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# National Council of Alpha Chi

## 2021-25 At-Large Faculty Members

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

## 2023-27 At-Large Faculty Members

Dr. Linda Cowan, West Liberty University (V) .....	2019-23, 2023-27
Dr. Teagan Decker, University of North Carolina at Pembroke (III) .....	2023-27
Dr. Steve Hoekstra, Kansas Wesleyan University (IV).....	2019-23, 2023-27
Dr. Justine Pas, Lindenwood University (IV) .....	2024-27

## Regional Secretary-Treasurers

Region I	Dr. Dennis Hall, Angelo State University.....	2022-26
Region II	Dr. Kate Stewart, University of Arkansas at Monticello..... (A-L 2011-15)	2020-24, 2024-28
Region III	Dr. Kip Wheeler, Carson-Newman University .....	(A-L 2019-23, 2023-24) 2024-28
Region IV	Dr. Teddi Deka, Missouri Western State University.....	2016-20, 2020-24, 2024-28
Region V	Dr. Craig Rogers, Campbellsville University .....	2014-18, 2018-22, 2022-26
Region VI	<i>Vacant</i> .....	
Region VII	Dr. Jackie Kegley, California State University, Bakersfield .....	2017-21, 2021-24, 2024-28

## Regional Student Representatives, 2023-25

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

## Regional Student Representatives, 2022-24

Region II	Alexander Robinson, Southeastern Oklahoma State University .....	2024-26
Region IV	Nolan Reynolds, Waldorf University .....	2024-26
Region VI	Azsha Ray, Pine Manor College .....	2024-26

## National Council Executive Committee

Dr. Linda Cowan, West Liberty University, President .....	(VP 2022-23) 2023-27
Dr. Bonita Cade, Roger Williams University, Vice President.....	2023-27
Dr. Teddi Deka, Missouri Western State University, Secretary .....	2023-27
Lara Q. 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.*

<b>Region I</b>	President:	Dr. Erika Nielson Vargas, Texas State University .....	2024-26
	Vice President:	<i>vacant</i> .....	
<b>Region II</b>	President:	Dr. Myra Houser, Ouachita Baptist University .....	2021-22, 2022-24, 2024-26
	Vice President:	Dr. Jennifer Hicks, Southeastern Oklahoma State University.....	2024-26
<b>Region III</b>	President:	Dr. Laura Steil, Mars Hill University .....	2024-26
	Vice President:	Prof. Michelle Putnam, Lipscomb University .....	2024-26
<b>Region IV</b>	President:	Dr. Kathi Vosevich, Lindenwood University .....	2024-26
	Vice President:	Dr. Justine Pas, Lindenwood University .....	2024-26
<b>Region V</b>	President:	Dr. Joni Lindsey, Lake Superior State University .....	2024-26
	Vice President:	Dr. Tanner Babb, Huntington University .....	2024-26
<b>Region VI</b>	President:	Dr. Linda Latimer, Post University .....	2023-24, 2024-26
	Vice President:	<i>vacant</i> .....	
<b>Region VII</b>	President:	Dr. Maria Palaiologou, California State University, Bakersfield..	2022-24, 2024-26
	Vice President:	Dr. Bre Naegeli, Grand Canyon University..	2018-20, 2020-22, 2022-24, 2024-26

## 2024 National Convention Minutes

1. The National Convention of Alpha Chi met April 4 – April 6, 2024, at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama, with the theme, “Leaders for Tumultuous Times.” Chapter delegations began checking in at Alpha Chi Central at the BJCC East Exhibition Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 4. Convention participants could donate socks or money to support this year’s service project, the Sock-It-To-Me Sock Drive, and purchase specially created Alpha Chi argyle socks. They could also visit booths by Brown’s Graduation Supplies and the Birmingham Visitor’s Center.
2. Delegates met in the East M Room of the BJCC for the Convention Opening Session at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Bonita Cade delivered the Convention Committee welcome as the Convention Committee Chair, and introduced Birmingham as the Magic City, a microcosm of the unique challenges and struggles we continue to face as a multicultural society. She explained that events taking place at the convention center on the convention theme, “Leaders for Tumultuous Times” and the service project, “Sock-It-To-Me Sock Drive.” The committee presented four giant socks that would be awarded to those participating in the drive. She acknowledged all sock drive participants who stood to a round of applause. A local agency would receive socks and money collected at the convention in addition. The Birmingham Urban League would receive a donor match of 500 pairs of socks from the sale of the Alpha Chi argyle socks to be used in their Workforce Readiness program. Anthony Sarmiento conducted a chapter roll call of the 50 represented chapters who stood when their names were announced, wearing their school colors. Marquesa Calderon and Breanna Tonkery led special shoutouts for 1st convention, alumni, reactivated chapters, advisors attending 1st convention, and anyone who has ever attended a convention. Dr. Cade acknowledged the three outgoing student regional representatives, Aislinn Beak (Region II), Kianté Stuart (Region IV) and Lauren Pribyl (Region VI). Lauren Pribyl delivered a Land Acknowledgement statement. Dr. Cade introduced Alpha Chi’s Executive Director, Lara Noah, who welcomed attendees and introduced the remaining student representatives, Anthony Sarmiento (Region I), Breanna Tonkery (Region III), Lindsey Morais (Region V), and Marquesa Calderon (Region VII). Representatives Calderon, Tonkery, and Sarmiento outlined the schedule for the remaining time on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday including Regional Meetings, Trivia Night, Member Presentations, Collaborative Research Competition, speaker T. K. Thorne, and the Honors Banquet. Ms. Noah acknowledged all of the National Council members, regional officers, judges, and moderators.
3. At 7:45 p.m., Regional Mixers took place in separate rooms in the BJCC. Regions played the game, “The Important Questions of Life,” as an icebreaker and conducted regional business.
4. The opening day of the convention ended with the Alpha Chi Trivia Night in the East M Room beginning at 8:30 p.m. hosted by the Regional Student Representatives. Participants enjoyed refreshments and prizes while answering Alpha Chi and sock trivia.
5. Friday, April 4 began with a Regional Meeting breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Each region met separately to conduct their regional officer elections.
6. Member Presentations Session 1 began at 8:40 a.m. in various meeting rooms which included oral presentations by academic disciplines of American History, British Literature, Education, Chemistry, Psychology, Music, and Political Science.
7. The first of three Dr. Trisha Yarbrough Collaborative Student Research Competition sessions began at 10:10a.m. in the East M Room with teams from Fresno Pacific University (California Zeta), Mars Hill University (North Carolina Epsilon) and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (Texas Beta) chapters presenting their projects. Dr. Kathi Vosevich introduced the competition, consisting of a 12-20-page paper submission, poster, and presentation, centered on the convention theme, which was “Leadership for Tumultuous Times.” Nine entrants were received this year to compete for the first-place award of \$5000 and the second-place award of \$2500.
8. At 11:30 a.m., also in the East M Room, Dr. Bonita Cade introduced the Keynote Speaker, T. K. Thorne and her award-winning books. In her address entitled, “Birmingham: Eye of the Storm,” Ms. Thorne described her years growing up in Montgomery, Alabama, and childhood dreams of becoming an astronaut. She eventually earned a master’s degree in social work, then became a police officer. While she began writing at age 10, she would not publish books until after retiring from the police force. One of her former colleagues was an investigator who reopened the Birmingham church bombing case, inspiring her to put her police hat back on to write the book, *Behind the Magic Curtain: Secrets, Spies, and Unsung White Allies of Birmingham’s Civil Rights Days*. The term Magic City came from Birmingham being a boomtown because of its natural resources of coal, limestone, and iron all needed to produce steel. The South made Jim Crow laws to separate and suppress the Black community, and keep mining wages low. She explained that it took eight years to write *Behind the Magic Curtain*, which told many of the hidden stories that

occurred during the 1960s, including White people who were ostracized from their neighborhoods and businesses, and sometimes lost their jobs for speaking out against discrimination, and the religious organizations and undercover police who tried to prevent the horrible occurrences. She noted that sometimes unpredictable serendipity changes history. For example, she discussed the refusal of Bull Connor to leave office and his attempt to tamp down the Children's March in Birmingham leading to negative press coverage with his use of dogs and fire hoses on the children, followed not long after with the church bombing that killed four children. These events led to the end of Jim Crow laws and the 1964 Civil Rights Act. After the address, Ms. Thorne answered questions and signed books for convention delegates.

9. At 12:30 p.m., convention participants were encouraged to visit at least one of several historical sites: Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, 16th Street Baptist Church, Bethel Baptist Church, Temple Beth-El, and Kelly-Ingram Park & Civil Rights Trail. Tickets to the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church were made available to attendees free of charge with advance reservation.
10. Participants reconvened at 4:30 p.m. in the East M Room for a Meaningful Experiences Debriefing, facilitated by members of the National Council. Individuals who visited one or more historical sites met in small groups to discuss their visits and how going to the sites contributed to their learning experiences.
11. The second of three Dr. Trisha Yarbrough Collaborative Student Research Competition sessions began at 5:30 p.m. in the East M Room with teams from Westminster College (Missouri Delta), Hawaii Pacific University (Hawaii Beta), and Gardner-Webb University (North Carolina Zeta) presenting their projects to the convention attendees.
12. The Alpha Chi Honors Dinner took place in the East N Room on Friday evening at 6:45 p.m. During the meal, Katie Holmes recognized the following advisors for their service to Alpha Chi: For 10 years of service were Dr. Rebekah Crowe from Wayland Baptist University (Texas Alpha Eta) and Dr. Jennifer Huddleston from Abilene Christian University (Texas Psi). For 20 years of service were Dr. Bonita Cade from Roger Williams University (Rhode Island Alpha) and Dr. Jessica Henry from Hastings College (Nebraska Alpha). Ms. Holmes recognized Dr. Stacy Patty from Lubbock Christian University who will be retiring.

Dr. Cowan presented the region-nominated Distinguished Service Awards to: Dr. Paula Williamson, Texas State University, Region I; Prof. Leslie DeArman, Southern Methodist University, Region II; Mary Jackson, Milligan University, Region III; Dr. Steve Hoekstra, Kansas Wesleyan University, Region IV; Dr. Ruth Nalliah, Huntington University, Region V; Dr. Linda Latimer, Post University, Region VI; and Dr. Breanna Naegeli, Grand Canyon University, Region VII.

Lara Noah recognized Tim Brown from Brown's Graduation Supplies for his long-standing commitment to Alpha Chi by providing graduation supplies, jewelry, and ceremonial items. Brown's contributed thousands of dollars to Alpha Chi over the years through contributing a portion of their sales to the organization and also established an endowed convention prize in the area of Communication. Mr. Brown stepped forward to receive a commemorative award for this 43-year partnership.

13. The last of three Dr. Trisha Yarbrough Collaborative Student Research Competition sessions began at 8:00 p.m. in the East M Room with teams from Missouri Western State University (Missouri Lambda), Grand Canyon University (Arizona Alpha), and Abilene Christian University (Texas Psi) presenting their projects to the convention delegates.
14. The conference continued on Saturday, April 6 with Development Sessions and breakfast. Delegates could participate in one or more of the following sessions: Academic Honors Societies vs. Student Benefits Companies hosted by Executive Director Lara Noah; Breaking Perfect: Overcoming Challenges with Resilience led by Breanna Naegeli from the Arizona Alpha chapter; Graduate School Application and Preparation hosted by Natalie Osborne and Ashley Larson of the Arizona Alpha chapter; Idea-Sharing for Chapter Service Projects facilitated by Mica Allen of Indiana Beta and Madison Thomas of North Carolina Epsilon; Improving Invitation Acceptance at Larger Colleges led by Steve Hoekstra of Kansas Delta; and Overcoming Hurdles to Honors for First-Gen Students led by the California Zeta chapter members. These sessions repeated beginning at 8:15 a.m. after a 5-minute break so that delegates could attend more than one session.
15. Member Presentation Session II took place from 9:00 to 10:20 a.m. in various meeting rooms which included oral presentations by academic disciplines of American Literature and Original Poetry, Political Science and World History, Anthropology and Sociology, Health Sciences, World Literature, Education—Pedagogy, Psychology, and Molecular/Cellular Biology.
16. Member Presentation Session III took place from 10:30 to 11:50 a.m. in various meeting rooms which included oral presentations by academic disciplines of Chemistry, Organismal/Ecological Biology and Computer Science/Engineering, Business Management and Communication, Original Fiction, Education Research and Mathematics, American and World History, Philosophy and Religion, and Psychology and Anthropology/Sociology.

17. At 12:00 p.m., delegates were encouraged to get lunch on their own in Birmingham and continue their explorations of Birmingham sites.
18. At 3:30 p.m. regional officers met in the East J Room hosted by the National Council Executive Committee. Beginning at 3:45 p.m. and running concurrently in the East K Room, Regional Student Representatives met for an orientation hosted by the Director of Operations Katie Holmes and various National Council members.
19. The Alpha Chi National Business meeting was called to order by President Linda Cowan on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., in the BJCC East M Meeting Room in Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. Cowan first called attention to the last pages of the amendments handout which showed the significant Bylaws changes the National Council had approved in the last few months and asked the attendees to reflect on these changes and contact the National Office if they had any questions or concerns.

**President's Report.** Dr. Cowan addressed the attendees, noting ways we've all learned, been challenged, and grown. She asked everyone to congratulate each other with a round of applause. She introduced the other Council officers who were elected last year: Dr. Bonita Cade and Dr. Teddi Deka. She noted the increase in the number of National Council meetings (nearly every month). She discussed the development of a Strategic Plan with partner Tom Leonard of Leonard Strategic Advantage. She thanked the individuals who met 17 hours over 9 sessions to develop the strategic plan resulting in a new vision statement, five new values, and seven critical goal categories, and she noted that work on many of the goals was already underway. She announced that next year the national convention will be held virtually and there would be a survey for the best possible times for holding that conference. Dr. Cowan addressed the importance of our ideals.

**Presentation of New Regional Leadership Teams.** Executive Director Lara Noah asked the newly elected regional presidents and vice presidents for the 2024-26 term to stand for recognition.

**Region I**

President: Dr. Erika Nielson Vargas, Texas State University

Vice President: Mrs. Megan Allemand, Abilene Christian University

**Region II**

President: Dr. Myra Houser, Ouachita Baptist University

Vice President: Dr. Jennifer Hicks, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

**Region III**

President: Dr. Laura Steil, Mars Hill University

Vice President: Prof. Michelle Putnam, Lipscomb University

**Region IV**

President: Dr. Kathi Vosevich, Lindenwood University

Vice President: Dr. Justine Pas, Lindenwood University

**Region V**

President: Dr. Joni Lindsey, Lake Superior State University

Vice President: Dr. Tanner Babb, Huntington University

**Region VI**

President: Dr. Graziana D'Elia-Brillante, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Vice President: Dr. Linda Latimer, Post University

**Region VII**

President: Dr. Maria Palaiologou, California State University, Bakersfield

Vice President: Dr. Bre Naegeli, Grand Canyon University

Ms. Noah then acknowledged the outgoing regional presidents and vice presidents and asked them to stand as well. She reported enjoying greater engagement with regional leaders.

Dr. Cowan acknowledged the outgoing Regional Student Representatives Aislinn Beak of Region II, Kianté Stewart of Region IV, and Lauren Pribyl of Region VI. She called up the new student representatives who, in addition to serving their regions, represent their regions on the National Council. The student representatives elected on Friday morning were: Region II's Alexander Robinson from Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Region IV's Nolan Reynolds of Waldorf University, and Region VI's Azsha Ray of Pine Manor College.

Reelected to serve their regions as Secretary-Treasurers were: Dr. Kate Stewart, Region II; Dr. Teddi Deka, Region IV; and Dr. Jackie Kegley, Region VII. Dr. Kip Wheeler was elected to his first term in this office for Region III.

These new regional leaders were then installed by Dr. Cowan into their dual roles on the National Council, followed by a round of applause from delegates attending the meeting.

**Constitutional Voting Session.** Dr. Cowan brought the following amendments to the Alpha Chi *Constitution* to the floor for voting by all voting delegates with their voting cards in hand. The threshold to pass such amendments was a

2/3 affirmative vote of the voting delegates present at the meeting. Delegates were asked to use the microphone in the center of the room, if they had discussion after each motion was presented. Words highlighted in green were additions; words removed were stricken.

#### **Motion 1: Across the Constitution**

Update all instances of the term *sponsor* with the term *advisor* in either the singular or plural form, and capitalize all instances of the word Society when the language refers to Alpha Chi as the organization.

Seeing no discussion on Motion 1, the vote was taken and the motion carried.

#### **Motion 2: Article III, Section 7 (Key and Insignia)**

**Section 7.** The Society shall publish the ~~Alpha Chi Recorder~~ and such other scholarly publications as are approved by the National Council.

Seeing no discussion on Motion 2, the vote was taken and the motion carried.

#### **Motion 3: Article VI (National Officers)**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Society shall be elected by the National Council from its sponsor members and shall consist of a president, a vice president, and a secretary. The term of office of each shall be four years, and officers may be eligible to succeed themselves for only eight additional years. After an interval of two years, former national officers shall be eligible for election again to national office. Officers shall serve until their successors are elected and installed.

The National Council shall appoint an executive director ~~and an archivist whose~~ The work of each shall be reviewed annually in an executive session of the National Council. The executive director shall serve *ex-officio* as a non-voting member of the National Council.

**Section 2.** Duties of the officers.

d. The executive director shall

- (i) Under the direction of the president, issue all certificates of membership upon receipt of correct orders from the chapters of the Society and maintain the membership files of the Society,
- (ii) Receive and care for all revenue accruing to the Society,
- (iii) Make expenditures as authorized by the *Constitution*, and
- (iv) Serve as a non-voting *ex-officio* member of the National Council and the National Executive Committee.
- (v) ~~Serve as or appoint a custodian of the historical records and materials of the Society.~~

~~e. The archivist of the Society, under the direction of the Executive Committee, shall be custodian of the historical records and materials of the Society.~~

Seeing no discussion on Motion 3, the vote was taken and the motion carried.

#### **Motion 4: Article VIII, Section 1 (Regional Organization)**

**Section 1.** ~~Alpha Chi is organizationally divided into geographical regions.~~ The chief governing body of the region shall be the business meeting, held ~~at least~~ annually. Decisions shall be made by the voting delegates from the chapters. Each chapter is allowed one sponsor voting delegate and one student voting delegate, who must be present to vote. The voting delegate shall be the official sponsor of the chapter or a designee, and the student voting delegate shall be elected or otherwise designated by the chapter. Any alumni chapter located in the region is entitled to one voting delegate. All current members and all sponsors of Alpha Chi chapters in the region may attend the business meeting. Any member of the National Council shall have the privilege of attending the regional business meeting and shall have the privilege of the floor.

Seeing no discussion on Motion 4, the vote was taken and the motion carried.

#### **Motion 5: Article IX, Section 1 (New Chapters)**

**Section 1.** To be eligible for consideration for a chapter of the Society, an applicant shall be ~~an~~ ~~four-year~~ institution of higher education and must be a member in good standing of ~~the a~~ regional accrediting association ~~of the territory in which it is located.~~

Discussion: Dr. Tanner Babb noted that many organizations have moved to national accreditors and Alpha Chi may want to consider this.

Motion 5 passed with 2 opposed and 4 abstentions.

**Motion 6: Article X, Section 1 (Individual Membership)**

**Section 1.** A person may be elected to membership in Alpha Chi either as an undergraduate student, a graduate student, or as an honorary member. Good character as well as high scholarship shall be essential qualifications for election. Membership shall be for life, except that it may be forfeited as provided in *Article XIV, Section 4*.

Chapters may not discriminate on any basis prohibited by law. The Society, chapters, and persons associated with either shall not be permitted to apply social pressure on persons to accept membership.

Seeing no discussion on Motion 6, the vote was taken and the motion carried.

The next three motions were presented as one motion and taken seriatim. Discussion on all three motions happened after all motions were presented.

**Motion 7A: Article X, new Section 5 (Individual Membership)**

**Section 5.** Membership in the Society may be suspended or terminated by the National Council for just cause. Sufficient cause for such suspension or termination of membership may include, but is not limited to, a violation of this Constitution, evidence of unethical academic, professional, and/or financial conduct, or any other conduct deemed by the National Council to be contrary to the best interests of the Society. The National Council may adopt such rules as may be necessary to ensure due process to the member. Suspension or termination shall be by a two-thirds vote of the National Council. A member suspended or terminated for just cause shall not be entitled to remittance of dues or fees.

**Motion 7B: Article X, Section 1 (Individual Membership)**

**Section 1.** A person may be elected to membership in Alpha Chi either as an undergraduate student, a graduate student, or as an honorary member. Good character as well as high scholarship shall be essential qualifications for election. Membership shall be for life, except that it may be forfeited as provided in *Article X, Section V* and *Article XIV, Section 4*.

**Motion 7C: Article XIV, Section 3 (Local Chapter Organization)**

~~**Section 3.** Good character and scholarship shall be essential qualifications for membership.~~

Motion 7a Discussion: Lindsey Bennett asked if there would be an opportunity to appeal a suspension or termination and Ms. Noah said there would be an appeal process. Lauren Pribyl, regarding conduct, asked whether the Council as a whole would determine suspension or termination, and the answer from Ms. Noah was yes.

Motion 7b Discussion: Dr. Sean Butler moved to change the Roman numeral V to the Arabic numeral 5 so that the proposed change for Section 1 should read, "Membership shall be for life, except that it may be forfeited as provided in *Article X, Section 5* and *Article XIV, Section 4*." Motion carried.

Dr. Erika Nielson moved to remove the word "either" from the first sentence of Motion 7b, Section 1 so that it would read, "**Section 1.** A person may be elected to membership in Alpha Chi either as an undergraduate student, a graduate student, or as an honorary member." Motion carried.

Seeing no further discussion, the vote was called on Motions 7A-C as amended, and the motion passed.

**Motion 8: Article XIV, Section 4 (Local Chapter Organization)**

**Section 4.** Membership may be forfeited for stated cause by vote of the faculty/administration of the institution concerned and subsequent approval by the National Executive Committee, the regional business meeting, and the National Council. Such member shall be requested to return ~~his~~ **their** certificate of membership and ~~his~~ key to the National Council.

Seeing no discussion on Motion 8, the vote was taken and the motion carried.

**Motion 9: Article XIII, Section 2 (Regional and Chapter Bylaws)**

**Section 2.** Each chapter may adopt such bylaws as are not in conflict with the national *Constitution* or regional bylaws. The regional executive committee **Executive Director** shall have power to approve the bylaws of a local chapter, subject to a right of appeal to the National Executive Committee, with a further right of appeal to the



National Council and to the national convention.

Seeing no discussion on Motion 9, the vote was taken and the motion carried.

**Motion 10: Article XVII, new Section 5 (Amendments)**

**Section 5.** The National Council is authorized to periodically review and edit the *Constitution and Bylaws* for non-substantive editorial changes, such as changes in numbering, capitalizations, or other formatting issues, without requiring a vote of the membership.

Motion 10 Discussion: Marquesa Calderon noted an error when Dr. Cowan read the motion replacing “National Council” with “Executive Committee.” The written motion was correctly presented with “National Council.”

Seeing no further discussion on Motion 10, the vote was taken and the motion carried.

Dr. David Jones of Westminster College moved to adjourn. Hearing no objections, Dr. Cowan adjourned the Business Meeting at 5:37 p.m.

20. The Convention Dinner and Awards Gala commenced at 6:00 p.m. in the East N Room. Executive Director Lara Noah addressed the delegates at 6:15 p.m. describing that Alpha Chi members are called to use their talents, knowledge, and passion to make a positive impact in their communities and in the world.

Ms. Noah presented the first award of the evening, which was the Distinguished Alumni Award, which she described as the highest honor an Alpha Chi member can achieve. This year’s recipient was Dr. Zac Imel, nominated by Westminster College (Missouri Delta). As an Alpha Chi member since 2001, Dr. Imel has had an impressive academic background in Counseling Psychology, publishing 70 peer-reviewed journal articles. Chapter Advisor Dr. David Jones noted the importance of successful therapeutic techniques from Dr. Imel’s research in these times of high stress, anxiety, and depression. Dr. Imel’s address to the convention, entitled, “It’s Relationships All the Way Down,” was delivered via video recording to the convention due to scheduling conflicts. Dr. Imel described his research on stress and relationships. He noted that 53 million people in the U.S. have mental health difficulties and the majority of them do not get help. His research on machine learning technology to review/provide client conversations, and other various technologies have promising futures, but relationships are what really matters, and how individuals build those relationships to benefit the self and others. After the address, Dr. Linda Cowan asked Dr. David Jones to accept the award on behalf of Dr. Imel.

Next, Dr. Teddi Deka described the four chapters who participated in this year’s National Service Initiative, the Sock-It-To-Me Sock Drive. Southeastern Oklahoma State University (Oklahoma Theta) chose to help the Ron Cross Senior Activity Center that serves elderly individuals. Mars Hill University (North Carolina Epsilon) collected socks for a local women’s shelter in Asheville North Carolina called Western Carolina Rescue Ministries and Lotus House. Roger Williams University (Rhode Island Alpha) donated socks to the Providence Rescue Mission which is a non-profit that provides services to all community members in need. Abilene Christian University (Texas Psi) donated men’s socks to the Christian Service Center in Abilene, TX. Each chapter received a custom-made giant Alpha Chi sock for their chapters in recognition of their outstanding service.

Dr. Jessica Henry, chair of the Scholarship Committee, announced the scholarship and fellowship awardees and alternates for the National Scholarship Competitions. These awards will be sent to the recipients in the fall, upon verification of their full-time enrollment.

The recipients of the \$3000 Edwin W. Gaston, Jr. Scholarships for full-time undergraduate study in the fall of 2024 were Emma French from Southwestern University and Caleb Horton from William Carey University. The recipients of the \$2000 Alfred H. Nolle Scholarships for full-time undergraduate study in the fall of 2024 were (alphabetically): Natalie Cuba from Christopher Newport University, Shelby Cumbie from the University of Texas at Tyler, Destiny Forrest from University of Arkansas at Monticello, Chase Foster from Belmont University, Rebecca Luckey from Huntington University, Hettie Peek from Union University, Alessandro Uralati from Hastings College, and Samuel Winburn from Texas State University.

Alternates for the Nolle Scholarships were (in order): 1) Tristan John-Jandles from Grand Canyon University, 2) Ella DuPree from California Baptist University and 3) Scott Casagrande, Mars Hill University.

The recipient of the \$2000 Alfred H. Nolle Cooperative Scholarship for full-time undergraduate study in the fall of 2024 was Jeong Won (Daniel) Chang from Freed-Hardeman University. The alternate for the Nolle Cooperative Scholarship was Katherine Hunter from Lyon College.

The recipients of the \$4000 Robert W. Sledge Fellowships for full-time graduate or professional study in the fall of 2024 were Karla Daniela Salazar Chavira from Grand Canyon University and Ashley Larson from Grand Canyon University. The recipients of the \$3000 H. Y. Benedict Fellowship for full-time graduate or professional study in the fall of 2024 were (alphabetically): Neal Blank from Erskine College, Parker Boone from East Texas

Baptist University, Sarah Crowsey from William Carey University, Piper Desorcie from University of New England, Jordyn Duffy from Hastings College, Sydney Motl from Ouachita Baptist University, Natalie Osborne from Grand Canyon University, and Artemii Udovenko from Missouri Western State University.

Alternates for the Benedict Fellowships were (in order): 1) Charlotte Opris from Nova Southeastern University, 2) Josie Gannon from Freed-Hardeman University, and 3) Hanah Friel from Lipscomb University.

The recipient of the \$2000 H. Y. Benedict Cooperative Fellowship for full-time graduate study in the fall of 2024 was Logan Koehne from University of Indianapolis. The alternate for the Benedict Cooperative Fellowship was Autumn Anderson from Grace College.

The recipient of the Walden S. Freeman Alumni Fellowship of \$4000 for the first or second year of graduate study beyond the baccalaureate degree was awarded to Niqolas Ruud from Grand Canyon University. The recipient of the \$4000 Dennis M. Organ Alumni Fellowship for the first or second year of graduate study beyond the baccalaureate degree was awarded to Alyssa Powers from Belmont University. The alternate for either award was Matisen O'Brien from Lindenwood University.

The recipient of the \$6000 Joseph E. Pryor Fellowship for a student in a doctoral program who has completed at least two years of study was Althea Gordon-Scott from Southeastern University. The alternate was Briana Lay from Carson-Newman University.

The recipient of the Pryor/Organ/Freeman Cooperative Scholarship of \$3000 for a student enrolled in graduate study was Zachary Merhavy from Grand Canyon University.

Dr. Steve Hoekstra announced the student presenters chosen to receive \$100 Convention Presentation Prizes endowed to honor those with strong ties to Alpha Chi. Recipients were asked to stand in place once their name was read by National Council members Steve Hoekstra, Teagan Decker, Dennis Hall, Lindsey Morais and Craig Rogers, and the recipients received a round of applause. These winners were: Ashlee Reed from Abilene Christian University receiving the Brown's Graduation Supplies Prize in Communication, Aubrie Hutson from Abilene Christian University receiving the Suzanne and J. T. Pundt Graduate Student Member Prize, Michaela Zimmerman from Angelo State University receiving the Johnny and Frances Williams Prize in Performing Arts, Jasmine Sirvent from Fresno Pacific University receiving the Robert Blake Prize in British Literature, James Noah Seip from Gardner-Webb University receiving the Patricia Graham Prize in World History, Ada Lawrence from Harding University receiving the Clark Youngblood Prize in Philosophy and Religion, Aaron Nachazel from Lake Superior State University receiving the Patricia A. Williams Prize in Education: Research & Scholarship, Georgia Leonard from Lipscomb University receiving the Walden Freeman Prize in American History, Ann Marie Dell from Southern Methodist University receiving the Dennis M. Organ Alumni Member Prize, Aspen Andersson from University of North Carolina at Pembroke receiving the Margaret A. Fitzgerald Prize in Political Science, Elizabeth Ayers from University of Tennessee Southern receiving the Patricia A. Williams Prize in Education: Pedagogy, Olivia Word from University of Tennessee Southern receiving the Bill Short Prize in World Literature, Shelby Cumbie from University of Texas at Tyler receiving the Joseph E. and Bessie Mae Pryor Prize in Chemistry, Hannah Meyer from Waldorf University receiving the Thelma Hall Prize in Creative Writing, Abigail Farnsworth from West Liberty University receiving the Avery Grenfell Church Prize in Anthropology & Sociology, Tiffany Sites from West Liberty University receiving the Alexander Bendazzi and Strayer University Prize in Art, Music, and Dance Papers, Madelyn Logan from West Liberty University receiving the Bonnie Revelle Prize in Molecular & Cellular Biology, and Lauren Halamicek from Westminster College receiving the Mary Waterstreet Prize in Psychology.

Next, Dr. Linda Cowan announced the winner of the President's Cup for the Outstanding Alpha Chi Chapter of the Year. The winner receives a trophy and \$200 honorarium as a testament to their exceptional achievements. This year's recipient was Grand Canyon University (Arizona Alpha) who were described by the selection committee as hosting lively and interactive on-campus activities, having numerous students attending and presenting at Alpha Chi National Conventions, and great numbers of social media and college news articles highlighting chapter activities.

Next, Ms. Noah announced the winners of the Dr. Trisha Yarbrough Collaborative Research Team Competition. Placing first in the competition and winning the \$5000 prize was Missouri Western State University (Missouri Lambda) for the project titled, "Artificial Intelligence and Selective Exposure: Generating a Public Perception." Placing second in the competition and winning a \$2500 prize was Fresno Pacific University (California Zeta) for the project titled, "Derailed: Embedded Contradictions in California's High-Speed Rail."

Jaycie Birdwell, national's Administrative Support Specialist, then presented the photo contest winners, each receiving a pair of the AX argyle socks: for "Presenters or Poster Pics" was Katalina Inzunza Herrera from Grand Canyon University; for "Group During Convention Events" was Ishika Agarwal from West Liberty

University; for “Delegates at Historic Sites” was Megan Allemand from Abilene Christian University; in “Creative Chapter Dining” the winner was Dr. Bre Naegeli from Grand Canyon University; in “Chapter Duos” was Lauren Pribyl from Franklin Pierce University; and the winning photo for “Creative Perspectives” was submitted by Rebecca Luckey from Huntington University.

Dr. Cowan closed the convention by thanking several individuals for their contributions to the convention and reminding delegates to continue making scholarship effective for good.

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

## 2024 National Council Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome and Plenary I Call to Order.** On Thursday April 4, 2024, Dr. Linda Cowan, President of the National Council, convened the first plenary of the Alpha Chi National Council at 9:20 a.m. in the Sheraton Ballroom I at the Sheraton Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama. Members present were President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Deka, Executive Director Lara Noah (ex officio), Director of Operations Katie Holmes (advisory), Marquesa Calderon, Teagan Decker, Dennis Hall, Jessica Henry, Steve Hoekstra, Jackie Kegley, Lindsey Morais, Jodi Pilgrim, Lauren Pribyl, Craig Rogers, Anthony Sarmiento, Kate Stewart, Kiante Stuart, Breanna Tonkery, and Kip Wheeler (quorum met). Absent members were Aislinn Beak, Myra Houser, Ken LaSota.
2. **Approval of Consent Agenda.** Dr. Cowan asked for approval of the March 2023 National Council Minutes and the 2023 Executive Committee Minutes. No corrections. Dr. Kegley motions to approve. Approved. Motion to approve the 2024 Council meeting agenda by Dr. Rogers. No additions. Approved.
3. **President’s Report.** Dr. Cowan thanked the National Council for their considerable work this year, holding monthly meetings. The National Council, Executive Committee, and National Office worked on constitutional and bylaws amendments, fundraising on the federal level, held the first national induction ceremony (online), and hosted advisor meet-ups, Chapters Connect events, and meetings with new and reactivated chapters. Much was accomplished. Where we are headed: Potential collaborative retreats in Summer, 2025. Future discussions for strategic planning: council structure, student leadership, regional leadership and structure, cost-savings, corporate-educational partnerships, targeted offerings to our graduate school students, better use of our technology, publications, and planning the virtual convention for 2025.
4. **Strategic Planning Committee Report.** Dr. Cowan thanked the individuals who served on the Strategic Planning Committee, including regional leadership, resulting in a dynamic, ambitious and practical plan that we can utilize throughout the next two years. Regional leadership also participated, and she thanked them for their fabulous input. Tom Leonard, our strategic planning consultant. We will have a meeting on 4/22/24 from 4-6 p.m. Eastern, and Dr. Cowan reminded the Council to review the Strategic Plan.
5. **Executive Committee Report.** Dr. Cowan thanked Drs. Bonita Cade and Teddi Deka, who met in monthly Executive Committee meetings and did additional work for our state-wide charitable donation status and attended the summer 2023 Executive Committee meeting in Birmingham.
6. **Executive Director’s Report.** Ms. Noah presented her report to the Executive Committee in January 2024, which was also presented to the National Council in the Council Google Drive. Ms. Noah highlighted her re-election as the Vice President of ACHS, an outreach mailing resulting in applications for new chapters, working more closely with the regions, strategic planning, and changes in the National Office which included hiring a new Administrative Support Specialist and seeking services from an association management company instead of replacing the Communications Manager vacancy, to flexibly meet the needs of Alpha Chi. After consulting with the Executive Committee, she initiated a one-year contract with the Redstone Agency. Ms. Noah reported that we came in under budget this year and exceeded last year’s projection for new members. Ms. Noah notes that our future involves considerable thought about the 2026 convention, while making the most of the 2025 virtual convention, and that an evaluation at the end of this conference will help us understand what people prefer about in-person conferences.
7. **Director of Operations’ Report.** Ms. Holmes made her report available to the National Council in the Council Drive. Other tasks this year included coordinating the move to a new office, hiring the Administrative Support Specialist,

convention planning, chapter support, scholarship coordination, serving as production editor for *Aletheia*, and service on the ACHS public information committee.

8. **Audit & Finance Committee Report.** Dr. Deka reported that the Audit and Finance Committee received and approved the audit and 990 informational return for 2022 which was approved by the National Council in the August 2023 meeting, reviewed the proposed budget for 2024, which included this convention, as well as the status of the endowment.
  - a. The Audit and Finance Committee recommended accepting the proposed budget for the remainder of 2024 and that a 4% pay-raise for all staff members of the National Office be implemented beginning September 1 upon approval by the National Council in Executive Session. Dr. Hoekstra moved to divide the question into two motions. Motion carried.
  - b. Motion 1 read: The Audit and Finance Committee recommends accepting the proposed budget for the remainder of 2024, and Motion 2 read: The Audit and Finance Committee recommends a 4% pay-raise for all staff members of the National Office be implemented beginning September 1 upon approval by the National Council in Executive Session. Hearing no discussion on Motion 1, the motion carried. Motion 2 was tabled until after the Executive Session.
9. **Awards & Honors Committee Report.** Dr. Kegley reported on two close applications and recommended Grand Canyon University for the President's Cup. Dr. Kegley praised them for their efforts in continually increasing their membership.

The Honors and Awards Committee recommended that the President's Cup be awarded to Grand Canyon University. Discussion: None. Motion carried.
10. **Chapter Development Committee Report.** Dr. Hoekstra asked National Council members to contact him or Ms. Holmes if they wanted to be involved in contacting recently dormant chapters or become mentors or ambassadors to chapters. Dr. Hoekstra expressed future efforts to boost attendance at Chapter Connect events, increase training for chapters and support chapter advisors to improve acceptance rates.
11. **Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report.** Dr. Hoekstra reported that the proposed constitutional and bylaw changes this year will bring us up to date and manage membership. The National Council already approved these bylaw changes, and the constitutional amendments will be voted upon on the convention floor Friday. Other issues brought up this year focused on regional engagement and the National Council committee structure in light of the new Strategic Plan. The committee also plans to increase engagement with chapters that cannot attend in-person conventions and voting.
12. **Convention Committee Report.** Dr. Cade reported on the committee's efforts on the Sock-It-To-Me Sock Drive, students hosting trivia night, speaker T.K. Thorne, and student activities related to civil rights including facilitating the Meaningful Experiences debriefing sessions for students returning from their activities. Ms. Noah added that argyle socks were developed for the convention and available for \$10 a pair. The sock company donated one pair for each sock ordered, and the donations amounted to 500 pairs donated to the Birmingham Urban League. This year's conference included 185 attendees, 51 chapters, several alumni, 84 student presentations, and 9 collaborative research teams.
13. **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Report.** Dr. Kegley highlighted the meaningful nature of the conference to DEI. Dr. Hoekstra added that there will be sign-ups for discussing T.K. Thorne's book through a Chapters Connect event possibly this summer or early fall.
14. **Membership & Expansion Committee Report.** Dr. Pilgrim reported that the committee is fairly new, and their charges overlapped with the Chapter Development Committee, which did the brunt of Membership and Expansion work this year.
15. **Publications Committee Report.** Dr. Wheeler reported that *Aletheia* was still running smoothly, but progress was more affected for *Kalo* due to the Communications Manager vacancy. The committee recommended creating a shared folder where committee members could upload video files or interviews for *Kalo* and encouraged regional presidents to submit information about students doing cool things for publication in *Kalo*.
16. **Scholarship Committee Report.** Dr. Henry thanked the committee members and the national office and read the names of the scholarship recipients for this year that will be presented at the closing gala.
  - a. The Scholarship Committee moved that the annual fund of \$1000 currently given to each of the seven regions for Spring awards be modified to Fall awards in the same amount but focused on the theme of "Making Scholarship Effective for Good" with a streamlined application process. Discussion: the committee thinks of it as an award rather than a scholarship. It would be more of a personal essay or plan instead of work from one's field. Each region does something different, and it would actually

create more consistency and give students opportunities to apply for an award that is not tied to their personal research. Deka moved to table until after the regions had a chance to discuss the idea. The motion to table carried.

- b. The Scholarship Committee moved that the national scholarship recipients be allowed to be part-time students in the fall after the awards are selected instead of only giving awards to full-time students. Discussion: Part-time students are increasing, tend to be non-traditional and minority students, and may have more financial difficulties. Some graduate programs are only part-time. Motion carried.
  - c. The Scholarship Committee asked that regional officers be encouraged to invite their advisors to a virtual meeting in the fall right after the national office announces the scholarship competition (this would generally be in early October). The committee also recommends strengthening the wording of the scholarship rules to specify that submissions should not exceed 25 pages of text, not including references, works cited, appendices, charts, graphs, or images. Papers that exceed that limit will not be considered.
17. **Executive Session.** The National Council met with no National Office staff present to discuss the Executive Director annual evaluation process and the National Office salaries.
  18. **Plenary I Adjournment.** Dr. Cowan adjourned Plenary I at 1:00 p.m. on Thu., April 4.
  19. **Plenary II Called to Order.** Plenary II was called to order at 8:05 p.m. on Sat., April 6, 2024. Members present were President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Deka, Executive Director Lara Noah (ex officio), Director of Operations Katie Holmes (advisory), Aislinn Beak, Marquesa Calderon, Teagan Decker, Dennis Hall, Jessica Henry, Steve Hoekstra, Jackie Kegley, Lindsey Morais, Jodi Pilgrim, Lauren Pribyl, Nolan Reynolds, Craig Rogers, Anthony Sarmiento, Kate Stewart, Kiante Stuart, Breanna Tonkery, and Kip Wheeler (quorum met). Absent were Myra Houser and Ken LaSota.
  20. **National Council Member Recognition.** Dr. Cowan recognized regional student representatives Lauren Pribyl, Kiante Stuart, and Aislinn Beak who finished serving their terms on the National Council. In addition, Dr. Cowan recognized Dr. Ken LaSota, who completed twelve years as Region VI Secretary-Treasurer and asked all to send emails thanking him for his long-time service on the National Council.
  21. **Audit and Finance Committee Follow-up.** Dr. Deka re-introduced the committee's motion to recommend a 4% raise for all staff members of the National Office to be implemented beginning September 1 upon approval by the National Council in Executive Session. This motion was approved in executive session.
  22. **At-Large Vacancy.** Dr. Hoekstra raised that we currently have an at-large vacancy since Dr. Wheeler was elected Region III Secretary-Treasurer. The last at-large vote will need to be examined and offered to the next person with a three-year commitment.
  23. **Scholarship Committee Follow-Up.** Dr. Henry moved to bring back their tabled motion that the annual fund of \$1000 currently given to six of the seven regions for Spring awards be modified to Fall awards in the same amount but focused on the theme of "Making Scholarship Effective for Good" with a streamlined application process. The motion was brought forward. Discussion on the original motion was that regions were favorable of the overall concept. There was some confusion about whether the funds would be grant money for doing service or an award. Dr. Cowan asked the Scholarship Committee to reconsider the motion and bring it forward again at the next virtual Council meeting. Nolan Reynolds moved to table the motion for now. Dr. Hoekstra then moved to reconsider the motion and refer the motion back to the Scholarship Committee instead of tabling the motion. The motion to send the motion back to the committee passed.
  24. **Regional Reports.** Each regional Secretary-Treasurer reported on the events occurring in their regions and at their regional meetings. Their reports will appear in the minutes of the business meeting of each region. The secretary-treasurers who provided reports for their regions were as follows: Region I, Dennis Hall; Region II, Kate Stewart; Region III, Kip Wheeler; Region IV, Teddi Deka; Region V, Craig Rogers; and Region VII, Jackie Kegley. All reports were accepted.
  25. **Announcements.** Dr. Cowan requested that Council members email her with any thoughts about the convention, as well as any agenda items for the next virtual Council meeting. She announced that the next strategic plan progress meeting will be on April 22 at 3:00 p.m. Central.
  26. **Plenary II Adjournment.** Dr. Cade motioned to adjourn. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. on April 6.

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

## Alpha Chi Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** The Executive Committee gathered in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 10-12, 2024. Present were President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Deka, Executive Director Lara Noah, and Director of Operations Katie Holmes. Dr. Cowan called the meeting to order on July 11 at 9:09 a.m.
2. **Announcements.** These minutes will be approved at the next Council meeting. Ms. Noah explained that the Virtual Meeting Minutes Book came about by consolidating all of the minutes from the virtual meetings over the year which were condensed primarily to the motions to publish in the *Proceedings Recorder*.
  - a. 2024 National Convention Minutes are ready for NC approval at next meeting
  - b. April NC Minutes are ready for NC approval at next Council meeting
  - c. Virtual Meeting Minutes Book, 2023-24 is ready for review before fall publication
3. **2024 Convention Feedback.** The EC discussed the feedback. Right now, we have a shortage of judges and a focus on competition. Some ideas floated included eliminating convention prizes and judging and focusing on learning from others, graduate students as judges, and opportunities for feedback from the judges, having students submit a recorded presentation early if they want to be considered for a convention prize with the expectation of presenting at the convention. Increasing student engagement such as getting into graduate school, resume building, interview techniques (mock interviews with alumni), professional attire, global travel, grad fair, and recording judge and moderator instructions to watch before the convention.
4. **2025 Convention Planning.** Ms. Noah suggested four tracks of convention offerings: alumni, graduate students, undergraduates, and advisors/officers. Each day may have a focus on one or two of these tracks. Every person might not attend each day.
  - a. The EC reviewed the 2021 virtual convention survey results.
  - b. Platforms for virtual convention: Possibilities like CVENT, Gatherly, OpenWater: These platforms were suggested by Ms. Holmes which provide a website, zoom meeting invites, etc. Ms. Holmes said that feedback suggests students do not want Zoom. Ms. Holmes showed the platform Gatherly. For this platform, people set up their own icon which can move into different rooms (parlors). Individuals can join sessions or spaces which would be good for networking and breakout sessions. People can be pulled out of their meeting spaces for announcements or general sessions. The site would be a good interactive site for the convention, but we could still use a platform to evaluate the scholarships and presentations. Ms. Holmes recommends OpenWater, which handled all of the 2021 convention, but she'll investigate other companies who could handle this aspect since this would involve additional fees.
  - c. Registration fees: The fee needs to cover the platform cost and speakers. \$50 was discussed; no decision was made.
  - d. Marketing direct to members (in addition to the usual chapter marketing): If we go with the four tracks, Ms. Noah believed we could market more effectively.
5. **2026 & Future Conventions**
  - a. RFPs for 2026 being sent to: DC, Little Rock, Kansas City, and Knoxville. A city added for consideration was Orlando.
  - b. Other considerations: The EC discussed whether national conventions should take place annually, every other year, or alternate in-person with virtual.

The meeting was recessed at 11:30 a.m. and resumed at 2:30 p.m.

6. **National Council Committee Charges, Chairs, Procedures, Forms.**
  - a. Ms. Holmes reported that most of the COIs were received from the NC, and she will follow up with the individuals who are missing. The national office will seek to update the conflict of interest form since some are confused by it.
  - b. Board Governance Policies/Procedures: The National Office will draft a gift acceptance policy. The NC will be asked to approve revised and new policies sometime this year.
  - c. Constitution & Bylaws Issues:
    - i. Council Size and/or Configuration Discussion: There are currently eight at-large council members. Ms. Noah indicated that if the Council is still considering a reduction in board size, that one way would be to remove one slate of four at-large members, leaving four at-large members in addition to the 14 regionally elected seats. We will want to discuss that idea with a

parliamentarian. We currently have one at-large vacancy. The Constitution indicates that the NC may appoint another person to fulfill this open position. Council policy is that the candidate who received the next highest vote in the previous election would be offered the position. The NC will vote soon on whether this vacancy will be filled. Currently, our NC is larger than other similar honor societies which can be unwieldy and costly. However, the downside to reducing it would be fewer members to complete needed committee work. Opening up Council committees to non-NC members is also a possibility if the Council size were to be reduced. Ms. Noah mentioned that an alternative to reduction would be to reduce the reimbursement of convention attendance expenses. Dr. Cowan suggested the idea of limiting reimbursement to just travel and housing. This question will go to the Audit and Finance Committee for discussion. Ms. Holmes mentioned there are companies we could use that provide a limited selection of flights to choose from that would allow AX to better control and cover the costs up front. She will investigate.

- ii. **Student Representation:** Dr. Cowan raised the other issue of student representation on the Council. We want to protect them from the fiduciary responsibilities which every Council member bears. One idea would be to have a separate student council, advisory board, or student government. Dr. Cowan will set up a meeting with the student representatives for feedback. Ms. Noah will review the Constitution and other similar societies to investigate this indemnity issue. Any proposed constitutional change would need to be approved by the Council by January.
- iii. **Regional Officers:** Any changes to roles of regional officers, such as which regional officer should be on the Council going forward, was referred to the Strategic Planning Committee. The officers agreed on the idea that a constitutional revision should be pursued so that regional Presidents instead of Secretary-Treasurers serve the dual role on the Council. The terms of regional officers should also be examined since our Presidents currently serve a two-year term, and the Secretary-Treasurers can serve up to three four-year terms.

7. **Status of Strategic Plan.** The next meeting is July 22 @ 4:00 p.m. Eastern. Dr. Cowan suggested the Strategic Planning Committee review the Progress Tracker in the upcoming meeting.
8. **Upcoming NC Elections.** Four at-large positions are up for election in 2025 (3 can be reelected; 1 is terming out). Four student rep positions are up for election in 2025.
9. **Member Demographics Report.** Ms. Holmes provided the EC with registration history and demographics for this year so far as compared to previous years. It will be close but may still be possible that we will meet our goal for the year. Ms. Holmes plans on reaching out to our colleges that have graduate students but have not invited them to address specific challenges to inviting graduate students.
10. **Finances:** Ms. Noah reported the completed annual draw from our investment fund was undercalculated in the approved budget; it was about \$12,000 short because she did not use the new calculation of a 3-year average of the investment fund value per our newer investment policy. She would like permission to go ahead and draw down the difference, if needed before the end of the year. Dr. Dekka recommended referring this to the Audit and Finance Committee. So far, we are good with our budget and expenses and will save some money with the office move back to the Shackleford building. The last item for discussion was the request for a donation to ACHS to offset legal fees it incurred when it was recently pulled into a lawsuit between two non-ACHS honor societies. No donation was approved, but it will be discussed at the next Council meeting.
11. **AX Store Progress.** The new online store with Award Concepts is being built, and the remaining inventory from Brown's has been received in the office. Graduation regalia will be available in September. They produce many items in-house and should be able to act quickly.
12. **Redstone Related Updates.**
  - a. **Onboarding:** Onboarded in late April with five deliverables so far: three *Aletheia* submissions drafted in template; two chapter logos created: Ms. Noah reported that Redstone audited our social media, suggesting improvements to our website and social media. Redstone is creating templates to make it easier to plug information in when needed. Everything needs to have connection to our mission and messaging which will focus more on our benefits rather than content for content's sake. More member testimonials and putting out calls for student videos have been suggested. Member benefits information on the website needs to be repurposed for social media.
  - b. **Kalo:** The template for *Kalo* is being transferred from Canva to InDesign. One idea is possibly having students take a more involved role with *Kalo* so it is more of a student-produced magazine.
  - c. **Fundraising:** Ms. Noah reported a new person being assigned to us from Redstone that will lead to a fundraising plan.

13. **Executive Committee Meetings.** Virtual meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. Eastern beginning August 7. Council meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. Eastern beginning August 20.

Dr. Cowan recessed the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The meeting reconvened on July 12 at 8:28 a.m.

14. **Strategic Plan Status.** Ms. Noah shared progress with the EC who enjoyed a long discussion about the plan. Ms. Noah will report the updates during the next Strategic Planning meeting and invite discussion. Dr. Cade left the meeting at 9:29 a.m., and the meeting continued with Dr. Cowan, Dr. Deka, Ms. Noah, and Ms. Holmes.
15. **Discussion.** Dr. Cowan asked us to consider, for long range purposes, going to a smaller venue in a smaller city for conferences. Dr. Deka mentioned that we will need to attract students to the venue. Is there a relationship between an active advisor and convention attendance? Are there vibrant chapters that don't come to the conference? Dr. Cowan recommends surveying those chapter advisors and putting our energy where the survey leads us. We have new Strategic Planning Committee members, so the upcoming progress meeting will help them familiarize themselves with our new plan and process.

Hearing no further business, Dr. Cowan adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

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

## **National Council Virtual Meeting Minutes Book August 2023 through March 2024**

### **Council Meeting Minutes: 08/15/2023, 5 pm ET, Zoom**

#### **Board Members:**

*Present:* President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Deka, Marquesa Calderon, Teagan Decker, Dennis Hall, Jessica Henry, Steve Hoekstra, Myra Houser, Jackie Kegley, Ken LaSota, Lindsey Morais, Jodi Pilgrim, Anthony Sarmiento, Kate Stewart, Kianté Stuart, Breanna Tonkery, and Kip Wheeler.

*Absent:* Aislinn Beak, Craig Rogers

*Quorum present?* Yes

#### **Others Present:**

Lara Noah, Exec. Director; Katie Holmes, Dir. of Operations; George Kantelis, Comm. Mgr.

#### **Proceedings:**

- *Meeting called to order at:* 5:02 pm by President Cowan.
- *Minutes approval/s:* none
- *Reports:*
  - a. Executive Director Noah: Due to the Little Rock tornado in March, the office needed to relocate. A new suite was secured at 2020 W. 3rd St., Suite 320, Little Rock, AR 72205. The phone number remains 800-477-4225. Administrative Support Specialist Ka'Shayla Banks resigned to start graduate school, and Jaycie Birdwell was hired to begin in August.
  - b. Director of Operations Holmes reviewed monies received from governmental COVID support, which were full PPP Loan forgiveness of \$43,300 in 2021 and an Employee Retention Credit of \$58,863 received in July 2023.
  - c. At the summer meeting of the Executive Committee, it was proposed for the Council to start meeting monthly via zoom to keep business moving throughout the year. Dr. Cowan asked committee chairs to forward any motions to both her and Ms. Noah in advance of each monthly meeting so they can appear on the agenda. Progress reports can also be sent to appear on the agenda.
- *Motions from Audit & Finance Committee:*



- a. The Committee recommended approval of the society's professional audit. In support of the comments provided in the Audit Report, the committee further recommends that the national office, executive committee, and all committees review and suggest ways to minimize expenses and increase revenue with consideration toward member benefits. Motion carried.
  - b. The Committee recommended the following amounts for travel and housing grants for approved delegates to the 2024 convention: Travel Grants of \$150 each for air travel (\$600 max) or \$75 each for a delegate driving (\$300 max); and Housing Grants of \$100 each for one to three booked rooms of approved delegates for up to three nights each (\$900 max). Motion carried.
- *Motions from Executive Committee:*
    - a. The Committee recommended the Bank Resolution as distributed be approved to add the NC Secretary to Alpha Chi's fiduciary accounts as per Bylaw 4c (ii and iv). Motion carried.
    - b. The Committee recommended 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. Motion carried.
    - c. The Committee recommended the formal dissolution of the chapter at Texas A&M University-Commerce as per the university president's written request on July 27, 2023, that included the return of \$4,265.73 in local chapter funds. Motion carried.

President Cowan adjourned the meeting at 5:59 pm ET.  
Minutes were submitted by Secretary Dr. Teddi Dekka.

### **Council Meeting Minutes: 09/18/2023, 5 pm ET, Zoom**

#### **Board Members:**

*Present:* President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Dekka, Teagan Decker, Dennis Hall, Jessica Henry, Steve Hoekstra, Jackie Kegley, Ken LaSota, Lindsey Morais, Jodi Pilgrim, Anthony Sarmiento, Kate Stewart, Kianté Stuart, Breanna Tonkery, and Kip Wheeler

*Absent:* Aislinn Beak, Marquesa Calderon, and Craig Rogers

*Quorum present?* Yes

#### **Others Present:**

Lara Noah, Exec. Director; Katie Holmes, Dir. of Operations; George Kantelis, Comm. Mgr.

#### **Proceedings:**

- *Meeting called to order at:* 5:00 pm ET by President Cowan
- *Minutes approval/s:* Approval of August 2023 Council Meeting Minutes. Jackie Kegley moves to approve. No corrections. Approved.
- *Reports:*
  - a. Executive Director Noah: Individuals on the Strategic Planning committee should have received materials in the mail and are asked to reply to the request for available meeting times. Sessions will also be recorded.
  - b. Executive Director Noah: The 2023 Proceedings Recorder is available online. The EC minutes begin at p. 12. Note, the Professional Audit will no longer be included; a link to the public inspection copy of our 990 will take its place (p. 15).
- *Motions from Constitution & Bylaws Committee:*
  - a. The Constitution & Bylaws Committee recommends editorial changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, replacing references of chapter "sponsor" to "advisor" throughout. Motion carried.
- *Motions from Publications Committee:*
  - a. The Publications Committee recommends that a call for a faculty editor for Kalo be immediately conducted and that a budget item for up to \$1,500 per completed issue annually be made available to said faculty editor. This change was approved by the Audit and Finance Committee. Jackie Kegley moves for approval. Motion carried.

President Cowan adjourned the meeting at 5:47 pm ET.  
Minutes were submitted by Secretary Dr. Teddi Dekka.

## **Council Meeting Minutes: 11/16/2023, 5 pm ET, Zoom**

### **Board Members:**

*Present:* President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Deka, Teagan Decker, Dennis Hall, Jessica Henry, Steve Hoekstra, Myra Houser, Ken LaSota, Jodi Pilgrim, Kate Stewart, Kiante Stuart, and Kip Wheeler.

*Absent:* Aislinn Beak, Marquesa Calderon, Jackie Kegley, Lindsey Morais, Lauren Pribyl, Craig Rogers, Anthony Sarmiento, and Breanna Tonkery.

*Quorum present?* Yes

### **Others Present:**

Lara Noah, Exec. Director; Katie Holmes, Dir. of Operations; Jaycie Birdwell, Admin. Support Specialist

### **Proceedings:**

- *Meeting called to order at:* 5:01 pm ET by President Cowan
- *Minutes approval/s:* Dr. Cowan asks for approval of the September 16, 2023, Council minutes. No corrections; approved.
- *Reports:*
  - a. *Sock-It-To-Me Sock Drive:* Dr. Bonita Cade, chair of the Convention Committee introduced this year's national service project encouraging sock donations while working with agencies at the global, national, regional or local levels. Participating chapters can submit descriptions of their donation activities for recognition at this year's convention. Please submit "sock trivia" to any of the student representatives for the convention's trivia night.
  - b. *Chapter Reactivations:* Ms. Holmes reports that 11 chapters emerged from dormancy this year, thanks to the work of the Chapter Development Committee who reached out to dormant chapters.
  - c. *Fall New Member Update:* Ms. Noah reports we had the highest October and November new members joining since 2021.
  - d. *Strategic Planning Update:* Ms. Noah reports that we have about 10 people at each Strategic Planning meeting. The committee defined a mission and critical goal objectives and is now generating steps to achieve the goals.
  - e. *Endowment Fund Report:* Ms. Noah reports that the endowment fund report was sent to the Audit and Finance Committee and is available in the National Council Google Drive. While the endowment has not grown this year, the goal is to reduce costs and increase revenue to curtail drawing 5% which has occurred yearly in recent years. Reducing housing and travel grants and adding donations will be ways to help grow the endowment in the future. The money market account of \$100,000 will be reinvested into fixed income.
  - f. *Expansion Mailing:* Ms. Noah reports that 750 mailers, with 200 receiving a larger package, resulted in two inquiries thus far.
  - g. *Virtual Voting Discussion:* Dr. Cowan asks Dr. Hoekstra to inquire whether the Constitution Committee should pursue the possibility of virtual voting for conventions. Dr. Cade indicates support if the national committee can ensure the information goes to the voting members. Dr. Hoekstra mentions that there would be costs associated with it. Ms. Noah adds that the reason why is that voting must happen at the convention according to the current constitution. Dr. Deka presented information about the voting in 2021 and how Region IV members could zoom in virtually and voted during the convention via Google Forms. Dr. Stewart added that most meetings are on Zoom currently, and perhaps we need to update our perspective. Dr. Hoekstra suggested possibly working on the present-and-voting language in the Constitution, and Ms. Noah will examine other similar society's constitutions. Dr. Cowan asks people to email Dr. Hoekstra with any comments or suggestions.
  - h. *Chapter Logos:* Ms. Noah reports that chapters can request their personalized logos via a CMS advisor portal form. The National Office is working on the logo usage policy to preserve the national standard.
  - i. *Virtual National Convention 2025:* Ms. Noah proposed the following possible dates: April 10-12 or April 3-5. Dr. Cowan proposes forming an email discussion group.
- *Motions from committee:* none

President Cowan adjourned the meeting at 5:54 pm ET.

Minutes were submitted by Secretary Dr. Teddi Deka.

## Council Meeting Minutes: 12/14/2023, 5 pm ET, Zoom

### Board Members:

*Present:* President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Deka, Marquesa Calderon, Dennis Hall, Jessica Henry, Steve Hoekstra, Myra Houser, Jackie Kegley, Ken LaSota, Lindsey Morais, Jodi Pilgrim, Anthony Sarmiento, Kate Stewart, and Kip Wheeler

*Absent:* Aislinn Beak, Teagan Decker, Amanda Ford, Lauren Pribyl, Craig Rogers, Kianta Stuart and Breanna Tonkery.

*Quorum present?* Yes

### Others Present:

Lara Noah, Exec. Director; Katie Holmes, Dir. of Operations

### Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order at:* 5:01 pm ET by President Cowan
- *Minutes approval/s:* Dr. Cowan asks for approval of the November 16, 2023, Council minutes. No corrections; approved.
- *Reports:*
  - a. Strategic Planning Presentation: Dr. Cowan reported that she, Ms. Noah, Ms. Holmes, and Ms. Birdwell produced an overview of the Strategic Plan slideshow, then presented the slideshow in the meeting which encompassed the vision, mission, values, objectives, critical goal strategies and committee takeaways. The council will be presented with the 33 goal strategies to help determine prioritization.
  - b. Accomplishment Updates: Ms. Noah presented 2023 accomplishments and progress including mailings and reported four chapter charter leads and reactivation of 11 dormant chapters in 2023 thanks to the Chapter Development Committee. Fall 2023 enrollment is up 34% compared to Fall 2022 which does not include December 2023 and up 7% for the calendar year not including December.
  - c. There were five Chapters Connect events from the Chapter Development Committee and three more are planned for Spring 2024. Dr. Kip Wheeler reported on the Gothic Scholar talk which was one of the Connect events. Dr. Steve Hoekstra reported on the research share for Social Sciences. Both reported small events but that both were good learning experiences. Dr. Hoekstra reported planning a Fine Arts Connect in January, Physical/Applied Sciences Connect in February, and a nationwide book discussion on the Magic Curtain book from our keynote speaker in April. Dr. Hoekstra encouraged advanced reading of the book.
  - d. Ms. Noah reported on three member meetups with good attendance. Ms. Noah reported that a member and alumni meetup will occur on Alpha Chi's founding day, February 22.
- *Motions from Constitution & Bylaws Committee:*
  - a. Dr. Hoekstra presented the following motions from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. A 2/3 vote by the National Council is needed to move the motions to the National Convention for voting by the voting delegates. The Bylaws were voted upon in this meeting, as follows:

**Motion 1:** In Bylaw 4 (Additional Duties of the National Officers), move Archivist role (e) to a new Item 7 under Executive Director (d).

**Rationale:** The Archivist is currently under the direction of the Executive Director. The change reflects current practice.

### If adopted, Bylaw 4d will read:

- d. The executive director shall
  - (i) With advice and consent of the National Executive Committee, invest idle funds of the Society,
  - (ii) Post, at the expense of the Society, an individual fidelity bond in an amount fixed by the National Council,
  - (iii) Under the direction of the president, handle correspondence related to the expansion of the Society, or other matters as directed by the president,
  - (iv) Make reports on the state of the Society at meetings of the National Executive Committee, the National Council, and the national convention,
  - (v) Arrange for an annual audit of the financial records by a certified public accountant, approved by the finance committee, and
  - (vi) Be responsible for the production of the publications of the Society, with the approval of the National Council.

- (vii) Solicit, select, and secure additional documents of historical value to the Society, and periodically report the state of the archives to the National Council.
- e. ~~The archivist of the Society, under the direction of the National Executive Committee, shall~~
  - (i) ~~Solicit, select, and secure additional documents of historical value to the Society, and~~
  - (ii) ~~Provide access to the archives.~~

No discussion. Dr. Kegley moved to approve. Motion 1 carried.

**Motion 2:** Add a new sentence to the end of Bylaw 9a (Honorary Membership).

**Rationale:** Further clarifies the meaning of the section.

**If adopted, Bylaw 9a will read:**

a. Individual chapters and National Council members may petition the National Council for honorary membership for persons who have distinguished themselves in the field of scholarship, except that not more than one such person may be proposed by the same chapter or National Council member in any one year. No person who is otherwise eligible for student membership at their institution but for deficiency of minimum qualifications elsewhere stated in this Article shall be eligible for honorary membership in any chapter.

**Discussion:** Dr. Wheeler asked to revise the proposed change to read, "Students who are currently enrolled and do not meet normal membership requirements are not eligible for this honorary membership" which would replace the text in green on the distributed documents. The committee agreed. Dr. Hall questioned what would happen if the person does meet the membership requirements but is not a member of AX, such as if they are not at a college that has an AX chapter.

Dr. Cowan called for a vote on the amendment above. Dr. Cade moved to approve. Motion 2 (amended) carried.

**Motion 3:** Delete Bylaw 11a (Fees), and renumber the list as needed.

**Rationale:** Aligns with current practice.

**If adopted, Bylaw 11 will read:**

#### 11. Fees

- ~~a. Each chapter shall pay to the National Council one check per induction for the induction fees for all members elected, and these fees shall include the payment for the certificates of membership.~~
- a. The National Council shall determine a formula or formulas by which the regions receive a portion of the national registration fee paid by each member of the chapters in those regions. The regional rebates shall be remitted by the national office to the secretary-treasurers of the regions immediately following the close of the semiannual periods ending on June 30 and December 31 as accrued on these dates.
- b. Honorary members shall not be required to pay induction fees, but chapters proposing honorary members shall pay the customary induction fee.
- c. Local chapters may collect fees or dues for their own use.

No discussion. Dr. Cowan moved to approve. Motion carries.

**Motion 4:** In Bylaw 11c (Fees), add a cap to local dues.

**Rationale:** Current practice is that the CMS collects no more than \$55 for this, but financial accessibility is becoming an issue for many students who are charged high local fees.

**If adopted, Bylaw 11c will read:**

- c. Chapters may collect a one-time local dues fee for their own use not to exceed 80% of the

national dues fee.

Discussion on wording resulted in no changes. Dr. Pilgrim moved to approve. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

**Motion 5:** In Bylaw 2d (Council Functions), reduce the number of standing committees.

**Rationale:** The committee structure should be set by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee as needs vary. The three remaining standing committees are the only ones implied or mentioned in the Council officer responsibilities in *Bylaw 4*.

**If adopted, Bylaw 2d will read:**

- d. The Council shall have the following standing committees: Audit and Finance, ~~Awards and Honors, Chapter Development, Convention, Membership, and Scholarship, and Strategic Planning~~, and Scholarship, and Strategic Planning. In addition to these standing committees, the president may create ~~ad hoc~~ committees as needs arise.

Dr. Cowan moved to approve. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

President Cowan adjourned the meeting at 6:11 pm ET.  
Minutes were submitted by Secretary Dr. Teddi Deka.

## **Council Meeting Minutes: 01/16/2024, 4 pm ET, Zoom**

### **Board Members:**

*Present:* President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Deka, Aislinn Beak, Teagan Decker, Dennis Hall, Jessica Henry, Steve Hoekstra, Myra Houser, Jackie Kegley, Jodi Pilgrim, Ken LaSota, Lindsey Morais, Kiante Stuart and Kip Wheeler

*Absent:* Marquesa Calderon, Amanda Ford, Lauren Pribyl, Craig Rogers, Anthony Sarmiento, Kate Stewart, and Breanna Tonkery.

*Quorum present?* Yes

### **Others Present:**

Lara Noah, Exec. Director; Katie Holmes, Dir. of Operations

### **Proceedings:**

- *Meeting called to order at:* 4:01 pm by President Cowan
- *Minutes approval/s:* Dr. Cowan asks for approval of the December 14, 2023, minutes. No corrections. Approved.
- *Reports:* none
- *Motions from Constitution & Bylaws Committee:*

### **Proposed Constitutional Amendments from Constitution & Bylaws Comm. Presented and discussed first during the Dec. 14, 2023, Council Meeting**

Constitutional amendments require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Council. If passed, the amendment moves to a full convention vote where two-thirds of the voting representatives must vote affirmatively.

**KEY** - Strikethrough indicates wording to be removed. Words highlighted in **green** are to be added.

**Motion 1:** Across the Constitution

### **Proposed Changes:**

Update all instances of the term *sponsor* with the term *advisor* in either the singular or plural form, and capitalize all instances of the word Society when the language refers to Alpha Chi as the organization.

**Rationale:** The similar motion the Council passed in September 2023 did not mention the inconsistency in the capitalization of the word Society. This rephrasing will allow both the September motion and this other item to go to the convention as one motion.

Re-worded Motion 1 carried.

**Motion 2:** Article III, Section 7 (Key and Insignia)

**Proposed Change:**

**Section 7.** The Society shall publish the ~~Alpha Chi Recorder~~ and such other scholarly publications as are approved by the National Council.

**Rationale:** We now have *Aletheia* and *Kalo*, and removing the specificity of a publication's name opens the wording to allow for future changes and/or additions without changes to the Constitution.

Motion 2 carried.

**Motion 3:** Article VI (National Officers)

**Proposed Changes:**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Society shall be elected by the National Council from its sponsor members and shall consist of a president, a vice president, and a secretary. The term of office of each shall be four years, and officers may be eligible to succeed themselves for only eight additional years. After an interval of two years, former national officers shall be eligible for election again to national office. Officers shall serve until their successors are elected and installed.

The National Council shall appoint an executive director ~~and an archivist~~ whose work of each shall be reviewed annually in an executive session of the National Council. The executive director shall serve *ex-officio* as a non-voting member of the National Council.

**Section 2.** Duties of the officers.

d. The executive director shall

- (i) Under the direction of the president, issue all certificates of membership upon receipt of correct orders from the chapters of the Society and maintain the membership files of the Society,
- (ii) Receive and care for all revenue accruing to the Society,
- (iii) Make expenditures as authorized by the *Constitution*, and
- (iv) Serve as a non-voting *ex-officio* member of the National Council and the National Executive Committee.
- (v) ~~Serve as or appoint a custodian of the historical records and materials of the Society.~~

~~e. The archivist of the Society, under the direction of the Executive Committee, shall be custodian of the historical records and materials of the Society.~~

**Rationale:** With our archival holdings now professionally housed and managed by the Special Collections department of the library at Southwestern University, the need for a Council office of Archivist is redundant. This change would remove that office and place that function under the Executive Director who can work with Southwestern's library to maintain the archives and keep them current. If additional work needs to be done, the Executive Director would be empowered to appoint or employ someone for those services.

Motion 3 carried.

**Motion 4:** Article VIII, Section 1 (Regional Organization)

**Proposed Changes:**

**Section 1.** Alpha Chi is organizationally divided into geographical regions. The chief governing body of the region shall be the business meeting, held at least annually. Decisions shall be made by the voting delegates from the chapters. Each chapter is allowed one sponsor voting delegate and one student voting delegate, who must be present to vote. The voting delegate shall be the official sponsor of the chapter or a designee, and the student voting delegate shall be elected or otherwise designated by the chapter. Any alumni chapter located in the region is entitled to one voting delegate. All current members and all sponsors of Alpha Chi chapters in the region may attend the business meeting. Any member of the National Council shall have the privilege of attending the regional business meeting and shall have the privilege of the floor.

**Rationale:**

- 1) There is currently no such context for regions in the Constitution.
- 2) Adding *at least* allows for the region to call extra meetings, if needed.

No discussion; motion carried.

**Motion 5:** Article IX, Section 1 (New Chapters)

**Proposed Changes:**

**Section 1.** To be eligible for consideration for a chapter of the Society, an applicant shall be an ~~four-year~~ institution of higher education and must be a member in good standing of ~~the a~~ regional accrediting association ~~of the territory in which it is located.~~

**Rationale:**

- 1) Opens the definition of which Universities may be included in founding new chapters, such as those for the baccalaureate-degree candidates of community colleges or a college that grants a baccalaureate degree after an expedited 3-year program.
- 2) Universities in some states now have the option, or are required, to shop for regional accreditation.

Discussion: Dr. Hoekstra clarified that eligibility still required institutions to offer bachelor's degrees.

Motion 5 passed.

**Motion 6:** Article X, Section 1 (Individual Membership)

**Proposed Changes:**

**Section 1.** A person may be elected to membership in Alpha Chi either as an undergraduate student, a graduate student, or as an honorary member. Good character as well as high scholarship shall be essential qualifications for election. Membership shall be for life, except that it may be forfeited as provided in *Article XIV, Section 4*.

Chapters may not discriminate on any basis prohibited by law. The Society, chapters, and persons associated with either shall not be permitted to apply social pressure on persons to accept membership.

**Rationale:** This wording is taken from the ACHS Bylaws which will bring us into compliance/alignment.

Discussion: None. Motion 6 passed.

**Motions 7A, 7B and 7C are Seriatim**

**Motion 7A:** Article X, new Section 5 (Individual Membership)

**Proposed Addition:**

**Section 5.** Membership in the Society may be suspended or terminated by the National Council for just cause. Sufficient cause for such suspension or termination of membership may include, but is not limited to, a violation of this Constitution, evidence of unethical academic, professional, and/or financial conduct, or any other conduct deemed by the National Council to be contrary to the best interests of the Society. The National Council may adopt such rules as may be necessary to ensure due process to the member. Suspension or termination shall be by a two-thirds vote of the National Council. A member suspended or terminated for just cause shall not be entitled to remittance of dues or fees.

**Rationale:** The national office and NC need a mechanism for the revocation of membership. This particular wording is adapted from an example from a fellow ACHS society.

Discussion: Dr. Hoekstra clarified that currently the National Council does not have the power to terminate membership.

Motion 7A carried.

**Motion 7B:** Article X, Section 1 (Individual Membership)

**Proposed Change:**

**Section 1.** A person may be elected to membership in Alpha Chi either as an undergraduate student, a graduate student, or as an honorary member. Good character as well as high scholarship shall be essential qualifications for election. Membership shall be for life, except that it may be forfeited as provided in *Article X, Section V* and *Article XIV, Section 4*.

**Rationale:** Adds a reference to the new Section V.

Discussion: none. Motion 7B carried.

**Motion 7C:** Article XIV, Section 3 (Local Chapter Organization)

**Proposed Change** (remove and renumber following three sections):

~~**Section 3.** Good character and scholarship shall be essential qualifications for membership.~~

**Rationale:** Article X already outlines the qualifications for membership.

Discussion: None. Motion 7C carried.

**Motion 8:** Article XIV, Section 4 (Local Chapter Organization)

**Proposed Change:**

**Section 4.** Membership may be forfeited for stated cause by vote of the faculty/administration of the institution concerned and subsequent approval by the National Executive Committee, the regional business meeting, and the National Council. Such member shall be requested to return ~~his~~ **their** certificate of membership and ~~his~~ key to the National Council.

**Rationale:** Removes gendered language. (If Motion 7c passes, this would become Section 3.)

Discussion: none.

Motion 8 carried.

**Motion 9:** Article XIII, Section 2 (Regional and Chapter Bylaws)

**Section 2.** Each chapter may adopt such bylaws as are not in conflict with the national *Constitution* or regional bylaws. The ~~regional executive committee~~ **Executive Director** shall have power to approve the bylaws of a local chapter, subject to a right of appeal to the National Executive Committee, with a further right of appeal to the National Council and to the national convention.

**Rationale:** Aligns better with Executive Director duties.

Discussion: Ms. Noah provided examples of time delays that would be avoided with the passing of this motion. She adds that the familiarity of the Constitution by the National Office will facilitate the bylaw adoption process. Motion 9 carried.

**Motion 10:** Article XVII, new Section 5 (Amendments)

**Proposed Addition:**

**Section 5.** The National Council is authorized to periodically review and edit the *Constitution and Bylaws* for non-substantive editorial changes, such as changes in numbering, capitalizations, or other formatting issues, without requiring a vote of the membership.

**Rationale:** Provides the National Council with the ability to make non-substantive and editorial changes to the *Constitution and Bylaws*.

Discussion: none. Motion 10 carried.

President Cowan adjourned the meeting at 4:44 pm ET.

Minutes were submitted by Secretary Dr. Teddi Deka.

## **Council Meeting Minutes: 03/19/2024, 4 pm ET, Zoom**

### **Board Members:**

*Present:* President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Deka, Marquesa Calderon, Teagan Decker, Dennis Hall, Jessica Henry, Jackie Kegley, Lindsey Morais, Jodi Pilgrim, Anthony Sarmiento, Kate Stewart, Kianté Stuart and Kip Wheeler

*Absent:* Aislinn Beak, Steve Hoekstra, Myra Houser, Ken LaSota, Lauren Pribyl, Craig Rogers, and Breanna Tonkery.

*Quorum present?* Yes

### **Others Present:**

Lara Noah, Exec. Director; Katie Holmes, Dir. of Operations

### **Proceedings:**



- *Meeting called to order at:* 4:01 pm ET by President Cowan
- *Minutes approval/s:* Dr. Cowan asked for approval of the January 16, 2024, minutes. No corrections. Approved.
- *Reports:* None
- *Motions from Constitution & Bylaws Committee:*

## **Amendment 1**

### **Bylaw 4. Additional Duties of the National Officers**

c. The secretary shall

- (i) Supervise the scholarship/fellowship program of the Society,
- (ii) Serve as treasurer, chairing ~~Chair~~ the Audit and Finance Committee,
- (iii) Assist the regional secretary-treasurers as needed, and
- (iv) Confer periodically with the executive director on the work of the national office and, in the absence, death, resignation, or permanent disability of the executive director, function until a replacement is appointed.

**Rationale:** Clarifies, in terminology, the fiduciary role of Council secretary and allows for greater ease when dealing with various charitable status filings in multiple states that often refer to a treasurer.

Discussion: None. Motion carried.

## **Amendment 2**

### **Bylaw 13. Indemnification**

Alpha Chi shall indemnify a National Council director or officer, including ex-officio, or an employee who is acting at the request of Alpha Chi unless the person has breached or failed to perform the duties of the office or assignment either through recklessness, lack of care, self-dealing, or purposeful disregard for the best interests of Alpha Chi.

Bylaw ~~13-14~~ 14. Amendments (a simple renumbering of the last bylaw)

**Rationale:** An indemnification clause is standard across nonprofits, but we have never had one. While this may be technically covered by Arkansas code, this clause would more clearly assure current and potential Council members that AX would cover their legal expenses if they were made party to a lawsuit for actions taken during their Council service.

Discussion: None. Motion carried.

President Cowan adjourned the meeting at 4:29 pm ET.

Minutes were submitted by Secretary Dr. Teddi Deka.

## 2023 National Alpha Chi Finance Report

[Alpha Chi 2023 990](#) (click link to view from website; contact national office if link becomes inactive)

### 2023-24 Donor Honor Roll

Benefactors (\$1,000 +), Supporters (\$500 to \$999), Contributors (\$100 to \$499)

#### Contributors

Linda Cowan, \$101

Jessica Henry, \$55

Jim Kirby, \$55

Lara Noah & Sarah Everett, \$120.22

Dennis M. Organ, \$102

William J. Potter, \$101

Floyd & Rosana Tesmer, \$19.22

Kassandra VanSandt, \$19.22

### 2024 National Scholarship & Fellowship Nominees

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

(stipends for senior year of undergraduate study)

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|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| * Nolle recipient   | A alternate                    |
| *D declined award   | *A from alternate to recipient |
| *G Gaston recipient | *C Cooperative award recipient |

- A Scott Casagrande, Mars Hill University, North Carolina Epsilon
- \*C Jeong Won Chang, Freed-Hardeman University, Tennessee Iota
- \* Natalie Cuba, Christopher Newport University, Virginia Zeta
- \* Shelby Cumbie, University of Texas at Tyler, Texas Alpha Xi
- A Ella DuPree, California Baptist University, California Beta
- Chelsea Flamand, University of New England, Maine Epsilon
- \*D Chase Foster, Belmont University, Tennessee Eta
- \*G Emma French, Southwestern University, Texas Alpha
- Ashlyn Gallegos, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
- \*G Caleb Horton, William Carey University, Mississippi Beta
- A Katherine Hunter, Lyon College, Arkansas Iota
- \*A Tristan John-Jandles, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- Sophie Juliana, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi
- Sienna King, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi
- Hoi Lam Kwok, University of Texas at Tyler, Texas Alpha Xi
- Cailey Lessel, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta
- \* Rebecca Luckey, Huntington University, Indiana Beta
- Tuesday Melton, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas Beta
- Aaron Nachazel, Lake Superior State University, Michigan Gamma
- \* Hettie Peek, Union University, Tennessee Beta
- Makayla Pittman, Southern Wesleyan University, South Carolina Delta
- James Seip, Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta
- Laura Smith, California Baptist University, California Beta
- Clarissa Songco, Dallas Baptist University, Texas Alpha Nu
- Emma Sutton, Lipscomb University, Tennessee Kappa
- \* Alessandro Uralati, Hastings College, Nebraska Alpha
- \* Samuel Winburn, Texas State University, Texas Iota

## 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

- Kasandra Adkins, Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta
- Andrew Anderson, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- A Autumn Anderson, Grace College, Indiana Gamma
- Lindsey Bennett, Westminster College, Missouri Delta
- \* Neal Blank, Erskine College, South Carolina Iota
- \* Parker Boone, East Texas Baptist University, Texas Alpha Zeta
- Julia Carter, Christopher Newport University, Virginia Zeta
- \* Sarah Crowsey, William Carey University, Mississippi Beta
- \* Piper Desorcie, University of New England, Maine Epsilon
- Sarah Disbro, Huntington University, Indiana Beta
- Araliya Doodeniya, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
- \* Jordyn Duffy, Hastings College, Nebraska Alpha
- Lara Fetty, West Liberty University, West Virginia Epsilon
- A Hanah Friel, Lipscomb University, Tennessee Kappa
- A Josie Gannon, Freed-Hardeman University, Tennessee Iota
- Marius Janssen Grytdal, Milligan University, Tennessee Nu
- Theodora Hoffman, Southwestern University, Texas Alpha
- \*C Logan Koehne, University of Indianapolis, Indiana Eta
- Rachel Krogman, Cumberland University, Tennessee Lambda
- Gabrielle Ladd, William Carey University, Mississippi Beta
- \*S Ashley Larson, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- Alexis Lim, California Baptist University, California Beta
- Madelyn Logan, West Liberty University, West Virginia Epsilon
- Alexis Miles, Brescia University, Kentucky Delta
- \* Sydney Motl, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas Beta
- Elizabeth Naranjo, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta
- A Charlotte Opris, Nova Southeastern University, Florida Eta
- \* Natalie Osborne, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- Samantha Reeves, Mars Hill University, North Carolina Epsilon
- Megan Roberts, William Woods University, Missouri Alpha
- Sara Robinson, Colby-Sawyer College, New Hampshire Alpha
- \*S Karla Daniela Salazar Chavira, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- Sierra Schlenker, University of Jamestown, North Dakota Alpha
- Andreea Catalina Terlea, Lyon College, Arkansas Iota
- \* Artemii Udovenko, Missouri Western State University, Missouri Lambda

## 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
- C Cooperative recipient
- A Alternate

Rebecca Breeden, Wayland Baptist University, Texas Alpha Eta  
Maggie Cashdollar, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi  
Julia DeWitt, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas Beta  
Anesce Dremen, Carthage College, Wisconsin Delta  
Mona El Gendi, Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York Sigma  
Adam Ensley, Mars Hill University, North Carolina Epsilon  
Mary Freeman, Mississippi College, Mississippi Alpha  
Augusto Gonzalez Bonorino, Marist College, New York Theta  
Neilsa Gordon, Strayer University, D.C. Gamma

- D Althea Gordon-Scott, Southeastern University, Florida Lambda  
Tamiko Hobbs, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha

- A Briana Lay, Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta  
Desiree Martin, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha

- C Zachary Merhavy, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha  
Lindsey Morais, West Liberty University, West Virginia Epsilon  
Elise Ndoe-Gouag, Dominican University, Illinois Kappa

- A Matisen O'Brien, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi  
Jason Oosting, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi  
Virginia Pirkle, Lee University, Tennessee Zeta

- M Alyssa Powers, Belmont University, Tennessee Eta  
Jalen Promesse, McMurry University, Texas Upsilon  
Carolina Regalado Murillo, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha  
Jennifer Riad, California Baptist University, California Beta  
Olivia Richardson, Belmont University, Tennessee Eta

- M Niqolas Ruud, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha  
Ishna Satyarth, Southern Methodist University, Texas Alpha Omega  
Eowyn Stewart, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi  
Fiona Stockdale, SUNY Brockport, New York Omicron  
Suni Vizcarra Wood, Institute of American Indian Arts, New Mexico Gamma  
Meghan Wristen, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha

## 2022-23 Star & Notable Chapter Award Recipients

### Star Chapters

#### Region I

Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi  
Texas State University, Texas Iota

#### Region II

Lyon College, Arkansas Iota  
Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas Beta

#### Region III

Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta  
East Central University, Oklahoma Gamma  
Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta  
Lipscomb University, Tennessee Kappa  
Mars Hill University, North Carolina Epsilon

#### Region IV

Kansas Wesleyan University, Kansas Delta  
Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi  
Missouri Western State University, Missouri Lambda

#### Region V

Brescia University, Kentucky Delta  
Huntington University, Indiana Beta

#### Region VI (none awarded)

#### Region VII

California State University, Bakersfield, California Iota  
Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta  
Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha

### Notable Chapters

#### Region I

Angelo State University, Texas Alpha Iota  
Texas Lutheran University, Texas Alpha Delta  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas Beta  
Wayland Baptist University, Texas Alpha Eta

#### Region II

Southern Methodist University, Texas Alpha Omega  
Texas A&M Univ.-Texarkana, Texas Beta Alpha  
University of Arkansas at Monticello, Arkansas Zeta

#### Region III

Bridgewater College, Virginia Gamma  
Chowan University, North Carolina Phi  
Freed-Hardeman University, Tennessee Iota  
Southeastern University, Florida Lambda

Univ. of North Carolina-Pembroke, North Carolina Kappa

#### Region IV

Cottey College, Missouri Tau  
Missouri Valley College, Missouri Sigma  
Waldorf University, Iowa Iota

#### Region V

West Liberty University, West Virginia Epsilon

#### Region VI

Colby-Sawyer College, New Hampshire Alpha  
SUNY Brockport, New York Omicron

#### Region VII

Hawaii Pacific University, Hawaii Beta

## Publications Report

### *Aletheia*, Alpha Chi's Peer-Reviewed Undergraduate Journal

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The following student work was published in *Aletheia*:

#### VOL. 8, ISSUE 1, Fall 2023

- The Female Body as a Place of Both Oppression and Liberation  
Cheyenne Burns, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi
- Kindred as a Response to Enlightenment Rationalism and Historiographical Positivism  
Chase Cate, Lipscomb University, Tennessee Kappa
- The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari: Mental Anguish for All  
Ansley Parker, Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta
- Vaccine Hesitancy Among Rural College Students  
Hannah Hudson and Dr. Amy Madewell, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma Theta
- The In-Between of Migrant Women: Negotiating Identity in Zadie Smith's "The Waiter's Wife"  
Sydney Motl, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas Beta
- *The Awakening's* Edna Pontellier, Female Companionship, and the Sea  
Mary Aldrich, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi
- Suffragettes and Silver Shoes: Dorothy's Feminism in *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*  
Elizabeth Davis, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta
- The Lack of SEL with African American Male Students: Why and What Needs to Change  
Endia Dees and Dr. David Lowery, William Carey University, Mississippi Beta
- Book Bans and the Bowdlerization of Life  
Anna Michelle Adams, Lipscomb University, Tennessee Kappa
- TikTok and the Reliability to Self-Diagnose Mental Illnesses  
Micah Moulder, Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta

## 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 — April 5, 2024

1. **Call to order:** Jennifer Huddleston, Region I President, called the meeting to order at 7:37am on April 5, 2024, in the East D meeting room of the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex.
2. **Roll Call:** A roll call of chapters found the following chapters present: Abilene Christian University (13 delegates), Angelo State Univ. (5), Lubbock Christian Univ. (1), Southwestern Univ. (1), Texas State Univ. (1), Univ. of Mary Hardin-Baylor (1), and Wayland Baptist Univ. (4). Ten Reg. I delegates were attending their first convention.
3. **Regional Officer Nominations:** Nominations for the offices of Region I President and Region I Vice President were sought and one nomination for each was made. Erika Nielson, from Texas State University and current Region I Vice President, was nominated for the office of President and Megan Allemand, from Abilene Christian University, was nominated for the office of Vice President.
4. **Regional Officer Speeches:** Both candidates gave speeches discussing their vision for the region if elected. Megan Allemand started her speech by saying, "You are people first" and discussed her enjoyment of service projects and caring about the community. She hopes to get more online representatives to attend the conference and potentially make this a national goal. Erika Nielson mentioned she has been an advisor since 2017 and hopes to get more students involved. She went on to express that we need to do more to convince students that "we are real".
5. **Officer Election:** Voting was held & the nominees (running unopposed) were elected to their respective positions.
6. **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: Samuel Winburn, Mia Hanks, and Avery Cottrell. Should any of the recipients decline their award or win a national scholarship, the alternates will be awarded the scholarship. The two alternates for the scholarship, in order, are: Caroline Rowe and Ava Reid.
7. **Approval of Region I Business Meeting Minutes:** 2023 Minutes were approved.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** Dennis Hall, Region I Secretary-Treasurer, summarized the circulated copies of the report showing Region I had total assets of \$95,487.41 as of 12-31-2023. The total cost to Region I for the 2023 National Convention was \$15,206.34, which includes \$2000 in scholarships and \$13,206.34 in travel subsidies. The Treasurer's Report was approved by the delegates.
9. **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.
10. **President's Cup:** Jennifer Huddleston called for nominations for the President's Cup Competition. No nominations were made at the meeting, and it was suggested that an email be sent to all advisors asking for nominations.
11. **Ice Breaker:** Jennifer Huddleston asked students about their favorite aspect of their local Alpha Chi chapters. Responses included "support from our advisors", "networking", "the consistency of the monthly chapter meetings", and "seeing students kind of cutting up."
12. **Adjournment:** Jennifer Huddleston adjourned the meeting at 8:18am.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Dr. Dennis Hall  
Region I Secretary-Treasurer*

**Region I Financial Statement**

*Year Ending 31 December 2023*

**Beginning Balances January 1, 2023**

First Financial Bank of Abilene (Checking) \$ 110,693.75

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Total Beginning Balance \$ 110,693.75

**Additions/(Deductions) Checking**

National Convention - Albuquerque, NM - Travel Subsidies \$ (13,206.34)

National Convention - Regional Scholarship \$ (2,000.00)

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Total Change in Checking Account \$ (15,206.34)

**Assets at December 31, 2023**

First Financial Bank of Abilene (Checking) \$ 95,487.41

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**Net Worth December 31, 2023** \$ 95,487.41

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



## Region II Report

### Minutes — April 5, 2024

1. **Call to order:** Kate Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:47 A.M.
2. **Roll Call:** Dr. Stewart welcomed the seven chapters in attendance. She noted particularly the return of chapters from Sam Houston State and University of Texas at Tyler.
3. **Scholarship Changes:** Stewart first highlighted some proposed changes to the regional scholarships. Under the plan, the Nationals would provide each chapter with \$1000 to use for projects and awards that carry out Alpha Chi's motto, "Making Scholarship Effective for Good." The new format would move the competition away from a replication of the national scholarship competitions. Significantly, the regional competitions would take place in fall, allowing students who graduate in December an opportunity for recognition. Jennifer Hicks moved that we accept the proposed change. Following the second by Christine Pappas, the membership accepted the plan.
4. **Student Representative Nominations and Election:** The membership next held nominations and election of the Region II student representative to the National Council. Lara Noah highlighted the duties and opportunities of the student representative. Alex Robinson, student from Southeastern Oklahoma State University, was nominated by a motion and seconded by Westbrook and Pappas. He was duly elected by the membership.
5. **Regional Officer Nominations and Election:** Stewart yielded the chair to Noah to conduct the election of Region II officers. The following were nominated: President: Leslie DeArman, Southern Methodist University; Vice President: Jennifer Hicks, Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Secretary/Treasurer: Kate Stewart, University of Arkansas at Monticello. The three, who ran unopposed, were elected by acclamation. NOTE: Presidents and Vice-Presidents serve two-year terms; Secretary/Treasurers serve four-year terms.
6. **Announcements:** Stewart reminded the membership that national dues will increase by \$5.00 and noted that local dues are capped at 80% of the national dues. Next year's convention will be virtual. Stewart thanked Kailley White for taking minutes.
7. **Adjournment:** Lara Noah adjourned the meeting.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Dr. Kate Stewart  
Region II Secretary-Treasurer*

## Region III Report

### Minutes — April 5, 2024

1. **Call to order.**
2. **Announcements:** This month there will be a Zoom book club for our keynote speaker, T.K. Thorne's book. Please be on the lookout for more details.
3. **Discussion:** The National Council is trying to figure out what sort of difficulties the regions are having—what makes it hard to apply for scholarships, attending meetings, etc. Those in attendance expressed that small chapters make it difficult, and May graduates may not have capstone projects done by the scholarship deadline. They also discussed how the National Council can better reach out to chapters. Those in attendance expressed that advisors would be better to contact than students and that the Council could plug them into fun events for students. It was also suggested that they could possibly publish recent winners.
4. **Discussion of Proposed Constitutional Changes:** Regarding future conventions, there will be some changes designed to streamline and make processes easier for chapters who can't attend. The National Council is also proposing a change in regional scholarships. \$1,000 will be allotted to each region, and students will submit to the Council to be disbursed to the regions for judging. The deadline will be moved to the fall, and there will be a greater focus on "making scholarship effective for good." Those in attendance discussed that having a fall deadline makes it easier on the National Council and advisors, and it would also potentially help build buzz across campus. The new focus on service might reach a group of people who aren't always served by academic scholarships.

5. **Scholarship Results:** The two winners of the Region III scholarships are: Madison Thomas of Mars Hill University for "Does Climate Change Affect Prey Availability in Eurasian Otters (Lutra, Lutra)"; and Meredith Lloyd of Shenandoah University for "Cuddly or Cringey? Perceptions of Relationship Visibility and Disclosure in Instagram Posts."
6. **Regional Officer Election:** The following officers were nominated and elected unopposed: Laura Steil of Mars Hill University, President; Michelle Putnam of Lipscomb University, Vice President; and Kip Wheeler of Carson-Newman University, Secretary-Treasurer.
7. **Adjournment.**

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

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Dr. Kip Wheeler  
Region III Secretary-Treasurer*

## Region IV Report

### Minutes — April 4, 2024

1. **Call to order:** President Dr. Justine Pas called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** All Region IV Officers were present: President Dr. Justine Pas, Vice President Dr. Kathi Vosevich, Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Teddi Deka, Student Representative Kiante Stuart.
3. **Approval of Region IV Business Meeting Minutes:** No corrections. Kathi Vosevich motioned to approve, and Jessica Henry seconded. 2023 minutes were approved.
4. **Announcements:** The following chapters were awarded Star Chapter designation for the 2022-2023 school year: Kansas Wesleyan University, Kansas Delta; Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi; and Missouri Western State University, Missouri Lambda. The following chapters were awarded Notable Chapter designation: Cottey College, Missouri Tau; Missouri Valley College, Missouri Sigma; and Waldorf University, Iowa Iota. The Iowa Iota chapter also won the 2023 President's Cup.
5. **Scholarship Results:** The two winners of the Region IV scholarships are Artemii Udoenko from Missouri Western State University and Alessandro Uralati from Hastings College. Anna Lemerande from Columbia College was chosen as an alternate.
6. **President's Cup:** Elaine Ragland nominated Lindenwood University for the President's Cup. No other nominations were made.
7. **Regional Officer Nominations:** Kathi Vosevich was nominated for the office of President. Justine Pas was nominated for the office of Vice President. Teddi Deka was nominated for the office of Secretary-Treasurer. Elaine Ragland of Lindenwood University and Nolan Reynolds of Waldorf University were nominated for Student Representative.
8. **Announcements:** Dr. Deka indicated that the Region IV reimbursement would be completed through AX Central, so only one reimbursement form (national) was needed. Dr. Vosevich presented information about the *Aletheia* submission and review process and suggested submitting scholarship papers to the journal.
9. **Adjournment:** Dr. Pas adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

### Minutes — April 5, 2024

1. **Call to order:** Dr. Justine Pas called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.
2. **Regional Officer Election:** Election ballots were sent to all voting delegates at 10:30 p.m. on 4/4/2024 after receiving any additional nominations from the floor and adding those to the pre-conference nominations. The newly elected officers are: Dr. Kathi Vosevich, President; Dr. Justine Pas, Vice President; Dr. Teddi Deka, Secretary-Treasurer; Nolan Reynolds, Student Representative. Dr. Pas installed the officers.
3. **Regional Scholarship Changes:** Presented by Dr. Jessica Henry, member of the National Council and chair of the Scholarship Committee. The scholarship committee recommends the regional scholarship is moved to the fall and made an award rather than a scholarship. Discussion ensued. The region was favorable to changing scholarship to award based on service.

4. **Adjournment:** Dr. Pas adjourned the meeting at 8:18 a.m.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Dr. Teddi Deka  
Region IV Secretary-Treasurer*

## **Region V Report**

### **Minutes — April 5, 2024**

1. **Call to Order:** President Dr. Tanner Babb called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Craig Rogers noted that four chapters were present: Campbellsville University, Huntington University, Lake Superior State University, and West Liberty University.
3. **Approval of Region V Business Meeting Minutes:** Dr. Babb motioned to approve. Dr. Cowan seconded the motion. 2023 minutes were approved.
4. **Scholarship Results:** The two winners of the Region V scholarships are Rebecca Luckey from Huntington University and Ishika Agarwal from West Liberty University.
5. **Regional Officer Election:** Dr. Joni Lindsey of Lake Superior State University was elected President, and Dr. Tanner Babb of Huntington University was elected as Vice President.
6. **Discussion:** The region discussed three primary issues. First, the Region discussed the proposed changes to the regional scholarships. Dr. Rogers explained the tentative proposals and how they might impact the Region. Second, regional growth was discussed. Third, the undergraduate students engaged in a discussion on what are the factors that led them to attend an in-person convention, with the overwhelming answer being the experience.
7. **Adjournment:** Dr. Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

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

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

## **Region VI Report**

### **Minutes — April 5, 2024**

1. **Call to order:** President Dr. Graziana D'Elia-Brillante called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Five chapters were present: Franklin Pierce University, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Pine Manor College, Post University, and Roger Williams University. Dr. Linda Cowan, National Council President, was also present.
3. **Regional Officer Elections:** The following officers were elected to their respective positions: Graziana D'Elia-Brillante, President; Linda Latimer, Vice President; and Azsha Ray, Student Representative. The position of Secretary-Treasurer for Region VI remains vacant. We intend to reach out to active chapters over the summer to recruit officers.
4. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Dr. Graziana D'Elia-Brillante  
Region VI President*

## Region VII Report

### Minutes — April 5, 2024

1. **Call to order.**
2. **Roll Call:** The following colleges were represented at the Region VII meeting: Grand Canyon University, Hawaii Pacific University, Fresno Pacific University, and California State University, Bakersfield. Twenty-three delegates were present: 16 students and 7 advisors.
3. **Approval of Region VII Business Meeting Minutes:** The 2023 minutes for Region VII were approved.
4. **Scholarship Results:** The two winners of the Region VII scholarships are Luke Fredette and Veronica Mendez Garcia, both students from Fresno Pacific University.
5. **Discussion:** The region wishes to express a strong preference for an in-person National Convention. If not that, then a hybrid convention.
6. **Regional Officer Election:** The following were elected as regional officers: Maria Palaiologou of California State University, Bakersfield, President; Breanna Naegeli of Grand Canyon University, Vice President; and Jacquelyn Kegley of California State University, Bakersfield, Secretary-Treasurer.
7. **Adjournment.**

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

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Dr. Jackie Kegley  
Region VII Secretary-Treasurer*

## Institutions in Alpha Chi

25	Abilene Christian University Texas Psi	Region I	Dr. Jennifer Huddleston Biology Dept.	1600 Campus Court Abilene, TX 79699
60	Adrian College Michigan Alpha	Region V	Dr. Bryan Bott MLC Dept.	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 Dept.	100 Purpose Rd. Pippa Passes, KY 41844
34	American International College Massachusetts Alpha	Region VI	Dr. Amelia Janeczek Biology Dept.	1000 State Street Springfield, MA 01109
372	Anderson University South Carolina Eta	Region III	Dr. Jason Parks English Dept.	1100 East Fifth Street Anderson, IN 46012
49	Anderson University Indiana Alpha	Region V	Dr. Rod Rutland Kinesiology Dept.	316 Boulevard Anderson, SC 29621
80	Angelo State University Texas Alpha Iota	Region I	Dr. Karl Havlak Mathematics Dept.	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. Joseph Swain Dept. of History & Political Science	407 West Q Street Russellville, AR 72801
10	Austin College Texas Kappa	Region II	Dr. Kerri-Anne Mitchell Public Health	900 N. Grand Ave. Sherman, TX 75090-4400
126	Averett University Virginia Beta	Region III	Dr. Jennifer Hughes English Dept.	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 Dept.	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 Bayamón, PR 00960-1725
3	Baylor University Texas Gamma	Region I	Dr. Nancy Brickhouse Provost	One Bear Place #97014 Waco, TX 76798
181	Bellevue University Nebraska Gamma	Region IV	Dr. Roxanne Sullivan 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
183	Bethune-Cookman University Florida Gamma	Region III	Dr. William Berry Provost	640 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd. Daytona Beach, FL 32114
110	Blackburn College Illinois Beta	Region V	Dr. James Bray Biology Dept.	700 College Avenue Carlinville, IL 62626
223	Bloomfield College New Jersey Beta	Region VI	Dr. Harry Franqui-Rivera Humanities Dept.	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	219 Rock Street Bluefield, WV 24701
358	Bluefield University Virginia Kappa	Region III	Dr. Tracey Stout Div. of Christian Studies	3000 College Avenue Bluefield, VA 24605
141	Bowie State University Maryland Alpha	Region VI	Prof. Angela Burrus Lang., Lit., & Cultural Studies	14000 Jericho Park Rd. Bowie, MD 20715
137	Brescia University Kentucky Delta	Region V	Dr. Nikie Walker School of Business	717 Frederica St. Owensboro, KY 42303-6121
374	Brevard College North Carolina Omega	Region III	Dr. James Everett English Dept.	1 Brevard College Dr. Brevard, NC 28712
132	Bridgewater College Virginia Gamma	Region III	Dr. Ian McNeil Chemistry Dept.	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. Jeffery Senese Provost	120 Bloomfield Ave. Caldwell, NJ 07006
94	California Baptist University California Beta	Region VII	Mrs. Jennie Riad Director of Curriculum	8432 Magnolia Ave. Riverside, CA 92504
332	Cal. State Univ., Bakersfield California Iota	Region VII	Dr. Jackie Kegley 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. Chuck Conner Engineering Dept.	11301 Springfield Road Laurel, MD 20708
81	Carson-Newman University Tennessee Delta	Region III	Dr. Kip Wheeler English Dept.	1646 Russell Avenue Jefferson City, TN 37760
333	Carthage College Wisconsin Delta	Region V	Dr. David Timmerman Provost	2001 Alford Park Drive Kenosha, WI 53140
240	Castleton State University Vermont Gamma	Region VI	Prof. Harry McEnery Fine Arts Center	62 Alumni Drive Castleton, VT 05735
182	Catawba College North Carolina Omicron	Region III	Dr. Lydia Hayes History Dept.	2300 W Innes St. Salisbury, NC 28144
23	Centenary College of Louisiana Louisiana Alpha	Region II	Prof. Jessica Hawkins Dept. 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 Dept.	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. Mary Earp Education Dept.	One University Place Murfreesboro, NC 27855
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 Univ. Virginia Zeta	Region III	Dr. Jay Paul Honors Program	1 Avenue of the Arts Newport News, VA 23606
196	Colby-Sawyer College New Hampshire Alpha	Region VI	Dr. Randall Hanson Social Sciences and Education	541 Main Street New London, NH 03257
292	Colorado Mesa University Colorado Gamma	Region IV	Dr. Robin Calland Languages, Literature, & Mass Comm.	1100 North Ave. Grand Junction, CO 81501-3122
70	Colorado State Univ. - Pueblo Colorado Alpha	Region IV	Dr. Chad Kinney Provost	2200 Bonforte Blvd. Pueblo, CO 81001
164	Columbia College Missouri Epsilon	Region IV	Dr. Moenes Mellouli School of Arts & Sciences	1001 Rogers Street Columbia, MO 65216
95	Concord University West Virginia Beta	Region V	Dr. Rod Klein Dept. of Social Sciences	PO Box 1000 Athens, WV 24712-1000
238	Concordia University Texas Texas Alpha Rho	Region I	Dr. Matthew Bloom College of Liberal Arts	11400 Concordia University Dr. Austin, TX 78726-1887
287	Concordia University Wisconsin Wisconsin Gamma	Region V	Dr. Gary Locklair Computer Science	12800 N. Lake Shore Drive Mequon, WI 53097-2402
406	Cottey College Missouri Tau	Region IV	Dr. Oindrila Roy International Relations	1000 W. Austin Blvd. Nevada, MO 64772
125	Culver-Stockton College Missouri Beta	Region IV	Dr. Vicky Tong Chemistry Dept.	1 College Hill Canton, MO 63435
269	Cumberland University Tennessee Lambda	Region III	Dr. Sheridan Henson Humanities, Education & Arts	1 Cumberland Square Lebanon, TN 37087
134	Dallas Baptist University Texas Alpha Nu	Region II	Dr. Kimberly Figaro Cook School of Leadership	3000 Mountain Creek Parkway Dallas, TX 75211
73	Davis & Elkins College West Virginia Alpha	Region V	Dr. Robert Phillips Provost	100 Campus Drive Elkins, WV 26241
180	Delaware State University Delaware Alpha	Region VI	Dr. Samuel Hoff Dept. of History, Philosophy	1200 North DuPont Hwy. Dover, DE 19901-2275
360	DeVry University Illinois Iota	Region V	Dr. Michael Reitzel Senior Professor	9305 Glenlake Drive Austin, TX 78730
104	Dillard University Louisiana Gamma	Region II	Dr. Eric Buckles Biology Dept.	2601 Gentilly Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70122
396	Dominican University Illinois Kappa	Region V	Dr. Tonia Triggiano Dept. Chair, Associate Professor - Italian	River Forest, IL 60305
169	Dominican Univ. New York New York Zeta	Region VI	Dr. Jennifer Sassano Dept. of Mathematics	470 Western Highway Orangeburg, NY 10962
365	Dominican Univ. of California California Lambda	Region VII	Dr. Mohammed El Majdoubi Dept. of Natural Sciences/Math	50 Acacia Avenue San Rafael, CA 94901
56	East Central University Oklahoma Gamma	Region II	Dr. Christine Pappas Political Science	1100 E 14th St. Ada, OK 74820
46	East Texas Baptist University Texas Alpha Zeta	Region II	Dr. Ellis Purdie English Dept.	1 Tiger Drive Marshall, TX 75670-1498
314	Edward Waters University Florida Kappa	Region III	Dr. TaKeia Anthony Dean, Honors College	1658 Kings Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32209
146	Elizabeth City State University North Carolina Iota	Region III	Dr. Velma Blackmon Honors Program	1704 Weeksville Road Elizabeth City, NC 27909

337	Emmanuel University Georgia Iota	Region III	Dr. Cyndee Phillips Vice President of Academics	181 Spring St. Frankling Springs, GA 30639
390	Erskine College South Carolina Iota	Region III	Dr. Christiane-Marie Abu Sarah Dept. of History & Political Science	2 Washington St. Due West, SC 29639
91	Eureka College Illinois Alpha	Region V	Dr. Junius Rodriguez History Dept.	300 East College Ave. Eureka, IL 61530
355	Evangel University Missouri Rho	Region IV	Prof. Stephen Houseknecht Center for Student Success	1111 N. Glenstone Springfield, MO 65802
263	Faulkner University Alabama Delta	Region III	Dr. Andrew Jacobs Honors Program	5345 Atlanta Hwy. Montgomery, AL 36109
206	Ferrum College Virginia Theta	Region III	Dr. Jason Powell Assistant VPAA	215 Ferrum Mountain Road Ferrum, VA 24088
177	Flagler College Florida Beta	Region III	Dr. Sam McMillan English Dept.	74 King St. St. Augustine, FL 32084
397	Florida College Florida Xi	Region III	Dr. Jonathan Chilcote Social and Behavioral Science	119 N. Glen Arven Avenue Temple Terrace, FL 33617
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167	Freed-Hardeman University Tennessee Iota	Region III	Dr. John McLaughlin Dept. of Communication & Literature	158 East Main Street Henderson, TN 38340
285	Fresno Pacific University California Zeta	Region VII	Dr. Marshall Johnston School of HRSS	1717 S. Chestnut Ave. Fresno, CA 93702
265	Friends University Kansas Epsilon	Region IV	Dr. Russell Fox Political Science	2100 W. University Ave. Wichita, KS 67213
123	Gardner-Webb University North Carolina Zeta	Region III	Dr. Elizabeth Amato Social Sciences	110 South Main Street Boiling Springs, NC 28017
303	Geneva College Pennsylvania Lambda	Region VI	Dr. Joel Ward Communication Dept.	3200 College Avenue Beaver Falls, PA 15010
317	George Fox University Oregon Delta	Region VII	Dr. Mark Weinert Chair, History Dept.	414 N. Meridian Newberg, OR 97132
217	GA Southwestern State Univ. Georgia Zeta	Region III	Dr. Jill Drake Provost	800 GSW State University Dr. Americus, GA 31709
235	Goldley-Beacom College Delaware Beta	Region VI	Dr. Victoria Neagoe Mathematics Dept.	4701 Limestone Road Wilmington, DE 19808
175	Grace College Indiana Gamma	Region V	Dr. Lauren Rich Office of Faith, Learning & Scholarship	1 Lancer Way Winona Lake, IN 46590
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#### University of Texas at Tyler

Sean Butler  
Lauren Johnson  
Shelby Cumbie  
Erin Hulsman  
Selena Kwok

### Region III

*(14 Chapters, 47 Delegates)*

#### Carson-Newman University

Amanda Ford  
Kelli Williams  
Kip Wheeler  
Abigail Earley  
Isabella Kelly

#### Chowan University

Elijah Brown

#### Faulkner University

Lauren James  
Dixie Herndon

#### Freed-Hardeman University

Bre Tonkery

#### Gardner-Webb University

Elizabeth Amato  
Marissa DiMatteo  
Paula Harvie  
Blake Henkel  
Rebecca Majorel  
Micah Moulder  
Noah Seip  
Trevor Wyatt

#### Lipscomb University

Autumn Marshall  
Michelle Putnam  
Georgia Leonard  
Abigail Miller  
Andrew O'Dwyer

#### Mars Hill University

Laura Steil  
Eddie Ball  
Rhonda Steil  
Adam Ensley  
Brogan Heavner  
Jordan Schmucker  
Madison Thomas  
Katie Todd

#### Oakwood University

Ernie Williamson

#### Shorter University

Hayley Arthur  
Hannah McDuffie

#### Tennessee Wesleyan University

Mali Hubert  
Madison Miner  
Camryn Smith  
Diana White

#### University of Mobile

Regina Greene

#### Univ. of North Carolina at Pembroke

Gordon Byrd  
Teagan Decker  
Aspen Andersson

#### Univ. of Tennessee Southern

Jennifer Aust  
Libbi Ayers  
Olivia Word

#### William Carey University

Ruth Saidman  
Steven Saidman  
Sarah Saidman

### Region IV

*(8 Chapters, 24 Delegates)*

#### Hastings College

Jessica Henry  
Kianté Stuart  
Alessandro Uralati

#### Kansas Wesleyan University

Steve Hoekstra

#### Lindenwood University

Justine Pas  
Kathi Vosevich  
Sophie Juliana  
Elaine Ragland  
Taylor Slabe

**Missouri Valley College**

Christopher Libby

**Missouri Western State University**

Teddi Deka

Jordon Anderson

Mercedes Mareske

Tia Vernon

**University of Jamestown**

Sierra Schlenker

**Waldorf University**

Ethan Hexamer

Hannah Meyer

Nolan Reynolds

**Westminster College**

David Jones

Lindsey Bennett

Lauren Halamicek

Mackenzie Hall

Isaac Herod

Ayanda Huate

**Region V**

*(4 Chapters, 13 Delegates)*

**Campbellsville University**

Craig Rogers

**Huntington University**

Tanner Babb

Ruth Nalliah

Mica Allen

Rebecca Luckey

**Lake Superior State University**

Joni Lindsey

Aaron Nachazel

**West Liberty University**

Linda Cowan

Ishika Agarwal

Abigail Farnsworth

Madelyn Logan

Lindsey Morais

Tiffany Sites

**Region VI**

*(5 Chapters, 5 Delegates)*

**Franklin Pierce University**

Lauren Pribyl

**Mass. College of Liberal Arts**

Graziana D'Elia Brillante

**Pine Manor College**

Azsha Ray

**Post University**

Linda Latimer

**Roger Williams University**

Bonita Cade

**Region VII**

*(5 Chapters, 26 Delegates)*

**California State Univ. Bakersfield**

Maria Palaiologou

Jacquelyn Kegley

Lidia Jacobo

**Fresno Pacific University**

Marshall Johnston

Pamela Johnston

Brooke Barham

Jan Bialecki

Cailey Lessel

Jasmine Sirvent

Luke Smith

**Grand Canyon University**

Anya Cofrancesco

Katalina Inzunza Herrera

Breanna Naegeli

Ashley Larson

Colton Manchester

Jennifer Michaels

Diana Ojeda Valdez

Natalie Osborne

Daniela Salazar Chavira

Shrijita Shukla

Grace Tabi

**Hawai'i Pacific University**

Eric Anderson

Marquesa Calderon

Camille Cook

Elizabeth Milner

**University of La Verne**

Jerome Garcia

**Others****Alpha Chi National Office**

Jaycie Birdwell

Katie Holmes

Lara Noah

**Keynote Speaker**

T. K. Thorne

**Exhibitors**

Tim Brown

Tim Lindblom

# Alpha Chi National Convention

April 4 - 6, 2024  
Birmingham, Alabama



## Program of Events

### Thursday, April 4

**4:00 p.m. Sheraton Hotel Check-in-----Sheraton Lobby**  
*The convention meeting space this year will be located across the street from the Sheraton Lobby in the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex (BJCC). We suggest you check into the hotel and take your bags to your room before coming to AX check-in in the BJCC. **You'll find adhesive feet on the ground marking the inside route from the hotel lobby to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor East meeting space.***

**5-7:00 p.m. Chapter Delegation Check-in-----BJCC East Exhibition Hall 3rd Floor**  
*One advisor or student delegate per chapter will check in at AX Central on the 3rd floor of the BJCC to receive the chapter's packet of convention materials. Alumni attending without their home chapter should check in individually.*

- National Council & Office Staff Greeters
- Donation Station for the Sock-It-To-Me Drive
- Alpha Chi Regalia & Merchandise from Brown's Graduation Supplies
- Birmingham Visitor Information Table

**Presenter AV-Testing Room-----East G**

**7:00 p.m. 2024 National Convention Opening Session-----East M**  
*Wear your college and/or chapter gear and join us for the official welcome to this year's national convention. Be ready for a chapter roll call!*

**7:45 p.m. Regional Mixers (Game – The Important Questions in Life)**

Region I-----	East D
Region II-----	East E
Region III-----	East F
Region IV-----	East G
Regions V & VI-----	East K
Region VII-----	East J

**8:30 p.m. Alpha Chi Trivia Night 2024!-----Sheraton Ballroom 11/12**  
*Instead of waiting until Friday to let your hair down, get started tonight making new friends and memories at our trivia night hosted by our Regional Student Representatives. Complete with music, refreshments, and prizes, we'll be ready for teams of up to 5 with no more than 2 advisors per team. Come as a team or join an open table, and don't forget to brush up on your Alpha Chi trivia!*



**Friday, April 5**

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast in Regional Meetings**  
*Officer elections will take place in every region. Please bring your voting materials.*
- Region I -----East D
  - Region II----- East E
  - Region III----- East F
  - Region IV ----- East G
  - Regions V & VI -----East K
  - Region VII-----East J
- 8:40 a.m. Member Presentations Session I**  
*Seven concurrent rooms of student presentations grouped by academic discipline for up to four 15-minute presentations (each with at least 3 minutes of Q&A) with five minutes of travel time between each presentation.*
- Please consult the mobile app for presenter details for each section.**
- Section 1: American History ----- East E
  - Section 2: British Literature ----- East F
  - Section 3: Education—Research & Scholarship-----East D
  - Section 4: Chemistry ----- East G
  - Section 5: Psychology-----East J
  - Section 6: Music----- East L
  - Section 7: Political Science -----East K
- 10:10 a.m. Collaborative Student Research Competition Session -----East M**  
*Three of our nine collaborative research teams in this year’s competition will share their projects’ findings and answer judge and audience questions. (Each team competing in this session should attend the full session.)*
- Derailed: Embedded Contradictions in California’s High-Speed Rail***  
Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta
- Using Time on Bailey Mountain to Clear Minds for Focus During the Tumult***  
Mars Hill University, North Carolina Epsilon
- Finance, Faith, and Future Education: A Survey of Student Knowledge About Debt***  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas Beta
- 11:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker T. K. Thorne-----East M**  
*Author of Behind the Magic Curtain: Secrets, Spies, and Unsung White Allies of Birmingham’s Civil Rights Days (with Q&A and book-signing)*
- 12:30 p.m. Break for Meaningful Experiences (and lunch on your own)**  
*Visit at least one of these important historical sites: Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, 16th Street Baptist Church (30-person groups reserved as below), Bethel Baptist Church, Temple Beth-El, and Kelly-Ingram Park & Civil Rights Trail.*
- 4:30 p.m. Meaningful Experiences Debriefing-----East M**  
*Freshly back from our Meaningful Experiences, we will break into facilitated small groups to share what we knew before and what we know now about the history of Birmingham.*

## Friday continued

**5:30 p.m. Collaborative Student Research Competition Session -----East M**  
*The next three collaborative research teams in this year's competition will share their project findings and answer judge and audience questions. (Each team competing in this session should attend the full session.)*

***Revolutionizing Healthcare: Exploring Artificial Intelligence in Triage and Diagnostics***

Westminster College, Missouri Delta

***Underrepresented Stroke Victims: Increasing Awareness and Therapeutic Development***

Hawaii Pacific University, Hawaii Beta

***Healing AI So It Can Heal Us: Prospects for the Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare***

Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta

**6:45 p.m. Alpha Chi Honors Dinner ----- East N**  
*Join us for an Alabama BBQ buffet served with a side of red sauce, white sauce, or hot sauce! We'll take a few moments to express our appreciation to the many chapter advisors who so capably and voluntarily lead your home chapters and ensure that the students on your campuses have access to the benefits of Alpha Chi membership. The program will end with the presentation of region-nominated Distinguished Service Awards.*

**8:00 p.m. Collaborative Student Research Competition Session -----East M**  
*The final three collaborative research teams will share their project findings and answer judge and audience questions. The competition's two top-placing teams will be announced Saturday night. (Each team competing in this session should attend the full session.)*

***Artificial Intelligence and Selective Exposure: Generating a Public Perception***

Missouri Western State University, Missouri Lambda

***Disruptor or Accelerator? The Role of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Higher Education***

Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha

***Peek Behind the Pixels: Analyzing Portrayals of Refugees in Academic and News Articles Through AI Imaging***

Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi

## Saturday, April 6

**7:30 a.m. Development Sessions: Part 1 (with breakfast)**  
*Starting at 7:15, you can grab yourself a coffee and breakfast sandwich and select one of the six sessions below. If your chapter has multiple delegates, split up and cover as many sessions as you can!*

Participation in these sessions is required to qualify for housing and/or travel grants.

**Academic Honor Societies vs. Student Benefits Companies ----- East E**

There are many organizations vying for your students' attention. Are they focused more on making a profit or making a difference? Do you have questions about AX or other organizations you've been invited to join or have seen on your campus? Alpha Chi Executive Director Lara Noah will share the importance of key credentials when researching whether an organization deserves your time and money.

**Breaking Perfect: Overcoming Challenges with Resilience -----East D**

Social anxiety and stress are at an all-time high—especially among high-achieving college students. It's time to break away from our perfectionist tendencies, and instead, strive for excellence with a resilient mindset. In this breakout session, Dr. Breanna Naegeli of Arizona Alpha will discuss 7 habits of exceptionally resilient individuals and strategies on how to overcome both personal and team challenges with courage and grit.

**Grad School Application Prep ----- East L**

AX members Natalie Osborne and Ashley Larson from Arizona Alpha will be attending grad school in the fall after having recently gone through the process of applying. They look forward to sharing their resources and tips with other interested student members!

**Idea-Sharing for Chapter Service Projects ----- East G**

Come gather ideas from students for innovative service projects which leverage the talents of your chapter to meet a campus, community, or international need. The early session will be facilitated by Mica Allen, Indiana Beta’s chapter president. The second session will be facilitated by Madison Thomas, North Carolina Epsilon’s chapter president.

**Improving Invitation Acceptance at Larger Colleges----- East F**

Alpha Chi provides resources to help schools increase their invitation acceptance rates. However, a lot of those methods work better at smaller schools. In this session led by Dr. Steve Hoekstra of Kansas Delta, brainstorm ways to scale, adapt, or supplement the current list of Best Practices to improve acceptance rates for larger universities (those inviting more than 100 students per semester).

**Overcoming Hurdles to Honors for First-Gen Students ----- East I**

The California Zeta chapter will lead a session dedicated to what Honor Societies can do to attract and invite more first-generation students. It will also address some of the misconceptions and concerns first-gen students may have about honor societies that could prevent them from joining. Hear firsthand testimonies from students who will share their experience and what they wished they’d known earlier.

**8:10 a.m. 5-minute break**

**8:15 a.m. Development Sessions: Part 2**

*Select another session from the list above. Since student presentations begin in these rooms at 9:00 a.m., please fix any chairs that were rearranged during your session before leaving.*

**9:00 a.m. Member Presentations Session II**

*Eight concurrent rooms of student presentations grouped by academic discipline for up to four 15-minute presentations (each with at least 3 minutes of Q&A) with five minutes of travel time between each presentation.*

***Please consult the mobile app for presenter details for each section.***

**Section 8: American Literature and Original Poetry ----- East E**

**Section 9: Political Science and World History ----- East F**

**Section 10: Anthropology & Sociology-----East D**

**Section 11: Health Sciences ----- East G**

**Section 12: World Literature-----East J**

**Section 13: Education – Pedagogy ----- East L**

**Section 14: Psychology -----East K**

**Section 15: Molecular & Cellular Biology ----- East I**

**10:30 a.m. Member Presentations Session III (10:30 to 11:50 a.m.)**

*Eight concurrent rooms of student presentations grouped by academic discipline for up to four 15-minute presentations (each with at least 3 minutes of Q&A) with five minutes of travel time between each presentation.*

***Please consult the mobile app for presenter details for each section.***

**Section 16: Chemistry----- East E**

**Section 17: Organismal & Ecological Biology and Comp. Science/Engineering----- East F**

**Section 18: Business Management and Communication-----East D**

**Section 19: Original Fiction----- East G**

**Section 20: Education Research and Mathematics-----East J**

**Section 21: American and World History ----- East L**

**Saturday continued**

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own to discover more of Birmingham!**
- [The Pizitz Food Hall](#) at 1801 1st Ave. N, is a food court with several fun and budget-friendly options. Their parking garage is free for up to 2 hours.
  - The Civil Rights Institute and 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church have afternoon hours.
  - There's also Vulcan Park and Museum at 1701 Valley View Dr.
- 3:30 p.m. Regional President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer Meeting-----East J**  
*Hosted by the National Council's Executive Committee*
- 3:45 p.m. Regional Student Representatives Orientation -----East K**  
*Hosted by Alpha Chi's Director of Operations and Council Members*
- 5:00 p.m. Alpha Chi National Business Meeting (Council and chapter voters required) -----East M**
- President's Report
  - Secretary's Report
  - Presentation of New Regional Leadership Teams
  - Constitutional Voting Session (bring chapter voting materials)
  - Installation of New National Council Members (time permitting)
- 6:00 p.m. 2024 Convention Dinner & Awards Gala----- East N**  
*Come decked out in Alpha Chi blues and greens and ready to cheer each other on as we put a bow on the 2024 National Convention!*
- Distinguished Alumnus Presentation & Video
  - Presentation of our 2024 National Service Leaders
  - Partner Acknowledgement: Tim Brown of Brown's Graduation Supplies
  - Scholarship Winners & Alternates Announcements
  - Member Presentation Prize Announcements
  - Presentation of the President's Cup for Outstanding Chapter of Alpha Chi
  - Collaborative Research Team Prize Announcements
  - 2024 Convention Photo Competition
  - Farewells

**Following End of Convention**

**8-10:00 p.m. National Council Plenary-----TBA**

## Convention Speakers



**T. K. Thorne** has been passionate about storytelling and writing since she was a young girl, and that passion only deepened when she became a police officer. After completing a master's in social work from The University of Alabama, Thorne served for more than two decades in the Birmingham police force, retiring as a precinct captain and then as the executive director of a downtown business improvement district focused on safety. Her books and essays include two award-winning historical novels (*Noah's Wife* and *Angels at the Gate*); two nonfiction civil rights era works (*Last Chance for Justice* and *Behind the Magic Curtain: Secrets, Spies, and Unsung White Allies of Birmingham's Civil Rights Days*); and a dally with murder, mystery, and magic in *House of Rose*, *House of Stone*, and *House of Iron*, the Magic City Stories trilogy. She enjoys traveling, gardening, martial arts, and painting and writes from her mountaintop home northeast of Birmingham, often with a dog and cat vying for her lap and horses hanging out in the yard. T. K. Thorne will deliver the keynote address at the 2024 Alpha Chi National Convention in Birmingham, Alabama, on Friday night.

Alpha Chi has named **Dr. Zac Imel**, University of Utah Professor and Chief Science Officer of Lyssn.io, as its 2024 Distinguished Alumnus. Dr. Imel became a member of Alpha Chi during his undergraduate tenure at Westminster College (Fulton, MO). He went on to receive a master's degree in counseling psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2003, and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2009. Dr. Imel's research over the past decade has focused on the efficacy of mental health treatment, and his work of late entails examining the use of artificially intelligent software in improving mental health treatments. This work led him to found his own company, Lyssn.io, where the technology underlying the popular ChatGPT is used to help scale effective, evidence-based mental healthcare.



Dr. Imel will be honored as Alpha Chi's 2024 Distinguished Alumnus during a session at Alpha Chi's national convention in Birmingham, Alabama. Delegates will hear from Dr. Imel by video after the award's presentation to the Westminster College chapter.

## Alpha Chi National Council Members

Linda Cowan, West Liberty University (*president*)  
Bonita Cade, Roger Williams University (*vice president*)  
Teddi Deka, Missouri Western State University (*secretary*)  
Lara Noah, Alpha Chi Executive Director (*ex-officio*)  
Aislinn Beak, East Central University  
Marquesa Calderon, Hawai'i Pacific University  
Teagan Decker, University of North Carolina at Pembroke  
Dennis Hall, Angelo State University  
Jessica Henry, Hastings College  
Steve Hoekstra, Kansas Wesleyan University  
Myra Houser, Ouachita Baptist University  
Jacquelyn Kegley, California State University, Bakersfield  
Ken LaSota, Robert Morris University  
Lindsey Morais, West Liberty University  
Jodi Pilgrim, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
Lauren Pribyl, Franklin Pierce University  
Craig Rogers, Campbellsville University  
Anthony Sarmiento, Angelo State University  
Kate Stewart, University of Arkansas at Monticello  
Kianté Stuart, Hastings College  
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