University New Jersey Alpha	Region VI	Dr. Peter Ubertaccio Vice President for Academic Affairs	120 Bloomfield Ave. Caldwell, NJ 07006
94	California Baptist University California Beta	Region VII	Dr. Tae Sung Office of Student Success	8432 Magnolia Ave Riverside, CA 92504
332	Calif. State Univ., Bakersfield California Iota	Region VII	Dr. Dr. Jackie Kegley Chair, Philosophy & Religious Studies	9001 Stockdale Highway Bakersfield, CA 93311-1099

377	Campbellsville University Kentucky Lambda	Region V	Dr. Craig Rogers Honors Program	1 University Drive Campbellsville, KY 42718
301	Capital University Ohio Epsilon	Region V	Dr. Basil Kardaras Sociology and Criminology	1 College and Main Columbus, OH 43209
233	Capitol Technology University Maryland Beta	Region VI	Dr. Jamie Teeple General Education Director	11301 Springfield Road Laurel, MD 20708
81	Carson-Newman University Tennessee Delta	Region III	Dr. Kip Wheeler English Department	1646 Russell Avenue Jefferson City, TN 37760
333	Carthage College Wisconsin Delta	Region V	Dr. David Steege Department of English	2001 Alford Park Drive Kenosha, WI 53140
240	Castleton State University Vermont Gamma	Region VI	Prof. Harry McEnerny Fine Arts Center	62 Alumni Drive Castleton, VT 05735
182	Catawba College North Carolina Omicron	Region III	Dr. Lydia Hayes History	2300 W Innes St Salisbury, NC 28144
23	Centenary College of Louisiana Louisiana Alpha	Region II	Prof. Jessica Hawkins Department of Art and Visual Culture	2911 Centenary Blvd. Shreveport, LA 71134-1188
352	Central Baptist College Arkansas Xi	Region II	Dr. Elizabeth Gomez Professor of Chemistry	1501 College Avenue Conway, AR 72034
335	Central Methodist University Missouri Nu	Region IV	Dr. Richard Bradley History Department	411 Central Methodist Square Fayette, MO 65248
250	Charleston Southern University South Carolina Zeta	Region III	Dr. Maxwell Rollins College of Business	9200 University Blvd N Charleston, SC 29406-9121
342	Chowan University North Carolina Phi	Region III	Dr. Danny Moore Office of Academic Affairs	1 University Drive Murfreesboro, NC 27855-1855
153	Christian Brothers University Tennessee Theta	Region III	Dr. John Young Associate Professor of Chemistry	650 East Parkway South Memphis, TN 38104
163	Christopher Newport University Virginia Zeta	Region III	Dr. Jay Paul Honors Program	1 Avenue of the Arts Newport News, VA 23606
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Convention Speakers



Dr. Lyla June Johnson—an Indigenous musician, scholar, and activist—will be Thursday's speaker. Speaking for audiences across the globe, Lyla June brings a message of personal, collective, and ecological healing. Her work has been focused on Indigenous rights, supporting youth, inter-cultural healing, historical trauma, and traditional land stewardship practices. She blends her undergraduate studies in human ecology at Stanford University, her graduate work in Native American Pedagogy at the University of New Mexico, and the Indigenous worldview she grew up with to inform her perspectives and solutions. Having recently received her Ph.D., her doctoral research focuses on the revitalization of Indigenous Food Systems.

Alpha Chi has named **Dr. Ronald Angelo Johnson**, a Baylor University professor and former CIA analyst, as its 2023 Distinguished Alumnus. Dr. Johnson holds two master's degrees, a Ph.D., and is a published author with over a dozen peer-reviewed articles in the areas of history and political science. He served for over a decade at the U.S. Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and has been a professor at Baylor University since 2008. In his current role, he teaches courses on intelligence and national security, and his research interests include the Cold War, the Soviet Union, and intelligence history. Dr. Johnson is an alumnus and nominee of the Texas Iota chapter at Texas State University. He will speak on Saturday.



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Program of Events

Thursday, March 30

3:00 pm	Chapter Delegation Check-In	Pavilion Landing (2nd floor)
	Donation Station <i>If you brought a monetary donation for Cuidando Los Niños or items for Alpha Chi Kindness Kits, this is where that will be collected.</i>	
	All About Aletheia <i>Visit with the editors of AX's peer-reviewed undergraduate journal: Dr. Tim Lindblom, Co-Editor, and Dr. Kathi Vosevich, Co-Editor</i>	
	Alpha Chi Store <i>Tim Brown of Brown's Graduation & Awards will be here throughout the convention.</i>	
5:00 pm	Judge and Moderator Orientation	Pavilion I-II
5:00 pm	Cross That Line! A Student-led Student Mixer	Fiesta Room
6:00 pm	Opening Dinner & Address Dr. Lyla June Johnston	Pavilion IV-VI
	<i>Open seating; doors open at 5:45 pm</i>	
7:45 pm	Regional Convenings	
	Region I	Pavilion I-II
	Region II	Pavilion III
	Region III	Enchantment AB
	Region IV	Enchantment CD
	Region V	Fiesta III
	Region VI	Fiesta IV
	Region VII	Enchantment EF
9:00 pm	Trivia Contest 2023	Pavilion IV-VI
	<i>Check-in starts at 8:45 pm</i>	

Events, Friday, March 31

7:00 am	Continental Breakfast & Roundtables Pavilion IV-VI
8:00 am	Collaborative Research Competition Pavilion I-II Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta <i>Language, Perception and Climate Change: The Unique Understandings of Spanish-Speaking College Students</i> Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta <i>Environmental Impact of Waste at Gardner-Webb University: A Proposal for Change</i> Texas Lutheran University, Texas Alpha Delta <i>Ignorance Is Bliss: Can Climate Anxiety in Undergraduate Students Be Reduced by Taking Action?</i>
9:15 am	Regional Business Meetings Region I Pavilion I-II Region II Pavilion III Region III Enchantment AB Region IV Enchantment CD Region V Fiesta III Region VI Fiesta IV Region VII Enchantment EF
9:50 am	Chapter Development Sessions (Round 1 - select one) Advocating for Diversity and Inclusion on Campus Pavilion III <i>Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley, California State University, Bakersfield</i> Chapter Fundraising Ideas Enchantment AB <i>Dr. Amanda Ford and Prof. Kelli Williams, Carson-Newman University</i> Chapter Leadership Transitions/Succession Enchantment CD <i>Dr. Kip Wheeler, Carson-Newman University</i> Engaging Your Online Members Enchantment EF <i>Dr. Breanna Naegeli, Grand Canyon University</i>
10:30 am	Collaborative Research Competition Pavilion I-II California State University, Bakersfield, California Iota <i>The Impact of Climate Change on Low Income Communities in the Central Valley through the Lens of Valley Fever</i> Missouri Western State University, Missouri Lambda <i>Climate Change: The "Ticking" Bomb—A Program to Prevent and Treat Lyme Disease in St. Joseph, Missouri</i> Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi <i>Tending the Garden: How Christian Campuses Can Foster Environmental Activism</i>
11:25 am	Chapter Development Sessions (Round 2 - select one) Successful Membership Campaigns Pavilion III <i>Dr. June Hobbs, Gardner-Webb University</i> Planning Across-Chapter Collaborative Events Enchantment AB <i>Dr. Steve Hoekstra, Kansas Wesleyan University</i> Dream It & Do It: A Student-Planned TEDx Enchantment CD <i>Peace Ajirotutu, Hannah Irving, and Jaelyn Wilson, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, NC Kappa</i> Getting Published (Aletheia & Kalo) Enchantment EF <i>Dr. Kathi Vosevich, Lindenwood University; Dr. Tim Lindblom, Jacksonville State University; and George Kantelis III, National Communications Manager</i>
12:00 pm	Free Time—Enjoy the rest of the day to experience Albuquerque, NM!

Events, Saturday, April 1

7:00 am	Sunrise Yoga	Sierra Vista, 19th floor
8:00 am	Member Presentations Session I Section 1: Anthropology & Sociology Enchantment A Moderator: Prof. Leslie DeArman, <i>Southern Methodist University</i> Hannah Irving, <i>University of North Carolina at Pembroke, NC Kappa</i> Lillian Deal, <i>Carson-Newman University, TN Delta</i> Magdalena R. Wenger, <i>Fresno Pacific University, CA Zeta</i> Veronica I. Mendez Garcia, <i>Fresno Pacific University, CA Zeta Alumna</i> Section 2: Art Research & Visual Art Pavilion I-II Moderator: Dr. Craig Rogers, <i>Campbellsville University</i> Caledonia McIntier, <i>Lyon College, AR Iota</i> Karis Scobey, <i>Huntington University, IN Beta</i> Yunru Shen, <i>Abilene Christian University, TX Psi, graduate student</i> Rachel E. Scobey, <i>Huntington University, IN Beta</i> Section 3: Education Enchantment B Moderator: Dr. Amanda Ford, <i>Carson-Newman University</i> Emma Harper, <i>Abilene Christian University, TX Psi</i> Holly Jordan Dasher, <i>University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, TX Beta</i> Olivia Ann Wheeler, <i>Chowan University, NC Phi</i> Linh Dinh, <i>Brescia University, KY Delta</i> Section 4: Mathematics Enchantment C Moderator: Dr. Kip Wheeler, <i>Carson-Newman University</i> Paola G. Gonzalez Mendez, <i>Fresno Pacific University, CA Zeta</i> Arden Neff, <i>Southwestern University, TX Alpha</i> Priscilla Perey Ratonel, <i>Menlo College, CA Delta</i> Jordan Schmucker, <i>Mars Hill University, NC Epsilon</i> Section 5: Molecular & Cellular Biology Enchantment D Moderator: Dr. Wesley Perkins, <i>Lyon College</i> Evan Babb, <i>Abilene Christian University, TX Psi</i> Jasmin Buffenn, <i>Huntington University, IN Beta</i> Sai Sondh, <i>University of La Verne, CA Theta</i> Damian C. Hutchins, <i>Gardner-Webb University, NC Zeta Alumnus</i> Section 6: Political Science Enchantment E Moderator: Dr. June Hobbs, <i>Gardner-Webb University</i> Luke M. Colvard, <i>Fresno Pacific University, CA Zeta</i> Edward T. Hansford, <i>Lindenwood University, MO Pi</i> Casey Young, <i>Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, MA Beta</i> Aislinn Beak, <i>East Central University, OK Gamma</i> Section 7: Psychology Enchantment F Moderator: Dr. Teddi Dekka, <i>Missouri Western State University</i> Elisabeth J. Drewlo, <i>Grand Canyon University, AZ Alpha</i> Tess Kinne, <i>Missouri Valley College, MO Sigma</i> Anthony Sarmiento, <i>Angelo State University, TX Alpha Iota</i> Alisha Schaefer, <i>Waldorf University, IA Iota</i>	
9:20 am	All-Delegate Honors Brunch	Pavilion IV-VI <i>With an address by Dr. Ronald Johnson, 2023 Distinguished Alumnus</i>
10:20 am	Collaborative Research Competition (session 3 of 3) Pavilion I-II University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas Beta <i>An Analysis of Public Water Lead Contamination and Its Effects on Public Health and Juvenile Delinquency</i> Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas Beta <i>Final Scenes: How Dystopian Cinema Augments Activism or Reinforces Despair</i>	

11:00 am	Member Presentations Session II (3 per room at 20-minute windows)
	Section 8: Literature..... Enchantment A
	Moderator: Dr. Bonita Cade, <i>Roger Williams University</i> Ashlee Reed, <i>Abilene Christian University, TX Psi</i> Olivia Word, <i>University of Tennessee Southern, TN Xi</i> Paula Elizabeth Harvie, <i>Gardner-Webb University, NC Zeta</i>
	Section 9: Anthropology & Sociology..... Enchantment B
	Moderator: Prof. Leslie DeArman, <i>Southern Methodist University</i> Isabell Smith, <i>William Penn University, IA Beta</i> Anna Wetrich, <i>William Penn University, IA Beta</i> Skyler Gill, <i>Abilene Christian University, TX Psi</i>
	Section 10: Art & Music Research..... Pavilion I-II
	Moderator: Dr. Craig Rogers, <i>Campbellsville University</i> Elijah Quaderick Brown, <i>Chowan University, NC Phi</i> Helen C. Donahue, <i>Carson-Newman University, TN Delta</i> Kim Ho, <i>Lyon College, AR Iota</i>
	Section 11: Communication..... Enchantment D
	Moderator: Dr. Pamela Johnston, <i>Fresno Pacific University</i> Sophie Rossitto, <i>Harding University, AR Eta</i> Amber Bormann, <i>Southern Methodist University, TX Alpha Omega</i> Joao Vitor Bonanoni, <i>Missouri Valley College, MO Sigma</i>
	Section 12: Education..... Enchantment E
	Moderator: Dr. Amanda Ford, <i>Carson-Newman University</i> Casey Michelle Jackson, <i>Freed-Hardeman University, TN Iota</i> Sarah Manchee, <i>Wayland Baptist University, TX Alpha Eta</i> Lesslie Picena, <i>Abilene Christian University, TX Psi, graduate student</i>
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	Section 14: History..... Enchantment C
	Moderator: Dr. Ron Brown, <i>Texas State University</i> Peace Ajirotutu, <i>Univ. of North Carolina at Pembroke</i> Erica Elizabeth Mock, <i>Chowan University, NC Phi</i> Danya I. Gonzalez, <i>Fresno Pacific University, CA Zeta</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch Break Excursions (on your own)
1:30 pm	Group Photo in Atrium
1:45 pm	Member Presentations Session III (4 per room at 20-minute windows)
	Section 15: Business Management..... Enchantment A
	Moderator: Dr. Daniel Larson, <i>Fresno Pacific University</i> Vitor Furiati, <i>Missouri Valley College, MO Sigma</i> Breanna Bildner, <i>Huntington University, IN Beta</i> Tori-Ann Francis, <i>Waldorf University, IA Iota</i> Autumn Paulson, <i>Waldorf University, IA Iota</i>
	Section 16: Chemistry..... Enchantment B
	Moderator: Dr. Autumn Marshall, <i>Lipscomb University</i> Chinemerem B. Edoh, <i>Univ. of North Carolina at Pembroke, NC Kappa</i> Elizabeth Milner, <i>Hawaii Pacific University, HI Beta</i> Chelsey Southwell and Samuel Dawson, <i>Southwestern University, TX Alpha</i> Breanna Tonkery, <i>Freed-Hardeman University, TN Iota</i>
	Section 17: Physics and Health & Environmental Sciences..... Enchantment C
	Moderator: Dr. Laura Steil, <i>Mars Hill University</i> Lindsey L. Morais, <i>West Liberty University, WV Epsilon</i> Allisan Nealy McGowan, <i>Kansas Wesleyan University, KS Delta</i> Erik P. Yost, <i>Grand Canyon University, AZ Alpha</i>

Section 18: Creative Writing	Enchantment D
Moderator: Prof. Michael Rosenfeld, <i>Pace University</i>	
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Elaine M. Ragland, <i>Lindenwood University, MO Pi, graduate student</i>	
Section 19: Religion & Philosophy	Enchantment E
Moderator: Dr. Daniel Flores, <i>Texas Lutheran University</i>	
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Hailey Strange, <i>Faulkner University, AL Delta</i>	
Section 20: Visual Art (original)	Pavilion I-II
Moderator: Dr. Angela Haas, <i>Missouri Western State University</i>	
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Section 20.5: Multidisciplinary	Enchantment F
Moderator: Dr. Ken Vickers, <i>University of Tennessee Southern</i>	
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Mark Hairston, <i>University of Arkansas at Monticello, AR Zeta</i>	

3:10 pm

Member Presentations Session IV (2-3 per room at 20-minute windows)

Section 21: Communication	Enchantment A
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Section 23: Exercise Science & Nutrition	Enchantment C
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Avery Carbajal, <i>Grand Canyon University, AZ Alpha</i>	
Tessa Stutzman, <i>Huntington University, IN Beta</i>	
Section 24: Organismal & Ecological Biology	Enchantment D
Moderator: Dr. Ken LaSota, <i>Robert Morris University</i>	
Ana Arroyo Carriedo, <i>Missouri Valley College, MO Sigma</i>	
Madison Thomas, <i>Mars Hill University, NC Epsilon</i>	
Sydney Brown, <i>Hawaii Pacific University, HI Beta</i>	
Section 25: Performing Arts	Pavilion I-II
Moderator: Dr. Marshall Johnston, <i>Fresno Pacific University</i>	
Anna Wicker, <i>Southwestern University, TX Alpha</i>	
Jaelyn D. Wilson, <i>Univ. of North Carolina at Pembroke, NC Kappa</i>	
Michaela Zimmerman, <i>Angelo State University, TX Alpha Iota</i>	
Section 26: Religion & Bioethical Issues	Enchantment E
Moderator: Dr. Daniel Flores, <i>Texas Lutheran University</i>	
Derek Ryan Driskill, <i>Carson-Newman University, TN Delta</i>	
Lauren E. Sermersheim, <i>Mars Hill University, NC Epsilon</i>	
Mica Allen, <i>Huntington University, IN Beta</i>	

4:15 pm

Dinner in Albuquerque (on your own)

6:30 pm

2023 Alpha Chi Closing Awards Ceremony **Pavilion IV-VI**

Come decked out in Alpha Chi blues and greens!

**New Council members and all prize recipients are asked to remain briefly after the ceremony for formal photography.*

Convention Presentation Prize Donors

Walden S. Freeman Prize in **American History**
 Ellen Millsaps Prize in **American Literature**
 Avery Grenfell Church Prize in **Anthropology and Sociology**
 Alexander A. Bendazzi and Strayer University Prize in **Art, Music, and Dance Papers**
 Robert Blake Prize in **British Literature**
 Gayle Webb White Prize in **Business Administration**
 Joseph E. and Bessie Mae Pryor Prize in **Chemistry**
 Brown's Graduation Supplies Prize in **Communication**
 Floyd Tesmer & Strayer University Prize in **Computer Science and Engineering**
 Phillip A. Holcomb Prize in **Contemporary Bioethical Issues**
 Thelma Hall Prize in **Creative Writing**
 Ann Kneavel Prize in **Economics**
 Patricia A. Williams Prize in **Education**
 Milton L. and Avery G. Church Prize in **Environmental Science**
 Jeanette Wieser Prize in **Exercise Science and Nutrition**
 Kenneth A. LaSota Prize in **Geology and Earth Sciences**
 Kathryn Hoyle Bradley Prize in **Health Sciences**
 Joseph E. and Bessie Mae Pryor Prize in **Mathematics**
 Bonnie Revelle Prize in **Molecular and Cellular Biology**
 Blake and Trish Janutolo Prize in **Organismal and Ecological Biology**
 Ann C. and Avery G. Church Prize in **Original Poetry**
 Floyd and Rosana Tesmer and D.C. Gamma Prize in **Original Visual Art**
 Johnny and Frances Williams Prize in **Performing Arts**
 Clark Youngblood Prize in **Philosophy and World Religions**
 Jim Kirby Prize in **Physics and Astronomy**
 Margaret A. FitzGerald Prize in **Political Science**
 Mary Waterstreet Prize in **Psychology**
 Michael Flachmann Prize in **Shakespeare**
 Patricia Graham Prize in **World History**
 Bill Short Prize in **World Literature**

Dennis M. Organ **Alumni** Presenter Prize
 Suzanne and J.T. Pundt **Graduate Student** Presenter Prize

**There must be at least three students competing in a category for the prize to be given.*

With appreciation to the professors judging presentations this year:

Andrew Lisenbardt	Gordon Byrd	Karl Havlak	Myra Houser
Anna Yoncha	Graziana Ramsden	Kate Stewart	Rebekah Crowe
Benjamin Utter	Jamie Townsend	Kathi Vosevich	Ruth Nalliah
Chris Libby	Jennifer Aust	Ken LaSota	Steve Hoekstra
Christine Pappas	Jennifer Hicks	Kevin Kehl	Tanner Babb
Christopher Griffin	Jennifer Huddleston	Lia Walker	Tim Lindblom
Darby Hewitt	Jerome Garcia	Linda Cowan	Trey Shirley
David Jones	Jessica Henry	Linda Latimer	Yongli Chen
Dennis Hall	John McLaughlin	Maria Palaologou	
Erika Nielson	Joni Lindsey	Michael Collins	

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Alpha Chi's Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship

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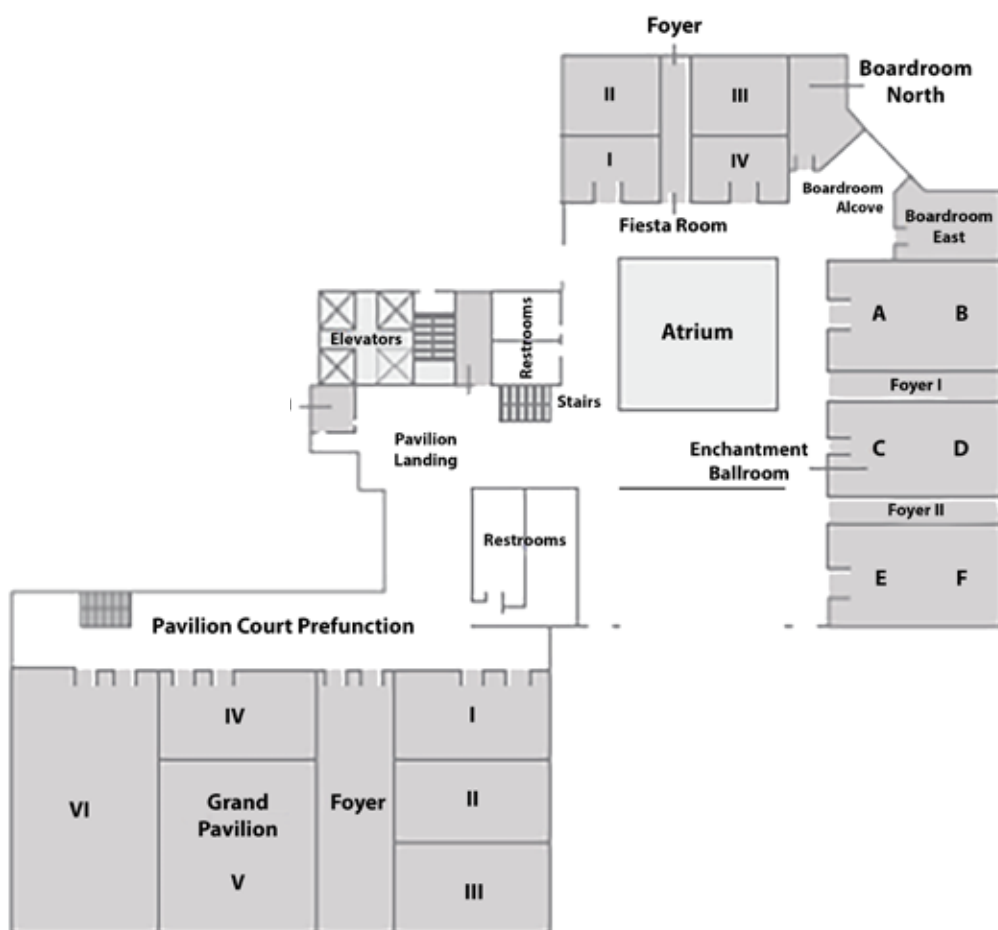
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KALO

Kalo, our new annual magazine, highlights our community's achievements and celebrates the talent of our members. With a focus on reflecting on the past year and providing insights into upcoming projects, it serves as a platform to showcase our members' work and stories, embodying the spirit of the Alpha Chi community. Derived from the Greek word for "good" or "welfare," *Kalo's* name reflects its mission to inspire positivity and foster a sense of unity. Each issue showcases the dedication and excellence of our members while offering a vibrant and uplifting publication experience, capturing a snapshot of our community's growth and development.

Join us as we embrace the past, present, and future of Alpha Chi through *Kalo's* pages, and immerse yourself in the inspiring stories that define Alpha Chi. You'll find yourself connected to the collective accomplishments and aspirations of members nationwide. For additional information on *Kalo*, visit AX Central or www.alphachihonor.org/Kalo. Don't miss the opportunity to become a part of this enriching and celebratory experience; submission guidelines are coming soon!

Second Floor (Convention Level)



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