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Foreword

Welcome to the 69 annual edition of the Gamma Sigma Delta International Newsletter!

As we recap the highlights of 2014-2015, we are reminded that 2015-2016 will be a Conclave year, with the event fast approaching. It will be wonderful to bring members of our Gamma Sigma Delta community together to share achievements and best practices in food and agriculture teaching, research and outreach. We hope to see many of you at Louisiana State for the Conclave on June $28^{th} - 30^{th}$.

At this time, the International Executive Committee would like to take a look back at important Chapter achievements that occurred in 2014-2015. We extend our deep appreciation to all for local Chapter efforts, including induction of new members and on-going activities to meet challenges in agriculture, human nutrition and environmental sustainability. Sincere congratulations to Chapters whose accomplishments will be highlighted in this newsletter, including:

- Outstanding Chapter Award Louisiana State University
- Most Improved Chapter Award Pennsylvania State University
- New Activity Award *University of Maryland*
- International Foundation Scholarship Award Sarah Maestas, University of Tennessee; Billy Rochelle, University of Tennessee

Within the newsletter, readers will also find recognition for excellent Chapters, including enrichment grant awardees, and a summary of executive committee activities on behalf of Gamma Sigma Delta in 2014-2015. Please contact the International Chapter Officers with questions, comments or news to share.

Connecting GSD Chapters via Social Media

In 2014-2015, we continued to expand our social media presence via the Gamma Sigma Delta Twitter account @GammaSigmaDelta, a banner for which has been incorporated on the GSD homepage (www.gammasigmadelta.org). GSD currently has over 200 Twitter followers, including federal agencies (e.g. US Dept of Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Academy of Sciences – Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources), state farm bureaus, university ag programs and extension services, non-profit organizations, industry organizations, ag media outlets, and GSD academic members.

We encourage local Chapters to set up a Twitter account in order to share news with the International Executive Committee and other GSD Chapters in "real time". We believe that social media will be an increasingly important tool for keeping the GSD community engaged in conversation across the miles and between Conclaves. I will be holding a social media workshop at the upcoming Conclave. Many academic faculty now use Twitter for: sharing research publications, web links and blogs; monitoring ag science and business news, etc. With a smartphone camera and Twitter app, sharing Gamma Sigma Delta Chapter images and event news will be just a few clicks, swipes and characters away!

Looking forward to meeting many of you in June,

Denneal Jamison-McClung, PhD International President-Elect University of California, Davis

2015 – 2016 International Officers

The International Officers of Gamma Sigma Delta are volunteers who are elected at the Biennial Conclave of the Society. There are no paid staff members. The International Secretary's office serves as the contact point for the International Society and, together with the International Treasurer, coordinates the ordering of membership and award certificates, plaques, jewelry, and other items for the local chapters. The International Officers publish an annual newsletter; select the recipients of the Society's awards; review policies; encourage establishment of new chapters; work with existing chapters on program development; and plan and conduct the Biennial Conclave with chapter representatives. The following officers were elected at the 2014 Conclave and will serve to June 30, 2016.

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International President's Message - Greetings in the New Year!

The 2016 academic year offers Gamma Sigma Delta chapters worldwide opportunities to continue to recognize and encourage excellence in the practice of agricultural pursuits. Identifying and spotlighting the academic, research, and service accomplishments of undergraduate and graduate students and faculty and staff in the agricultural sciences disciplines are worthy activities. Viable, robust local chapters are the heartbeat of International Gamma Sigma Delta. Each active member is responsible for assisting his/her chapter to meet the challenges defined at the 2014 Conclave held in Lincoln, Nebraska:

- Make Gamma Sigma Delta a Big Deal;
- Enact Generative Leadership; and
- Effectively Network and Communicate.

At the International Gamma Sigma Delta officers' team meeting during June 2015 in Lexington, Kentucky, several chapters were recognized for superior performance. Louisiana State University was selected as the outstanding Chapter for 2014-2015 (for the second year in a row), Pennsylvania State University was identified as the Most Improved Chapter, University of Maryland was recognized with the Outstanding New Activity Award, and Pennsylvania State University received a Gold Award, South Dakota State University and University of Tennessee were awarded Silver status, and University of Maryland and North Dakota State University garnered Bronze distinction. Congratulations to each of these chapters and their members!

The 2016 International Gamma Sigma Delta Conclave will be held on the Louisiana State University campus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 28-30. Lodging and principal meetings will occur at The Cook Hotel and Conference Center at LSU. A block of hotel rooms is reserved. We trust your chapter will have one or more representatives at the Conclave. Mark your calendars now and more information regarding the agenda, registration protocol, and other logistics will be distributed to chapters in late January / early February 2016.

The various chapters' annual reports submitted for the 2015 academic year documented a broad range of activities occurring at the local level of International Gamma Sigma Delta. As we plan for the 2016 Conclave, I ask that each chapter identify 3-5 Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are recommended for a local chapter's viability and success in its perceived Gamma Sigma Delta Mission. Please e-mail those BMPs to me (e-rister@tamu.edu) with your chapter's identity and IGSD BMPs in the Subject Line by April 1, 2016. We will compile these suggested BMPs into a comprehensive set and use them during the Conclave as a basis for identifying strategies for both robust and faltering chapters to consider.

A recurring topic at recent Conclaves is recognition of the challenges confronting chapters to both attract students' interest in Gamma Sigma Delta as well as how to reward faculty and staff for their leadership and contributions. As I stated in last year's newsletter, "Our time is now, but our collective outcome of progress and distinction for our Society depends largely on what we individually and collectively do in our respective chapters to realize the value of Gamma Sigma Delta for our current and future members."

And, again as stated last year, "Our individual and collective challenge this year remains the same as it has been for the 110 years of our existence -- make Gamma Sigma Delta more relevant and recognized on your campus and throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Honduras, and the rest of the world in 2016."

M. Edward "Ed" Rister International President Texas A&M University – College Station, Texas

2014-2015 Outstanding Chapter Award

Louisiana State University

Under the leadership of President, Janet Fox, and a full set of officers, the Louisiana State University Chapter had a great year. Their report provided the information request by the International Officers followed by a good summary of their activities along with photos and copies of programs and minutes. This information showed a very active Chapter that is respected on campus.

The officers had monthly (or as needed) Executive Committee Meetings to plan for their Fall and Spring Business Meetings, the Fall Initiation Ceremony and Reception and their Spring Awards Banquet. The Chapter includes the College of Agriculture, Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, School of Human Resources Education and Workforce Development and School of Veterinary Medicine. The Chapter uses focused committees with two year rotating membership to keep faculty involved and make use of their limited time to devote to Gamma Sigma Delta.

They inducted new members and used the Gamma Sigma Delta "Award of Merit" certificates to recognize twenty outstanding sophomores, Graduate Students and Faculty. The Chapter also made the following aware:

- ♣ Certificate and \$150 award for Undergraduate Research Poster Award
- ♣ Three FFA Tiger Awards, plaque or year plate for previous plaque recipients
- ♣ Six State Science Fair Awards, Certificates, \$50 to Jr. 1st. And \$100 to Sr. 1st.
- **♣** 25 Teacher Merit Honor Roll, Certificates.
- **♣** Five Graduate Student Honor Roll Certificates
- One Past President Plaque

The Chapter uses press releases announcing initiates and award winners and keynote speakers. These target campus media. The information is also placed on their website and in the two Gamma Sigma Delta display cases on campus.

The Chapter hosted the 2nd Graduate Student Farm and Agribusiness Tour. Many of the Graduate Students, especially the foreign students, are not familiar with modern agriculture at the farm and agribusinesses beyond the farm gate. The tour gave the graduate students the opportunity to see Agriculture in action. Visits included the Rice Research Station in Crowley, Louisiana and the Wheat and Oat Field Day at the Macon Ridge Research station in Winnsboro, Louisianan.

Outstanding Chapter Award Previous Recipients

Year	Chapter(s)
2015	Louisiana
2014	Louisiana
2013	Tuskegee
2012	Louisiana and Tennessee
2011	Kentucky & Louisiana
2010	Louisiana
2009	Tennessee
2008	Louisiana
2007	Philippines at Los Baños
2006	Louisiana
2005	Kentucky & Louisiana
2004	Kentucky
2003	Kentucky & Louisiana
2002	Kentucky & Louisiana
2001	Kentucky
2000	Kentucky & Louisiana
1999	Kentucky
1998	Philippines
1997	Missouri
1996	Louisiana
1995	Louisiana
1994	Arkansas & Colorado
1993	Tennessee
1992	Louisiana
1991	Louisiana
1990	Philippines
1989	Louisiana
1988	Ohio
1987	Arkansas
1986	Ohio
1985	Maryland-National Capital
1984	Ohio
1983	Nebraska
1982	Louisiana
1981	Colorado
1980	Arkansas
1979	North Carolina State
1978	Ohio
1977	Kansas
1976	Alabama-Auburn

2014-2015 Chapter Recognition Program

Gold, Silver and Bronze Chapters

Friendly competition for International awards continues to increase each year as chapters become more active and send their annual reports to the International Secretary. The International Executive Committee voted in 2005 to expand the Chapter Recognition Program to reflect the accomplishments of many chapters instead of only a few. In addition to selecting the Outstanding Chapter and Most Improved Chapter, the Executive Committee also recognizes additional chapters at the Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels. For 2014-2015, those chapters are:

Gold Chapter

The Pennsylvania State University

Silver Chapters

South Dakota State University University of Tennessee

Bronze Chapters

University of Maryland/National North Dakota State University

Congratulations to each of the officers and members of these chapters!



2014-2015 Most Improved Chapter Award

The Pennsylvania State University Chapter had a very good year with considerable improvements from the last year. They increased the number of initiates. They implemented a new system (C-vent; www.cvent.com) to track nominations and acceptances, to allow nominees to pay dues on line and to make arrangements for the annual awards event.

The number of activities also increased from last year. The highlight was the initiation/awards ceremony held on March 26, 2015 with Dr. Richard Roush, the new Dean for the College of Agricultural Sciences, was the keynote speaker. The Chapter presented six Award of Merit Certificates. The awards for students included \$100 for Sophomore Scholarship, \$300 for Junior Scholarship and \$300 for Senior Scholarship. The presented the Immediate Past President with a plaque. The Chapter supported Research competition with 6 certificate and cash awards for the Undergraduate Student Research Expo Awards and 11 certificates and cash awards for the Graduate Student Research Expo Awards.

The officers held monthly business meetings from August through May and a business meeting for the entire membership. A Department Representative Luncheon was held in January to provide the representatives an update and encourage new member recruitment.

The Chapter maintains a website ((C-vent; www.cvent.com) and an Awards Case in the lobby of the Agricultural Science and Industries Building. Plaques recognizing faculty awards were updated and hang in the lobby of Agricultural Administration.

Congratulations to The Pennsylvania State University for earning the 2014-2015 Most Improved Chapter Award!

2014-2015 New Activity Award

University of Maryland - National Capital Area

The New Activity Award recognizes a Chapter with the best new activity. This Award is to encourage Chapters to do new activities to support the goals of Gamma Sigma Delta at their University.

The following is from their Chapter Report.

1. **Bi-annual Business/ Social Meeting for General GSD Membership:** Once a semester we held a general membership business meeting to convey and collect information, ideas, and concerns regarding the Chapter. These events were well attended and also served to pique interest within members to become more active. Our hour-long meetings were followed by a social/networking event. The Chapter paid for appetizers at these gatherings.

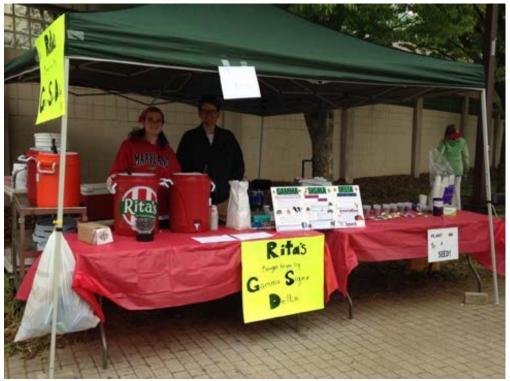


2. Our first Seminar of our Gamma Sigma Delta-sponsored Seminar Series: We invited our very first seminar speaker to give a presentation at the University of Maryland. To ensure satisfactory attendance and gain recognition within the College, we co-hosted the seminar with The Dept. of Animal and Avian Sciences. We invited Mike Maslanka, Head of the Department of Nutrition at the Smithsonian National Zoo, to give his talk, titled "The Role of Zoo and Wildlife Nutrition in Saving Species". Mike gave a very interesting and insightful seminar on how his education, experiences and research in animal science is directly applicable to his work in commissary operation, clinical nutrition, nutrition research, education and outreach at the Zoo. There were over 60 people in attendance. Following the seminar, we hosted "Dinner with Mike", whereby 12 GSD members treated Mike to dinner and enjoyed a round-table discussion on topics including career development, animal conservation, and current issues in animal nutrition.

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3. **Major fundraiser during the University of Maryland's "Maryland Day/ Ag Day"**. One year ago, our Chapter funds were nearly depleted and membership dues could not cover even minor costs or subsidize any potential activities. During the Fall 2015 semester, we performed a major membership push and increased our membership over 100%. In addition, we successfully applied for the International Chapter Enrichment Grant, and used the funds to purchase a new GSD

banner and cover annual banquet expenses. To cover costs associated with all other activities, we sold Rita's Italian Ice at this year's Maryland Day, a University-wide festival that showcases all facets of the University with the community. We successfully raised over \$200 (expected \$400), despite the fact that it was a cold day without any sunshine. In addition, we implemented a free sunflower seed planting activity for the children, who then took their potted seeds home to plant in their own gardens/yards.



4. Day Trip to the Institute of Marine and Environmental Technology (IMET) Center and the National Aquarium in Baltimore, MD. We planned an all-day event including a "behind-thescenes" tour of the (IMET) Center followed by a visit to the National Aquarium in Baltimore on May 17th, 2015. This is GSD's first off-campus event in over a decade, and will provide a very unique opportunity for members to see exciting new research related to finding new biotech-based solutions to protecting marine biodiversity, ocean health and human heath, marine bio-energy and marine ecosystems AND to tour what is considered one of the world's best aquariums. We have over 20 people attending. Our chapter

Congratulations to the University of Maryland - National Capital Area for earning the 2014-2015 New Activity Chapter Award!

New Activity Award Previous Recipients

Year	Chapter(s)
2015	University of Maryland-National Capital Area
2014	Wyoming
2013	Escuela Agricola Panamericana (Honduras)
2012	Tuskegee
2011	Tuskegee
2010	Kentucky
2009	Honduras-Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
2008	Louisiana
2007	Philippines at Los Baños
2006	Colorado State
2005	Tuskegee
2004	Louisiana
2003	Langston
2002	Mississippi State
2001	Honduras
2000	Kentucky
1999	Arkansas
1998	Not presented
1997	Cornell
1996	Texas A&M-College Station
1995	Arkansas & Pennsylvania
1994	Not presented
1993	Tennessee
1992	Louisiana
1991	Tennessee
1990	University of California-Riverside
1989	Ohio State University

2014-2015 Chapter Enrichment Grants

Gamma Sigma Delta sponsors a chapter enrichment grant program each year to encourage and promote the development of projects at the chapter level. Projects are generally for one year in duration, and a maximum of \$750 may be awarded to each chapter selected.

Eight proposals were received and four were funded:

- o University of Maryland "Beginning anew: Revitalizing our Chapter Back to Greatness" (\$506).
- o University of Nebraska "Undergraduate/Graduate Student Mentoring Program" (\$750).
- South Dakota State University "First Annual GSD Celebration of Excellence and Collaborative Exchange" (\$450).
- Tuskegee University "Gamma Sigma Delta Student Food/Nutrition Access Center (GSD-SNAC)" (\$745).

2014-2015 International Foundation Scholarship Award

The 2014-2015 recipient of the Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Scholarship is Billy Rochelle, a Senior in Food and Ag Business at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. Billy maintained a 3.98 GPA while being active in several leadership roles and volunteer activities. Some of his activities were Leadership Living and Learning Community, Dairy Judging Team, Collegiate 4-H and Milan No Till Field Day. She received awards for Leadership Level II winner (4-H), Outstanding Food and Agricultural Business Junior and Outstanding Food and Agricultural Business Senior. Billy's volunteer activities included

- MLK Day of Service (2014, 2015)
- Nursing Home visit (monthly)
- Operation Military Kids (annual Trick or Treat event)
- Operation Christmas Child (annual collection)

After completing his B.S degree at UTK, Billy plans to return to his fifth generation family farm to assist his dad with their operation (beef cattle and row crops). He would like to return to school to complete his MBA.

Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Scholarship Winners

Year	Name	Chapter
2015	Billy Rochelle	University of Tennessee
2014	Michael Hannewald	The Ohio State University
2013	Ariel Buehler	University of Tennessee
2012	Dustin Homan	The Ohio State University
2011	Hannah Leventhal	Kansas State University
2010	Quentin Dudley	University of Nebraska
2009	Kristen Schulte	Kansas State University
2008	Laura Sossamon	University of Arkansas
2007	Kiersten Wise	North Dakota State Univ.
2006	Jacqueline Dow Pratt	Penn State University

2014-2015 International John Riley Service Scholarship

The John Riley Service Scholarship was created to honor John Riley and his many years of dedicated service to Gamma Sigma Delta at the Chapter and International Level. John served many years as Secretary and was President. His tireless service kept Gamma Sigma function at a high level.

The 2014-2015 recipient of the John Riley Service Scholarship is Billy Rochelle, a Senior in Food and Ag Business at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. Billy maintained a 3.98 GPA while being active in several leadership roles and volunteer activities. Some of his activities were Leadership Living and Learning Community, Dairy Judging Team, Collegiate 4-H and Milan No Till Field Day. She received awards for Leadership Level II winner (4-H), Outstanding Food and Agricultural Business Junior and Outstanding Food and Agricultural Business Senior. Billy's volunteer activities included

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Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation John Riley Service Scholarship Winners

Year	Name	Chapter
2015	Billy Rochelle	University of Tennessee

2014-2015 International Foundation Graduate Student Scholarship Award

In 2015, a Graduate Student Scholarship is initiated to recognize an outstanding graduate student.

Sarah Mays, a Master Candidate at the University of Tennessee in Entomology and Plant Pathology, is the first recipient of the Foundation Graduate Student Scholarship Award. The following are highlights of her honors and activities:

Honors And Achievements

Kirby L. Hays Award Outstanding Masters Student Southeast Branch of the Entomological Society of America -2015

1st Place Student Oral Presentation Competition Tennessee Mosquito and Vector Control Association Annual Meeting - 2015

Charles Wheeler Most Outstanding M.S. Student Award in Entomology Departmental Award - 2014

2nd Place Student Paper Competition Tennessee Entomological Society Annual Meeting - 2014 Sigma Theta Tau International Award for Excellence in Human Health Research Comparative & Experimental Medicine and Public Health Research Symposium - 2014

Sam Noble Agriculture Scholarship - 2014

1st Place M.S. Student Display Presentation Session 2, Southeast branch of the Entomological Society of America - Annual Meeting 2014

J. Wallace and Katie Dean Graduate Fellowship - 2013

Gamma Sigma Delta Award for Excellence in Agricultural and Related Sciences Comparative & Experimental Medicine and Public Health Research Symposium - 2013

Professional Organizations And Service

Entomological Society of America (ESA), member 2010-present

Southeastern Branch of the ESA, member 2013-present

Southwestern Branch of the ESA, member 2010-2012 The Wildlife Society, member 2010-present

Southeastern Society of Parasitologists, member 2013-present

Tennessee Mosquito and Vector Control Association, member 2013, 2015

University of Tennessee Entomology and Plant Pathology Graduate Student Organization Fall 2013-present

Social Chair, Fall 2013-Fall 2014

University of Tennessee Ag Day 2013: Promotion of Entomology and Plant Pathology Department Buggy Buffet 2013 & 2014: Assisted with setup and teardown for community educational events

College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and Collegiate 4-H 2013 & 2014 Fall Festival: Assisted with community outreach events 2014- 2015

Year	Name	Chapter
2015	Sarah Mays	University of Tennessee

Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award

No nominations were received.

Previous Recipients of the Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award

- 2015 No Award
- 2014 Dr. Juan Carlos Rosas Sotomayor, Honduras
- 2013 No Award
- 2012 Dr. Rattan Lal, Ohio
- 2011 Dr. Melvin C. Hunt, Kansas State
- 2010 No Award
- 2009 Dr. Curtis L. Kastner, Kansas State
- 2008 Dr. Martin A. Massengale, Nebraska, Agronomy
- 2007 Dr. Stanley E. Gilliland, Oklahoma, Animal Science
- 2006 Dr. L. Dale VanVleck, Nebraska, Animal Science
- 2005 Dr. Will Carpenter, Mississippi, Weed Science
- 2004 Dr. Charles Hess, California, Environmental Horticulture
- 2003 Dr. Gail L. Cramer, Louisiana, Agricultural Economics
- 2002 Dr. Donald C Thill, Idaho, Weed Science
- 2001 Dr. Lowell Moser, Nebraska, Agronomy
- 2000 No Award
- 1999 Dr. R. Wayne Skaggs, North Carolina, Bio. & Ag. Engineering
- 1998 Dr. Chester L. Foy, Virginia, Plant Physiology
- 1997 Dr. Herbert W. Ockerman, Ohio, Animal Science
- 1996 Dr. Fuller W. Bazer, Texas, Veterinary Medicine
- 1995 Dr. Dermot P. Coyne, Nebraska, Horticulture
- 1994 Dr. David G. Topel, Iowa, Administration
- 1993 Dr. Daniel Y. C. Fung, Kansas, Food Science
- 1992 Dr. Simón E. Malo, EAP, Administration
- 1991 Dr. Clarence Ammerman, Florida, Animal Science
- 1990 Dr. Gordon Dickerson, Nebraska, Animal Breeding/Genetics
- 1989 Dr. Robert A. Godke, Louisiana, Animal Science
- 1988 Dr. James N. Moore, Arkansas, Horticulture
- 1987 Dr. Stanley A. Barber, Indiana, Soil Chemistry
- 1986 Dr. Robert H. Harms, Florida, Poultry Science
- 1985 Dr. John R. Campbell, Illinois, Administration
- 1984 Dr. John D. Axtell, Indiana, Sorghum Breeding
- 1983 Dr. Willard L. Lindsay, Colorado, Soil Chemistry
- 1982 Dr. Dudley D. Culley, Jr. Louisiana, Wildlife Management

- 1981 Dr. William P. Switzer, Iowa, Swine Diseases
- 1980 Dr. Bruce J. Zobel, North Carolina, Forest Genetics
- 1979 Dr. Oscar E. Olson, South Dakota, Biochemistry
- 1978 Dr. Reuben W. Engel, Virginia, Nutrition
- 1977 Dr. Charles O. Gardner, Nebraska, Agronomy
- 1976 Dr. Tony J. Cunha, Cal-Pomona, Animal Science
- 1975 Dr. Glen S. Pound, Wisconsin, Administration
- 1974 Dr. Earl O. Heady, Iowa, Economics
- 1973 Dr. E. T. York, Jr. Florida, Administration
- 1972 Dr. Glenn W. Burton, Georgia, Plant Breeding
- 1971 Dr. Leo Dale Newson, Louisiana, Entomology
- 1970 Dr. William J. Miller, Georgia, Dairy Science
- 1969 Dr. John W. Schmidt, Nebraska, Agronomy
 - Dr. Virgil A. Johnson, Nebraska, Agronomy
- 1968 Dr. Roy L. Lovvorn, North Carolina, Administration
- 1967 Dr. Raymond V. Olson, Kansas, Agronomy
- 1966 Dr. James D. Johnston, Louisiana, Dairy Science
- 1965 Dr. Khem M. Shahani, Nebraska, Dairy Technology
- 1964 Dr. Bernardo G. Capó, Puerto Rico, Soil Chemistry
- 1963 Dr. John A. Johnson, Kansas, Cereal Chemistry
- 1962 Dr. Ernest A. Fieger, Louisiana, Ag. Chemistry
- 1961 Dr. George A. Young, Nebraska, Veterinary Science
- 1960 Dr. Gertrude Cox, North Carolina, Statistics
- 1959 Dr. Reginald H. Painter, Kansas, Entomology
- 1958 Dr. Ernest B. Sears, Missouri, Cytogenetics
- 1957 Dr. William G. Murray, Iowa, Ag. Economics
- 1956 Dr. Paul H. Harvey, North Carolina, Plant Breeding
- 1955 Dr. Charles Willard, Ohio, Crop Science
- 1954 Dr. Clyde H. Bailey, Minnesota, Biochemistry
- 1953 Dr. Samuel Brody, Missouri, Animal Physiology
- 1952 Dean H. H. Kildee, Iowa State, Administration
- 1951 Dr. Elvin C. Stakeman, Minnesota, Plant Pathology

Gamma Sigma Delta International Executive Committee Minutes

August 11, 2014

Gamma Sigma Delta International Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting

Present: Mike Brugger, Dennis Brink, Denneal Jamison-McClung, and Kimberly Henken

Mike Brugger called the meeting to order at noon, Eastern time.

- Approval of the distributed Executive Committee meeting minutes.
 Ed's comments have been included in the latest version that was sent. MOTION:
 Kimberly moved, Denneal Second to accept the minutes as distributed, motion carried.
- 2. Review of distributed Conclave minutes.
 - 1. Mike asked Officers to look the minutes over and send comments to him. The final approval will be at the next Conclave. Denneal asked about sharing the draft minutes. Mike will share with Chapters.
- 3. Secretary report Mike

Getting geared up for fall orders. Have to finish updating Handbook and Guidelines. Will work with Ed on letters to Chapters, etc. Finishing Foundation Material to register in Ohio

- 4. Treasurer report Kimberly
 - Kimberly has Treasurer materials. She is working on getting electronic access to PNC. Sent out reminders to Chapters with unpaid orders. Getting QuickBook setup. UC Davis has someone working on getting their invoices paid.
- 5. Enrichment Grants reminder that we will have to review and make decisions. Grant proposals are due November 1, 2014.

 Dennis suggested that for the future request for proposals, a theme for the proposals be

included. The theme could be something to help Gamma Sigma Delta, for example an area that the International Officers thought helpful to Chapters. Mike will pass this on to Navam.

6. Twitter Activity update - Denneal

Have 108 followers and 241 posts. Twitter is way to share what is already on the web. Use to brand GSD as part of the land grant mission. Can retweet a post that a person likes to followers of GSD. Send potential postings to GSD@gammasigmadelta. Suggested a Linkedin group site. Denneal will send us some info on it. Mike would be "group manager." Send any good links to Denneal.

- 7. Deans Letter for Chapters that received awards Dennis Dennis will send out along with letters to the Chapters. Mike will send Dennis the Certificates to go with the letters.
- 8. Review of 2014 Conclave Materials Dennis

Need to distribute materials. Officers need to send edits of distributed drafts to Dennis. Next, we need to decide how to distribute the materials. All agreed to convert to PDF documents and have available on the website. Mike will work with Webmaster to add way to access documents from the Home Page. Mike will also get a link to Twitter Page, Facebook Page added to the website.

- Review of 2014-2015 responsibilities, Draft attached
 Mike pointed out that this is draft. Send any comments to Ed and Mike. Dennis will send
 DAA photo and writeup to Navam and Mike. Navam should work with Chapter on who
 will print, etc.
- 10. Discussion on 2016 Conclave Location.

Potential to get travel grant from funding source. Planning Grants – go there to make partnerships for student exchanges and understanding how they do the education.

Proposal due this February and award in October. Dennis will share request for proposal and proposal outline when request comes out.

11. Fall contacts with Chapters

Reminder to contact the Liaison Chapters early in September.

12. Thoughts on Inactive Chapters

Dennis has not contacted Philippines Chapter. He will contact and get back to us. Dennis will try to do something with Inactive Chapters this year. Need to check if there are some basic procedures already published. If not, prepare them. Focus on Michigan State, Purdue and the Philippines. Could use them as a case study.

13. Other items

Spring Executive Committee Meeting. Meeting will be in Lexington. Tentative dates are the week of June 15. Mike to send out an e-mail asking about availability.

14. Next Conference Call

Mike will talk with Ed and schedule as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectively Submitted

Michael Brugger, Secretary.

December 3, 2014

Gamma Sigma Delta International Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting

Present: Ed Rister, President; Mike Brugger, Secretary; Dennis Brink, Past President; Denneal Jamison-McClung, President Elect; Navam Hettiarachchy, Historian; and Kimberly Henken, Treasurer

Treasurer Update – Kimberly Henken sent out the attached reports before the meeting. The Balance Sheet does not reflect the CD's. The CD's are over \$40,000. There are still have some unpaid Chapter invoices over 30 days. Kimberly is sending out reminders every 30 to 45 days. After the meeting, Kimberly Henken sent the following account balances to Mike Brugger:

Gamma Sigma Delta International

Checking - \$1,788.80

Money Market - \$22,765.72

CD 8622 - \$23,605.82

CD 8621 - \$5,607.57

CD 8620 - \$11,915.62

Total - \$65,683.53

Foundation Account - \$33,872.15

Secretary Update – There has been very few initiations this fall. After the first of the year, we need to contact our Chapters to encourage them to be active and initiate new members in the spring. Currently, the Chapters are assigned to the International Officers by office title. The names are being changed to non-office title so that the President Elect can be assigned a group of Chapters and keep that group for the 6 years without the Secretary having to do a complete change of assignment for three officers every two years. As soon as the change is finished, the information will be sent to the officers. The Honor Cords have arrived, so have plenty for this year and probably next year.

Award Presentation Reports - Navam Hettiarachchy had a very good trip to Honduras. They provided a very good tour of the facilities and had a very nice awards banquet. She presented the awards and DAA Cash to the Chapter and DAA recipient. Mike Brugger attended the Louisiana State University awards ceremony and presented the Outstanding Chapter Award to them.

Enrichment Grant Decisions – The proposals were discussed. There were more good proposals than the \$2,500 that is authorized for the enrichment grants. Some of the factors considered were the potential for invigorating a lagging Chapter, the ability to increase the visibility of Gamma Sigma Delta at the University, level of past funding. MOTION: Mike Brugger moved that the funding be allocated as is given in the attached spreadsheet. Kimberly Henken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Since this is the first time that the request exceeded the amount that can be spent, the need for more thought into the criteria for selection and including information on the request for proposals.

Contacts with Chapters – The International Officers will need to do contact their Chapters after the first of January. Items to emphasize are recognition of academic excellence in their students, opportunity to recognize faculty and staff through Award of Merit Certificates and to submit nominations for scholarships and Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award. Mike Brugger will send the forms to the chapter officers and place them on the website. Send any recommendations of changes to the forms that were distributed earlier to Mike Brugger.

Philippines Update – Mike Brugger has established limited contact with a member in the Philippines through help from the Dean's Office. The response was just that they were active. A request for more information and the names of initiates has not been answered. Mike Brugger and Ed Rister will discuss and make decisions on how to handle this Chapter.

Next Executive Committee Meeting - A conference call will be scheduled for February or March of next year, unless a need arises for one sooner.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. Eastern Time

Respectively Submitted Michael Brugger, Secretary

May 27, 2015

Gamma Sigma Delta International Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting

Present: Ed Rister, President; Mike Brugger, Secretary; Dennis Brink, Past President; Denneal Jamison-McClung, President Elect; Navam Hettiarachchy, Historian; and Kimberly Henken, Treasurer

Ed Rister called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Secretary update - Michael Brugger

Orders have been coming in. I have not looked at comparison to last year. I will have the information for the June meeting. I ran out of Award Certificates and I am still trying to fine a place to have them printed. Work and travel has made timely handling of orders a problem. This is a situation for only this year.

Treasurer Update - Kimberly Henken

Balance sheet and P & L for the year to date were sent to the Executive Committee. The following are current balances:

Gamma Sigma Delta International Checking - \$12,751.21 Money Market - \$16692.52 CD 8622 - \$23,613.71 CD 8621 - \$5,609.44 CD 8620 - \$12751.21 **Total - \$70,588.37 versus \$65,683.53 on 12/3/2014.**

Foundation Account - \$

Summary of Chapter reports and nominations - Mike Brugger

The reports and nominations are in a drop box file to which all officers have been invited to join. The number of reports and nominations are down. There were no DAA nominations. Discussed the possibility of reconsidering nominees from last year and asking for nominations. Can consider last year's nominees, if the Bylaws allow. The nomination deadline has passed.

Logistics for executive committee meeting - Kimberly Henken

Room confirmations were sent earlier. Let Kimberly know if you are flying in and she will try to make arrangements to pick you up at the airport.

Executive Committee meeting assignments - Ed Rister

We will get together for dinner on Monday evening and then have a workday on Tuesday. Kimberly has been asked to look at possible late Tuesday afternoon tour and then a group dinner. Everyone needs to read the Nominations and Chapter Reports. Ed Rister will send out the score sheet for Chapter Awards for each of the Committee Members to score the quality items.

Navam Hettiarachchy gave a brief update on Foundation Fund Raising. She has had little success in getting contact information to ask for donations. We will spend some time on this subject at the June Foundation Executive Committee meeting.

Discussion of Next Conclave location and activities – Ed Rister

Ed Rister will check with Louisiana State University to see if they are still willing to host the 2016 Conclave. Location and budget will be on the June Executive Committee meeting Agenda.

Thoughts on officer nominations for next Conclave – Dennis Brink

We discussed if there should be consideration of regional representation on the Executive Committee. There was general agreement that this would be a good starting point. Two regions to focus on first are the Northeast and the area around Nebraska as Dennis is going off. Some suggested Chapters were Penn State, Kansas and Iowa State.

Other business -

Denneal Jamison-McClung discussed the need to use some social media to grow Gamma Sigma Delta and the need to get younger people with a different vision involved.

Award Presentation Reports – Mike Brugger had a good trip to Wyoming to present the New Activity Award. The event was part of a College wide recognition brunch and ceremony. There were an impressive number of outstanding undergraduates and graduate students.

Philippines Update – Mike Brugger has had no more contact with the Philippines Chapter personnel since before the last Conference Call. This led to identifying the need to include discussion of Inactive Chapters on the June Executive Committee Agenda.

Respectively Submitted Michael Brugger, Secretary

June 22, 2015

Gamma Sigma Delta International Executive Committee Annual Executive Committee Meeting, Lexington, KY

Present: Ed Rister, President; Mike Brugger, Secretary; Dennis Brink, Past President; Denneal Jamison-McClung, President Elect; and Kimberly Henken, Treasurer

8:30 AM Ed Rister called to the Order 2015 International Executive Committee Meeting

Review Agenda – DAA topic moved to the Foundation Agenda.

Minutes 2014 Executive Committee Meeting - Mike Brugger

Minutes had been distributed. MOTION: Mike Brugger moved, Denneal Jamison-McClung seconded approval of the May 27, 2015 Executive Committee minutes. Motion Carried.

Officer Reports – Written reports are attached. The following are specific items that needed discussion by the committee.

Secretary – Mike Brugger

The summary of orders has not been completed and will be finished and sent after July 5. Orders were down. More Chapters placed orders after the initiation date. Discussion led to wanting to increase the Social Media exposure. There was agreement to see if a Twitter widget could be included on the website front page and to see if the front page could be made more easier to add photos and change the layout. Denneal Jamison-McClung agreed handle the Social Media material. Mike will contact the Webmaster. The good Chapter Reports will be added to the website with links to the page. Mike asked about the name badge. All agreed to continue with the name badges. Mike will order for those who do not have one.

Philippines Chapter has not sent information to the International for several years. Discussed what to do about the Chapter. Dennis will contact the person who expressed interest in attending the Conclave to see what their status is.

Treasurer – Kim Henken

Summary of activities are attached. She presented the financial reports. The DAA \$2,000 needs to be transferred to the Foundation account. The cost of a banner versus what is charged the Chapter was discussed. Currently International pays about half of the costs. MOTION: Denneal moved that the banner price be raised to \$450 for replacement banner. Dennis seconded the motion. Motion carried. MOTION: Dennis moved acceptance of Treasurer Report. Second by Denneal Jamison-McClung. Motion Carried.

Historian – Navam Hettiarachchy

Enrichment Grants for 2015:

1. Tuskegee University – "Gamma Sigma Delta Student Food/Nutrition Access Center (GSD-SNAC)". Grant amount - \$745.

- 2. South Dakota State University "First Annual GSD Celebration of Excellence and Collaborative Exchange". Grant amount \$450.
- 3. University of Maryland "Beginning anew: Revitalizing our Chapter Back to Greatness". Grant amount \$506.
- 4. University of Nebraska "Undergraduate/Graduate Student Mentoring Program". Grant amount \$750.

President - Ed Rister

No items to discuss

Past President - Dennis Brink

No items to discuss

President Elect – Denneal Jamison-McClung

Denneal Jamison-McClung summarized the activity on the Twitter Feed. Several organizations and persons are following the Twitter Feed. There is a need for a place to have material that can be linked to in the Twitter Feed. Discussed the concern of approval to have photos on the website. Agreed to develop a photo policy that we will ask the Chapters to incorporate. That will allow us to post photos on line.

We agreed to add a question on use of Social Media on the Chapter Report form. Denneal Jamison-McClung will send out how it should be worded.

Philippines Chapter has not sent information to the International for several years. Discussed what to do about the Chapter. Dennis will contact the person who expressed interest in attending the Conclave to see what their status is.

Chapter Awards - Ed Rister

Denneal and Dennis led the discussion of selection of the Chapter Awards. The following are the results:

Outstanding Chapter: LSU

Gold: Penn State

Silver: S Dakota, Tennessee

Bronze Chapters: Maryland, N Dakota Most Improved Chapter: Penn State

Outstanding New Activity Award: Maryland

Award Arrangements - Ed Rister

- 1. Presentations
 - a. DAA None to present
 - b. Outstanding Chapter Navam Hettiarachchy
 - c. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Chapters Mike Brugger prepares certificates. Ed Rister mails them
 - d. Most Improved Chapter Mike Brugger
 - e. New Activity Mike Brugger
- 2. Order Plaques Mike Brugger
- 3. Notification of Awards (chapters and scholarships) Ed Rister
- 4. Scholarships Write-Ups Mike Brugger

Chapter Anniversaries – Mike Brugger

Texas A & M will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2015. Certificates will be sent to Chapters that meet the requirements. Texas A & M will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2015.

Consideration of Any Constitutional Issues - Mike

Some changes were identified at the last Conclave. They need to be put together and sent out to the Chapters so they can be voted on at the next Conclave.

Web Site Development Update - Mike Brugger

The web site has been working fine. Made some modifications during the year to improve operations and address some issues. Web Master has been very responsive. MOTION: Mike Brugger moved to continue the maintenance agreement for next year. Seconded by Dennis Brink. Motion carried. Agreed to have front page modified to include incorporating Twitter.

MOTION: Dennis moved and Denneal seconded that Denneal, Kim and Mike be a committee to look into updating the website or have a separate info webpage. Mike emphasized that the main function of the current website is for Administration purposes.

Chapter Concerns and Issues - Mike Brugger

There continues to be a low number of reports submitted. Officers will contact their Liaison Chapters to encourage reports. Number of inactive chapters is high. Agreed to revisit this later.

Chapter Liaisons - Mike Brugger

The website section on Liaison Chapters assigned to International Officers is being updated to make it easer to manage. Discussed keeping the Liaison Chapters as active chapters only. Contacts with the inactive Chapters are to be a separate list. MOTION: Dennis moved that the inactive chapters for those not active for the last three years and another group not active in 4 to 6 years. Dormant Chapters are greater than 6 years of inactivity. Kim seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Actions on what to do to will be considered at the next conference call.

Denneal will create a short survey to send to those who have not submitted reports this share in August.

2016 Conclave Location and Related Topics - Mike Brugger

The current support for Chapter Representatives to the Conclave is paying full registration, two nights lodging and \$250 to the person toward travel. The Host Chapter is advanced \$1,000 as seed money. After the Conclave, the Host Chapter provides an accounting of the income and expenses and returns any money over expenses or International reimburses for uncovered expenses.

Reality of Secretary's Responsibilities and Time Requirements - Mike Brugger

The Secretary Responsibilities takes a considerable time at certain time of years. John Riley handled the Secretary Responsibilities for several years over the objection of his Department Chair. With the difficulty of getting a President Elect, the chances of getting a Secretary is even less. The International Officers need to start thinking about other options.

2016 Officer Nominations – Dennis Brink

Mike Brugger and Kimberly Henken agreed to be nominated for another term in the same offices. Discussed looking to persons involved in very active chapters and to try to maintain a regional balance as a President Elect candidate.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted

Mike Brugger, Secretary

M. Edward Rister

2014 - 2015

- Participated in monthly/bi monthly conference calls with International Officer Team during 2014 2015 academic year.
- Communicated with Secretary Brugger frequently, identifying issues for inclusion in officers' bi-monthly teleconference calls.
- Prepared the International President's message for the Newsletter.
- Participated in evaluation and selection of 2014 Enrichment Grant recipients
- Worked with Kimberley Henken, IGSD Treasurer, and other IGSD officers in planning for 2015 Executive Officers' team meeting in Lexington, KY.
- Prepared the meeting agenda for the 2015 International Executive Committee meeting and the 2015 International Foundation Board meeting.
- Updated the scoring rubric for Executive Officer team's use in evaluating 2015 Annual Chapter Reports.
- Participated in June 2015 Executive Officers' team meeting in Lexington, KY.
- Reviewed Chapter's annual activity reports and Foundation Scholarship nominations, and participated in selection of 2015
 - a. Outstanding Chapter Award
 - b. Gold Chapter Award
 - c. Silver Chapter Award
 - d. Bronze Chapter Award
 - e. Most Improved Chapter Award
 - f. New Chapter Activity Award
- Participated in selection of 2015 International Foundation Scholarships
- Served on Board of Directors International Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation.
- Coordinated development of timeline for 2015 2016 Executive Officer team's individual responsibilities.
- Worked with LSU Chapter in planning for 2016 Conclave.

2015 GSD Officer Report President-Elect Jamison-McClung

- 1. Prepared the Foreword section of the annual GSD Newsletter.
- 2. Launched the Gamma Sigma Delta International Twitter account June 27, 2014. We currently have **171 followers** and ~**650 posts**. Well-known food and ag communicators, academics, government agencies and industry organizations are among our GSD Twitter followers:
 - a. **Media Outlets:** Plant Physiology Journal; Farm Journal; Farmers.com Ag News; Michael Olson (Food Chain Radio); AgLoop; AgStories; AGTV Network; Agweek; CaliforniaAg Today; Nevada Rancher Magazine;
 - b. **Science Communicators:** Janice Person (Monsanto); Beth Henggeler (Monsanto); Mary Williams (ASPB); Jennie Schmidt MS RD; Rob Wallbridge; Michelle Payn-Knoeper; First Officer (@Erst Officer);
 - c. **NGOs:** Golden Rice; Margaret Zeigler (Global Harvest Initiative); Agriculture Is America (agisamerica.org); Save Our Citrus (saveourcitrus.org); Borlaug Global Rust;
 - d. **Industry**: Robb Fraley (Monsanto); Andy Hedgecock (Dupont-Pioneer); Ryan Lepicier (Nat'l Peanut Board); Bayer CropScience US; Cami Ryan (Monsanto); Pamela Marrone (Marrone BioInnovations); Farm Credit System; Eric Spell (AgCareers.com); Randy Krotz (US Farmers and Ranchers Alliance); Green State TV (Syngenta); Plant Village;
 - e. **Gov't:** Jack Bobo (State Dept); US Dept of Interior; US Fish & Wildlife Service; Kansas Dept of Ag; Missouri Farm Bureau; Illinois Ag; Oregon Farm Bureau; Georgia Farm Bureau
 - f. Academics: Dennis Brink (UNebraska), Purdue Ag; MS State Ag Econ; CS Prakash (TuskegeeU); Paul Gepts (UC Davis); J. Chris Pires (Mizzou); UVM Ag Extension Eng (Vermont); Ania Wieczorek (U Hawaii); Cornell (CALS) Int'l Programs; Institute for Food & Ag Literacy (UC Davis); Lynn Sosnoskie (UC Davis)



- 3. Emailed assigned Chapters an annual reporting reminder.
- 4. Reviewed and scored annual Chapter activity reports. Helped to compile Officer rankings for Chapter reports in excel rubric.
- 5. Participated in 2014-2015 Executive Officers team conference calls and June 2015 meeting in Lexington, KY.

Treasurer Kim Henken 2014-15

- 1. Completed forms and signature cards with PNC Bank.
- 2. Met with Mike Brugger to transition records.
- 3. Purchased, installed and set-up QuickBooks recordkeeping.
- 4. Entered invoices and processed payments as received.
- 5. Approved orders in the GSD International website order system.
- 6. Entered bills and submitted payments as received.
- 7. Participated in quarterly/bi-monthly conference calls.
- 8. Provided financial reports for conference calls.
- 9. Communicated with Mike Brugger routinely regarding orders, shipments, credit card receipts and other issues.
- 10. Submitted W-9 forms to chapters upon request.
- 11. Facilitated wire transfer to pay for honor cords.
- 12. Reconciled accounts monthly.
- 13. Responded to email inquiries regarding orders and payments as received from chapter officers.
- 14. Participated in evaluation and selection of 2014 Enrichment Grant recipients and prepared checks for recipients.
- 15. Planned lodging, meeting space and local logistics for the GSD International Executive Committee meeting in Lexington.
- 16. Emailed assigned liaison chapters in March to make introduction and remind chapters of due dates for awards, scholarships and annual reports.
- 17. Reviewed chapter reports and scholarship applications in preparation for the June 2015 Executive Committee meeting.
- 18. Corresponded with Dennis Brink regarding the strategic planning activities for the June 2015 Executive Committee meeting.
- 19. Served on Board of Directors for the Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation.
- 20. Managed financial accounts for the Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation and provided a financial report for the Board of Directors meeting.

INTERNATIONAL GSD HISTORIAN Navam Hettiarachchy 2014 - 2015

Chapter Enrichment Grants (2013-2014)

- Participated and reviewed Enrichment grants for the year 2013-2014. Four proposals were received and three were funded:
 - o Louisiana State University "Agriculture and Agribusiness Tour" (\$450).
 - o North Carolina A & T University "Gamma Sigma Delta Lunch and Learn Seminar-Opportunities for Student Success" (\$500).
 - o Zamorano University of Honduras "Juan Carlos Rosas Annual Research Competition" (\$750).

- Chapter which did not receive the award:
 - University of Arkansas "Gamma Sigma Delta Undergraduate and Graduate Student Competition"
- Letters of award along with checks bearing the grant amount were mailed to the chapter presidents. International GSD treasurer, Mike Brugger, delivered the grant check to Zamorano University chapter in Honduras during his visit.
- Final reports are due before December 2015 and reminders were sent to the committee members of the chapters who received the grants.

Chapter Enrichment Grants (2014-2015)

- Participated and reviewed Enrichment grants for the year 2014-2015. Eight proposals were received and four were funded:
 - o University of Maryland "Beginning anew: Revitalizing our Chapter Back to Greatness" (\$506).
 - o University of Nebraska "Undergraduate/Graduate Student Mentoring Program" (\$750).
 - o South Dakota State University "First Annual GSD Celebration of Excellence and Collaborative Exchange" (\$450).
 - o Tuskeegee Univeristy "Gamma Sigma Delta Student Food/Nutrition Access Center (GSD-SNAC)" (\$745).
- Chapters which did not receive the award:
 - University of Arkansas "Gamma Sigma Delta Student Empowerment Program, 2015".
 - o Langston University "Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge Experience".
 - Louisiana State University "Louisiana Gamma Sigma Delta (GSD) Student Grant Writing Workshop".
 - o Zamorano University "English-Agriculture Competition".
- Letters of award along with checks bearing the grant amount were mailed to the chapter presidents' office.
- Reports on Enrichment Grants are due from the chapters who received the funds (2013-2014 and 2014-2015) and reminders for the same were sent.

DAA award

• Presented the Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture award to Juan Carlos Rosas Sotomayor, Professor, Zamorano University, Honduras, which was well received.

Liaison to designated chapters designated to me

• Chapter activation emails were sent to the inactive chapter: University of California – Riverside. Communicated the inactive chapter status to the executive committee, international GSD.

Chapter website updates

• 2015 chapter updates of the GSD website from the following universities were received and sent to the executive committee:

The Ohio State University, South Dakota State University, Louisiana State University, University of Arkansas, University of Hawaii and North Dakota State University.

Newsletter archives

• Emailed previous newsletters (Numbers: 64 & 65) in 2014 to the historian in The Ohio State University for archiving.

Chapter reports

• Participated and reviewed chapter reports for the year 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

Annual meeting

• Participated in the International GSD annual meeting held between 1st and 4th of June 2014 at University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE.

Foundation Executive Meeting

• Evaluated chapter reports and application for scholarships (1 undergraduate student) and submitted the evaluation scores to the executive committee.

Fund-raising

- As the director of fund-raising I solicited information from officers of all the GSD chapters about contact details of their current and retired members, who can be approached for sponsorship funds.
- I did not receive positive response from the chapters and hence considering other avenues to strategically conduct the fund-raising activities and I would like to remain active in this matter.

DENNIS BRINK International Past-President

2014-2015

- 1. Prepared summary of 2014 Conclave for newsletter and posting on website.
- 2. Sent certificates and letters of congratulations to the Outstanding Chapter recipient and those chapters selected for the Gold, Silver, and Bronze chapter recognition for 2014.
- 3. Sent certificate and letter of congratulations to the recipient of the 2014 Most Improved Chapter award.
- Sent certificate and letter of congratulations to the recipient of the 2014 New Activity Award.
- 5. Reviewed proposals for chapter enrichment grants.
- 6. Participated in Executive Committee conference calls.
- 7. Scored and summarized scoring for chapter awards.
- 8. Reviewed applications for scholarship program.
- 9. Developed a list for recruiting officer nominees.

Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Committee Minutes

Executive Council Meeting of the International Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation

June 22, 2015

Call to Order – 10:35 a.m.

Present: Ed Rister, President; Mike Brugger, Secretary; Dennis Brink, Past President; Denneal Jamison-McClung, President Elect; and Kimberly Henken, Treasurer

Minutes 2014 GSD Foundation Executive Council Meeting: The minutes were distributed by e-mail. There were no changes or corrections noted. Minutes stand approved as distributed.

Financial Report

The Treasurer report is attached. **MOTION:** Michael Brugger moved that the treasurer report and the budget with the DAA Award being added for FY 2015 and in the 2016 Budget. Dennis Brink seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DAA Award

No nominations were received. The Bylaws and Operating Guidelines do not address carrying nominations forward. **MOTION**: Michael Brugger moved that DAA nominations to be considered for two additional years after the year of submittal, if not awarded. Dennis Brink seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Officers agreed that the FY 2014 nominations would be considered next year.

Scholarship Selection:

Undergraduate Scholarship Nomination – Billy Rochelle John Riley Service Scholarship Nomination – Billy Rochelle MOTION Brugger Moved Denneal Second. Carried. Graduate Scholarship Nominations – Sarah Mays MOTION Brugger moved. Denneal Seconded that Sarah Mays be award the Scholarship. Carried.

Old Business: None

Foundation Fund Raising – Navam, Director of Development

There has been no success in getting information and donations from individuals. Dennis will develop a brochure for fund raising. Denneal will send Dennis a template. Discussed the need to getting other 501.c.3 organizations to donate.

New Business:

Future of the Foundation and the role and responsibilities of the Development Director and others will be on the 2016 Executive Committee meeting agenda.

MOTION: Michael Brugger moved to adjourn the meeting. Denneal Jamison-McClung Seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Executive Council Meeting of the International Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Gamma Sigma Delta Balance Sheet

	Jun 30, 15
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Certificate of Deposit 8620	11,921.49
Certificate of Deposit 8621	5,609.44
Certificate of Deposit 8622	23,613.71
GSD Checking Account	5,702.24
GSD Money Market Account	16,693.08
Total Checking/Savings	63,539.96
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	5,751.50
Total Accounts Receivable	5,751.50
Other Current Assets	
12100 · *Inventory Asset	9,742.35
Total Other Current Assets	9,742.35
Total Long-Term Assets	0.00
Total Current Assets	79,033.81
TOTAL ASSETS	79,033.81
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	92,886.35
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	-17,224.18
Net Income	3,371.64
Total Equity	79,033.81
Total Liabilities	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	79,033.81

Gamma Sigma Delta International Budget				
 	Fiscal Year 201	5		
 			Budgeted	Actual
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 	Balance July 1, 2014		\$88,500.00	\$82,545.68
	Income			
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; 	Membership & Sales Income Interest income	\$20,000.00 \$50.00	! !	\$15,082.00 \$9.87
! !	Other Income	\$50.00	, , ,	\$9.67 \$485.00
 	- Other income	!	! !	Ψ465.00
	Total Income		\$20,050.00	\$15,576.87
	Expenses		,	
Awards and			,	,
Grants		; 	; ; ,	, , ,
	DAA Award plaque and cash	\$400.00	¦ {	\$260.88
	Cash Awards & Grants	\$2,500.00	; ; ,	\$2,622.24
 	Total Awards and Grants	\$2,900.00	! !	\$2,883.12
Business Expenses	 		,	,
LAPONOCO	Foundation registration	\$25.00	! !	! !
	Total · Business Expenses	\$25.00	! !	! !
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Contract			, 	₁
Services			! ! {	ı ! ₋
	Secretary Honorarium	\$6,000.00	¦ ¦	\$6,000.00
	Legal fees (GSD Foundation)		! ! !	
	Outside Contract Services - web site	\$2,700.00	, , , , , ,	\$5,400.00
	Total Contract Services	\$8,700.00	! ! !	\$11,400.00
Operations				
	Postage, Mailing Service	\$1,200.00		\$1,229.96
	Printing and Copying	\$400.00		
, = = 	Supplies	\$300.00	η ! !	\$540.49
	Web Site (Includes domain registration)	\$200.00	!	\$358.80
	Plaque purchases	\$1,200.00		\$565.42
	Honor Cords	\$7,000.00		\$2,925.00
	Chapter Banner			\$407.00
	Other Costs	\$3,000.00		\$426.50
	Total Operations	\$13,300.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$6,453.17
Travel and Meetings			3	

Travel	\$5,000.00		\$6,634.75
Conclave Expenses	\$7,211.55		\$7,211.55
Total Travel and Meetings	\$12,211.55		\$13,846.30
Total Expenses		\$37,111.55	\$34,582.59
Balance 6/30/2015		\$71,438.4 5	\$63,539.96

International Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation		
2015 Finan	cial Report & 2016 Bud	dget
	June 30, 2015	
Balance July 1, 2014 \$34,372.15		
Income	Budgeted	Actual
General Donation		
Total Income		
Expenses		
DAA Award	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Scholarship	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total Expenses		\$2,500.00
Balance June 30, 2015	_	\$31,872.15

FY 2016 Budget			
Balance July 1, 2015 \$31,872.15			
Income			
General Donation	\$200.00		
Total Income		\$200.00	
Expenses			
Undergrad Scholarship	\$500.00		
Graduate Scholarship	\$500.00		
Riley Service Scholarship	\$500.00		
DAA Award	\$2,300.00		
Total Expenses		\$3,800.00	
Projected Balance		\$28,272.15	

Kim Henken, Treasurer	6/30/15
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Chapter Activities Summary

These are examples of chapter activities during the year. These are shared to promote activity in chapters that have been less active. Chapter officers are encouraged to contact any of the international officers to discuss ways to reinvigorate their chapters.

- > Awards
- > Scholarships, undergraduate and graduate level
- > Teaching, Research, and Extension awards of merit
- Distinguished Achievement
- Outstanding Alumni
- Outstanding Staff
- Poster and oral research presentations
- > High school science fair
- > Research expo awards
- > FFA awards

Professional Development and College Support Programs for Faculty, Staff, and Students

- > Career workshop
- > Tutoring program
- Educational speakers and seminars
- Organized tours of agricultural interest in the state

Community Service Activities

- Pumpkin Festival Pancake Breakfast
- > Community trash clean-up
- > Demonstration garden volunteers

Other Activities and Programs

- > Student/Faculty Mixer
- > Present graduating seniors with GSD honor cords for commencement exercises
- Design and sell chapter t-shirts
- > Maintain chapter website
- > Publish chapter newsletter
- > Utilize committee structure to get more chapter members actively involved
- Photography contest
- Inclusion of student liaisons on chapter executive board
- > Display or bulletin board of chapter activities
- Initiation of juniors as well as seniors to undergraduate membership
- Utilizing student groups to cater events

Gamma Sigma Delta International Chapters

Information about chapter officers and activities are linked through the International Gamma Sigma Delta website at www.gammasigmadelta.org. Chapter officers are reminded to update their chapter's information on the site. If chapter officers need assistance with updating this material, please contact the International Secretary, Mike Brugger for directions. The 53 chapters of Gamma Sigma Delta include:

Chapter	Installation	Anniversary
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Date	for 2015
University of the Philippines	1957-10-24	58
Honduras- Escuela Agrícola Panamericana	1989-10-28	26
Auburn University	1916-4	99
Alabama - Tuskegee University	1985-10-25	30
University of Arkansas	1954-5-17	61
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	2005-4-4	10
University of Arizona	1958-03-26	57
California Polytechnic State University - Pomona	1967-4-6	48
University of California, Riverside	1982-3-15	43
University of California - Davis	2000-11-16	15
Colorado State University	1963-06-20	52
University of Connecticut	1954-5-26	61
University of Florida	1955-4-29	60
Florida A&M University	1997-4-12	18
University of Georgia	1961-12-1	54
University of Hawaii at Manoa	1968-10-25	47
Iowa State University	1907-4-9	108
University of Idaho	1973-5-2	42
University of Illinois	1923-11-17	92
Purdue University	1972-4-11	43
Kansas State University	1914-6-25	101
University of Kentucky	1955-1-14	60
Western Kentucky University	2005-4-28	10
Louisiana State University	1961-8-3	54
University of Maryland-National Capital Area	1984-2-23	31
University of Massachusetts	2014-3-25	1
Michigan State University	1988-05-25	27
University of Minnesota	1917-6-4	98
University of Missouri	1908-11-23	107
Mississippi State University	1964-2-25	51
North Carolina State University	1955-4-28	60
North Carolina A&T State University	1974-11-22	41
North Dakota State University	2005-11-1	10
University of Nebraska	1918-5-25	97
New Mexico State University	1979-10-12	36
University of Nevada	1966-3-25	49
Cornell University	1986-05-20	29
The Ohio State University	1928-11-12	92
Langston University	2002-4-23	13
Oklahoma State University	1984-5-15	31
Oregon State University Continue on post	1981-10-22	34

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Chapter	Installation Date	Anniversary No. for 2015
University of Puerto Rico	1938-5-24	77
Clemson University	1957-05-16	58
South Dakota State University	1958-5-27	57
The University of Tennessee	1964-6-4	51
Texas A&M University - Kingsville	1984-05-11	31
Texas A&M University	1965-7-1	50
Texas Tech University	1972-6-15	43
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	1970-3-9	45
Washington State University	1987-06-16	28
University of Wisconsin	1967-05-9	48
West Virginia University	1959-5-8	56
University of Wyoming	1961-1-19	54

Chapter Anniversaries (5 year intervals) January 1, 2015

Year	Chapter	Anniversary	Charter Date
2015		J	
· ·	University of Florida	60 years	April 29, 1955
	University of Kentucky	60 years	January 14, 1955
	North Carolina State	60 years	April 28, 1955
	University		
	Texas A&M University	50 years	July 1, 1965
	Virginia Polytechnic	45 years	March 9, 1970
	Institute & State University		
	Tuskegee University	30 years	October 25, 1985
	University of California-	15 years	November 16, 2000
	Davis	0 3	,
	University of Arkansas at	10 year	April 4, 2005
	Pine Bluff	•	•
	Western Kentucky	10 years	April 28, 2005
	University		
	North Dakota State	10 years	November 1, 2005
	University		
2016			
	Auburn University	100 years	April, 1916
	Louisiana State University	55 years	August 3, 1961
	University of Georgia	55 years	December 1, 1961
	University of Wyoming	55 years	January 19, 1961
	University of Nevada	50 years	March 25, 1966
	Oregon State University Cornell University	35 years	October 22, 1981 May 20, 1986
2017	Iowa State University	30 years 110 years	April 9, 1907
201/	Towa State University	110 years	April 9, 190/
	University of Minnesota	100 years	June 4, 1917
	Pennsylvania State	95 years	October 10, 1922
	University		
	Clemson University	60 years	May 16, 1957
	University of the	60 years	October 24, 1957
	Philippines	- 0	A
	California State Polytechnic	50 years	April 6, 1967
	University-Pomona University of Wisconsin	50 years	May 9, 1967
	Purdue University	45 years	April 11, 1972
	Texas Tech University	45 years	June 15, 1972
	University of California,	45 years	March 15, 1982
	Riverside	10)	
	Washington State	30 years	June 16, 1987
	University	-	. , ,
	Florida A&M University	20 years	April 12, 1997
	Langston University	15 years	April 23, 2002
2018			
	University of Missouri	110 years	November 23, 1908
	University of Nebraska	100 years	May 25, 1918
	University of Illinois	95 years	November 17, 1923
	Ohio State University	90years	November 12, 1928

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Year	Chapter	Anniversary	Charter Date
	University of Puerto Rico	80 years	May 24, 1938
	University of Arizona	60 years	March 26, 1958
	South Dakota State	60 years	May 27, 1958
	University	v	<i>,</i> ,, ,,
	Colorado State University	55 years	June 20, 1963
	University of Hawaii	50 years	October 25, 1968
	University of Idaho	45 years	May 2, 1973
	Michigan State University	30 years	May 25, 1988
2019			
	Kansas State University	105 years	June 25, 1914
	University of Arkansas	65 years	May 17, 1954
	University of Connecticut	65 years	May 26, 1954
	West Virginia University	60 years	May 8, 1959
	Mississippi State University	55 years	Feb. 25, 1964
	University of Tennessee	55 years	June 4, 1964
	North Carolina Agricultural	45 years	Oct. 22, 1974
	& State University		
	New Mexico State	40 years	Oct. 12, 1979
	University		_
	University of Maryland	35 years	Feb. 23, 1984
	Oklahoma State University	35 years	May 15, 1984
	Texas A&M University-	35 years	May 11, 1984
	Kingsville		
	Escuela Agricola	30 years	October 28, 1989
	Panamerica University		
	University of Massachusetts	5 years	March 25, 2014
2020			
	University of Florida	65 years	April 29, 1955
	University of Kentucky	65 years	January 14, 1955
	North Carolina State	65 years	April 28, 1955
	University		Tul C =
	Texas A&M University	55 years	July 1, 1965
	Virginia Polytechnic	50 years	March 9, 1970
	Institute & State University	0=	Ostahan
	Tuskegee University	35 years	October 25, 1985
	University of California-	20 years	November 16, 2000
	Davis	15 voor	April 4 0005
	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	15 year	April 4, 2005
	Western Kentucky	15 voore	April 28, 2005
	University	15 years	April 20, 2005
	North Dakota State	15 years	November 1, 2005
	University	19 years	1, 2005
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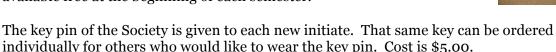
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Gamma Sigma Delta offers a cord that students or faculty can wear at graduation ceremonies.

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I recognize that my adherence to the highest ethical and moral standards is essential to our food and agricultural industry, and to society.