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Foreword

Welcome to the 70 annual edition of the *Gamma Sigma Delta International Newsletter*! It is my pleasure to edit the *Newsletter* this year. The *Newsletter* is an important communication tool between the International Officers and the Gamma Sigma Delta Chapters. Outstanding Chapters, scholarship winners, DAA recipient and enrichment grant recipients are recognized here. Minutes of the Executive Committee and the 2016 Conclave lets you know what is happening and the decisions that have been made during the last fiscal year. Please take time to read. If you have questions, please contact me or another officer.

This past year was a very busy year for the Executive Committee as it struggled with ways to keep the organization viable over the long term. The number of new initiates has been dropping over the last few years. In the last two years, there was a major drop in initiates, as more of the larger Agricultural Colleges did not initiate new members. The goal was to keep the initiation cost down and still maintain viability, so the Committee proposed a dues increase to \$25 and recommend a Constitution and Bylaws change to increase the % of a class that can be inducted and include the option of induction of Sophomores.

The Executive Committee also recommended elimination of the Past President Office. This recommendation was based on the reduced responsibilities that the position had and the recognition that serving two years as President Elect allowed the President to be efficient without the Past President being involved. This change also means that the President Elect is only making a four-year commitment instead of a six-year commitment. It is hoped that this change will make getting a nominee for the position easier. The Past President, whose term was expiring, supported this changed. All of these changes were approved.

President Denneal took on getting more social presence when she joined the Executive Committee as President Elect. See her column in the Newsletter for more information and in the past two *Newsletters*. The Officers also agreed to revise the website front page and general information sections. This has started and should be up this spring. There will be a link on the Website to take officers to the current administrative sections of the current website. The Historian Position is being replaced with a position to focus more on maintaining the social media presence.

The Executive Committee will soon be planning the 2018 Conclave and looking for nominations for Officers. Please let President Denneal know if you would be interested in hosting the Conclave or serving in one of the Offices.

Mike Brugger Secretary and President Elect

2017-2018 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 2016 Conclave and will serve to June 30, 2018.

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

Greetings Gamma Sigma Delta Chapters,

Welcome to the 2016 GSD Newsletter, a comprehensive look at the awards, achievements and business operations for our organization over the course of the past academic year, as well as glimpse of what's to come in this current academic year.

Conclave 2016

Conclave 2016 was a rousing success. Many thanks to our hosts at Louisiana State University for their hospitality and introduction to Louisiana agriculture. Highlights of our visit included tours of the LSU Ag Center's Aquaculture Research Facility and Burden Gardens.

What's New?

During Conclave, the focus was on communication and strengthening ties between GSD chapters as we move forward. To facilitate the use of social media platforms in this mission, the International Officer Team will be retiring the officer title of Historian and introducing a new officer position in **Strategic Communications.** Local chapters will be encouraged to adopt the new officer model and we will share information on the restructuring of job responsibilities.



As President, I have called for the formation of an **Officer's Advisory Council**, which will be comprised of individuals having served as GSD International Officers in previous years and maintaining an interest in GSD projects. Officer's Advisory Council members will be asked to volunteer their talents as time permits. Finally, the Officer Team is actively pursuing a new website design that will facilitate chapter engagement and streamline dissemination of Gamma Sigma Delta news. We hope to roll out the new look in 2017. As we continue to improve Gamma Sigma Delta

organizational structures and communication channels, aiming to enhance long-term sustainability of this venerable honor society, please feel free to share your triumphs, tribulations and suggestions for chapter engagement. Thanks again to all who reviewed and voted on the recent bylaw changes.

With warmest wishes for the 2016-2017 academic year, Denneal Jamison-McClung, PhD International President UC Davis Twitter: @GammaSigmaDelta



F. Y. 2016 Outstanding Chapter Award

The Pennsylvania State University Chapter was selected for the Outstanding Chapter Award for 2016. The Chapter invited 187 people and initiated 62. The Officers e-mailed a letter of invitation and then shared the names of the invitees with the Department Representatives so that they could follow-up and encourage the students to join. This was the second year that they used the C-vent (www.cvent.com) to track nominations and acceptances, allow nominees to pay dues online, and to make arrangements for the annual awards event.

The initiation/awards ceremony was conducted on campus in the late afternoon and was combined with the College of Agricultural Sciences Faculty Awards ceremony. A reception with light refreshments was held before and after the Celebration of Excellence, which lasted about 1.5 hours. Presentations given by the recipients of the Buck and Black Faculty Awards for Excellence in Research were followed by announcement of the Gamma Sigma Delta Research Expo Award winners, initiation ceremony and business meeting. During the business meeting Dr. Michael Brugger, GSD International Treasurer, presented the Penn State Chapter with a plaque in recognition for the Most Improved Chapter. Approximately 120 faculty, staff, students, family and membership nominees attended the event. Five Award of Merit Certificate and \$100 scholarships and 4 plaque awards were presented. In addition, 19 awards of certificates plus cash were given to winners in the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Exp.

The Chapter had a fall and business meeting. To encourage participation of the Department Representatives, they had a luncheon meeting to update them on chapter events and to encourage student recruitment. They also publish a newsletter. This newsletter is distributed annually electronically via email and hardcopy for retired members in December 2015. It is also posted on our local chapter website at http://agsci.psu.edu/gsd/news/2016.

Congratulations to the Pennsylvania State University Chapter for Earning the 2016 Outstanding Chapter Award!



Outstanding Chapter Award Previous Recipients

Year	Chapter(s)
2016	The Pennsylvania State University
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

F. Y. 2016 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

South Dakota State University University of Nebraska

Silver Chapters

Iowa State University University of Kentucky Kansas State University University of Wyoming North Dakota State University

Bronze Chapters

New Mexico State University

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



F. Y. 2016 Most Improved Chapter Award

The University of Nebraska Chapter had a very good year and had the most improvement in Chapter Score from last year. They invited 140 people and had 30 accept. They presented 10 Award of Merit Certificates. The following were continuing Chapter Activities:

- Initiation and Awards Banquet The 2016 Initiation and Awards Banquet held Sunday evening January 31 in East Campus Union. 80+ pre-registered, largest crowd in at least 3-4 yrs, although approaching weather may have reduced attendance. The keynote speaker was Steve Waller.
- Annual Update of History for Distribution during banquet
- Three Newsletters (Fall, Special Fall Edition and Spring) Complete copies in appendix.
- Annual Meeting Held April 8, 2016
- Two Executive Committee meetings (Fall Activities Planning and Initiation and Awards Banquet Planning.
- Dean support of initiation fee and first year dues for new faculty

The Chapter had the following New Activities:

GSD Mentoring Workshop

Featuring Lindsay Hastings on "Generative Leadership" The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta (GSD) conducted a mentoring workshop on Friday, October 9 with support of CASNR's Dean Steve Waller, a Chapter Enrichment Grant provided by GSD International, and planning by Dr. Dennis Brink. Instruction was provided by Dr. Lindsay Hastings, Clifton Professor in Mentoring Research and Director of the Nebraska Human Resources Institute (NHRI) on "Generative Leadership." Undergraduate student participants were each asked to bring their faculty or graduate student mentor with them for this interactive workshop. We received much positive feedback about the event from participants, as well as some great suggestions to help us continue to make improvements and provide similar events in the future.

- Executive Committee meeting with Dean Waller for ideas and new activities development. Discussed website and new ways to recognize students.
- New Website development. Dean Waller agreed to fund web designer and have Nebraska Chapter website home on the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources website. Development of the new site to be completed for Fall 2017.
- Revision of By-laws to include updates based on practice last 3 years, initiation of
 juniors and reorganization of Executive Committee to allow shorter terms, flexibility
 scheduling activities and reporting.
- Established Twitter account: @GammaSigmaDelta
- Nominated two undergraduates and one graduate student for Gamma Sigma Delta awards.
- Develop Chapter Activities PowerPoint presentation for Conclave
- Dennis Brink will represent Nebraska Chapter at 2016 Conclave

Congratulations to the University of Nebraska for earning the F. Y. 2016 Most Improved Chapter Award!



F. Y. 2016 New Activity Award

The South Dakota State University Chapter received the New Chapter Activities Award. The new activities are listed below:

- Fall GSD Seminar series
- ABS College Discussion Day on immerging issues in Agriculture
- Student lead panel discussion
- Addition of undergraduate and graduate student awards
- Addition of distinguished service to GSD award
- Connecting Commodity groups and state ag activities to GSD chapter (4-H, STEM institutes and industries will be connected next year)
- ABS Graduate Student Research contests
- First time in the chapter history, top ranking university administrators were engaged in our events **We are so pleased to share our new events and exciting progress with you!** For more information about the SD Chapter of the Honor Society of Agriculture please visit its website at https://www.sdstate.edu/abs/society/

Congratulations to the South Dakota State University for earning the F. Y. 2016 New Activity Chapter Award!



New Activity Award Previous Recipients

Year	Chapter(s)
2016	South Dakota State University
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

F. Y. 2016 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. The following were the grants award in 2016.

- 1. University of Arkansas "Gamma Sigma Delta Seminar" (\$750).
- 2. University of Tennessee "Increasing Profile of Gamma Sigma Delta through Service to Students" (\$750).
- 3. South Dakota State University "Annual GSD Celebration of Excellence and Collaborative Exchange-Phase II" (\$700).

F. Y. 2016 International Foundation

Undergraduate Scholarship Award

The 2016 recipient of the Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta International

Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship is Brandon Freeman.

Undergraduate Scholarship

Brandon Freeman is the 2016 Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship recipient. As an Animal Science major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Brandon Freeman demonstrated a truly outstanding combination of high scholarship and character. Brandon's list of scholarly activity, leadership participation, career development activities, and awards is outstanding:

- BS Animal Science (with High Distinction)
- All-University Honors Convocation High scholar 2015 and 2016
- The National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- Dean's List 2015-2016; 2014-2015; 2013-2014
- Student Representative at National Cattle's Beef Association Convention
- Gamma Sigma Delta
- Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership & Honors Organization
- Animal Science Teaching Assistant
- Ruminant Nutrition Metabolism Research Assistant

Brandon's academic advisor, Dr. Bryan Reiling has the highest praise for Brandon. Dr. Reiling says,

"Brandon Freeman was a model student throughout his undergraduate career. Not only did he maintain a nearly perfect 3.91 cumulative GPA, he was humble, respectful, hard-working, and responsible. He was always willing to help, no matter how menial the task, and he was always listening and striving to learn more. It didn't matter that he had nearly straight A's and likely knew the information better than the majority of his classmates, he always gave the impression that he believed there was more to learn......, it has been his goal to return to his hometown, to be involved in the development and expansion of the family farming and ranching operation, and to make a difference in the community."

Brandon has been accepted into an accelerated MBA program which he plans to complete before returning full time to production agriculture near Pierce, NE.

Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Scholarship Winners

Year	Name	Chapter
2016	Branson Freeman	University of Nebraska
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

F. Y. 2016 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 2016 recipient of the John Riley Service Scholarship is McKenzie Beals

McKenzie Beals is the 2016 John Riley Gamma Sigma Delta Service Scholarship recipient. McKenzie is an undergraduate student in Animal Science at the University of Nebraska-



Lincoln. McKenzie has the unique combination of strong academic skills, impressive personal qualities, and desire to serve others. McKenzie demonstrated her outstanding servant leadership qualities in a variety of leadership and service activities for the following student organizations:

- UNL Tau Sigma Transfer Honor Society, Historian
 - UNL Pre-Veterinary Club Treasurer
- UNL Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority Scholarship Chair
 - Lincoln Animal Ambassadors Volunteer
 - UNL Collegiate Farm Bureau
- UNL Block and Bridle member
- Alpha Zeta Honor Society

A highlight of McKenzie's outstanding leadership and service was her dedication to UNL Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority as Scholarship Chair. The following list underscores McKenzie's devotion to serving others and leadership skills.

- Developed study nights twice a month for members to get homework help and improve grades
- Developed scholarship nights once a month for members to get help applying for scholarships
- o Developed scholarship program for outstanding members to cover yearly dues
- Volunteered with Agriculture in the Classroom, teaching Lincoln elementary students about crop and livestock agriculture

Furthermore, McKenzie's academic record indicates she is an outstanding student. Her grade point average of 3.79 in a demanding pre-veterinary medicine curriculum is excellent. And even more noteworthy given her long list of involvement and leadership in a long list of co-curricular activities

Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation John Riley Service Scholarship Winners

Year	Name	Chapter
2016	McKenzie Beals	University of Nebraska
2015	Billy Rochelle	University of Tennessee

G F. Y. 2016 International Foundation Graduate Student Scholarship Award

In 2015, a Graduate Student Scholarship is initiated to recognize an outstanding graduate student who is a member of Gamma Sigma Delta International.



Kevin Sargent is the 2016 Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Graduate Scholarship recipient. Kevin is a Graduate Research Assistant and PhD candidate in the Animal Science Department of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Kevin is an outstanding graduate student. He has a very unique combination of excellence in research and a passion for teaching and learning.

Kevin's list of publications is a testimony to his contributions to the field of reproductive physiology. He has published 35 peer reviewed publications (6 Journal Articles and 29 abstracts). He was the primary author of the grant proposal resulting in an award of \$87,400 by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to study mechanisms of VEGFA isoforms on germ stem cells.

Kevin has a passion for teaching. Kevin's enthusiasm and caring attitude is contagious. Students in the classes he teaches have the highest respect for him. Kevin has provided multiple types of instruction in seven

different courses from freshmen orientation, to sophomore and junior level anatomy and physiology to graduate courses in animal physiology and endocrinology. Kevin has mentored two students from *North West Agriculture and Forestry University* (NWAFU, China) and three University of Nebraska undergraduate students.

Furthermore, Kevin is very service oriented. The list of service activities includes significant contributions of time to youth and young adults through leadership in:

- Junior Stem Fellows
- Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium
- Co-founder of Couples' Small Group, University of Lutheran Chapel
- Joplin, MO Disaster Relief, 2011, Capitol City Christian Church Young Adults Small Group
- Vacation Bible School Planning Committee/Children's Worship Leader

Gamma Sigma Delta International Graduate Student Scholarship Winners

Year	Name	Chapter
2016	Kevin Sargent	University of Nebraska
2015	Sarah Mays	University of Tennessee

Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award

Dr. Witoon Prinyawiwatkul, the Horace J. Davis Endowed Professor in the School of Nutrition and Food Sciences at the Louisiana State University was selected as the 2016 DAA recipient. For his 25% teaching appointment, he teaches Food Chemistry, New Food Product Development and Principles of Sensory Evaluation of Foods. He is developing new courses in Manuscript Writing and Advanced Sensory Sciences. He has received several awards for his teaching. He has also been Adjunct Professor and on the Graduate Faculty at one U.S. University and four International Universities. He served as Major Professor for 22 M.S. and 16 Ph. D. students. He has been Co-Major Professor and External Examiner for 12 students for other and foreign universities. Dr. Prinyawiwatkul has taken his teaching expertise to international seminars, short courses and workshops related to sensory sciences and product development.

Dr. Prinyawiwatkul major research areas are value-added new food production research and development from Louisiana agricultural seafood and aquaculture by products and wastes from processing plants, sensory science and evaluation methods as a driving force and tool for the development of new products, use od statistical methods and analyses as tool for assisting the interpretation of complex sensory and consumer results, functional properties of raw materials as affected by product formulation and process conditions which influence overall sensory properties of end products and shelf life evaluation and extension using biopolymer from crustacean shell wastes.

The following are some of Dr. Prinyawiwatkul major research contributions to the Profession on Food Science and Technology:

- The traditional (4-5) steps for chitosan and its oligomers production were streamlined to 2 3 steps. This reduced chemical wastes, shortened production time and powered production costs, yet producing chitosan with varying characteristics that suit the desired end uses in foods.
- A novel, inexpensive chitosan-soybean oil emulsion coating was developed that incorporated antimicrobial agents in to the emulsion coating. Eggs coated with this emulsion wee free of *Salmonella* contamination during 5 weeks of storage at room temperature.
- Using chitosan-acid solutions and vacuum tumbling methods as well as a mixture of bacteria, he minimized earthy and muddy in catfish fillets.
- He developed Innovative multivariate statistical approaches to properly analyze consumer sensory data.
- He is currently developing reduced-sodium or non-Na salt (with bitterness blockers) to alleviate serious health problem of US consumer sue to excessive salt consumption.
- He has successfully developed acceptable salt substitutes and food products with reduced or low sodium.
- He and his research team have developed sensory methods appropriate for young children (1st to 6th graders.)

His research work has resulted in 1 book, 5 book chapters, 136 refereed scientific articles since 1992, and a total of 267 domestic and international presentations.

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Previous Recipients of the Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award

- 2016 Witoon Prinyawiwatkul, Food Science
- 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

Gamma Sigma Delta International Executive Committee Annual Meeting, Louisiana State University

Baton Rouge, LA. June 28 & 30, 2016

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

Call to Order: - Ed Rister called the 2016 International Executive Committee Meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Officers Reports: Officer reports were submitted before the meeting for review and are attached to the 2016 Conclave Minutes later in the Newsletter. Only items that needed addressing by the Executive Committee were discussed during the meeting.

Minutes from previous meeting(s): Mike Brugger noted that the minutes have been sent via e-mail. A correction to the last conference call minutes was the addition of Navam Hettiarachchy for Historian to the nominations to be recommended at the Legislative Council. MOTION: Mike Brugger moved that minutes be accepted as corrected. Kim Henken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Membership Report: Mike Brugger summarized membership and order activities for 2016. New members and honor cord numbers are down from last few Fiscal years (FY). The impact on budget and ideas to change the trend were discussed.

- FY 2012 1,289
- FY2013 1,259
- > FY2014 -1,097
- > FY2015 -1,000
- > FY2016 890

Update Financials: Kim Henken handed out updated information for review and discussion. MOTION: Mike Brugger moved that the financial report be approved as submitted. Navam Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Suspend Executive Committee Meeting: The President suspended the Executive Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m. to hold the Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation Board of Directors Meeting.

Reconvene Executive Committee meeting: The President reconvened the Executive Committee meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Awards Deliberations: Denneal Jamison-McClung led the discussion of the Chapter Awards.

MOTION: Kim Henken moved that the awards be presented as ranked with Penn State as Outstanding Chapter, Nebraska as Most Improved chapter, and South Dakota as New Activity chapter. Mike Brugger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gold Chapters: South Dakota and University of Nebraska

Silver Chapters: Iowa State University, University of Kentucky, Kansas State University, and North Dakota

State University

Bronze Chapters: New Mexico State University.

Chapter Award Arrangements: Ed Rister

- 1. Presentations no presentations (see later in the minutes for action).
- 2. Outstanding Chapter Penn State; Mike Brugger orders Plaque. Mike Brugger mails it after receiving signed notification letter from Ed Rister. Ed Rister also calls the chapter.
- 3. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Chapters Mike Brugger prepares certificates. Ed Rister signs and mails them.
- 4. Most Improved Chapter Mike Brugger orders Plaque. Mike Brugger mails it after receiving signed notification letter from Ed Rister. Ed Rister also calls the chapter.
- 5. New Activity Mike Brugger orders Plaque. Mike Brugger mails it after receiving signed notification letter from Ed Rister. Ed Rister also calls the chapter.

DAA award: Navam Hettiarachchy led the discussion.

Navam Hettiarachchy highlighted the material for each candidate. MOTION: Brugger moved and Kim Henken seconded that the award go to Dr. Sharon Clay of South Dakota State University.

The merits of the candidates were discussed. MOTION: Dennis Brink moved that the motion be tabled. Navam Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

2016 John Riley Gamma Sigma Delta Service: MOTION: Navam Hettiarachchy moved that McKenzie R. Beals, who is a Junior at the University of Nebraska, be awarded the John Riley Scholarship. Kim Henken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2016 Undergraduate Student: MOTION: Kim Henken moved that Brandon Freeman, who is a Senior at the University of Nebraska, be awarded the Undergraduate Scholarship. Navam Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2016 Graduate Student

MOTION: Navam Hettiarachchy moved that Kevin Sargent, who is a Ph. D. Candidate at the University of Nebraska, be awarded the Graduate Scholarship. Mike Brugger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Assignments:

- 1. Notifications to Scholarship Recipients and ask for photo Dennis Brink
- 2. Checks to Scholarship Recipients Kim Henken
- 3. Information on web site by Mike Brugger
- 4. Write up information for Newsletter Dennis Brink

Discussion of "outdated" materials in need of updating:

- 1. Constitution and By-Laws Mike Brugger will update and send out to Chapters for voting after the Conclave. Need 2/3 approval votes of responding chapters to approve. Minimum of one month response time allowed to the chapters.
- 2. History Navam Hettiarachchy will update the History and send to Mike Brugger to update the website.
- 3. Operating Guidelines Mike Brugger has started updating the Guidelines and will finish them. Navam Hettiarachchy will take over updating the guidelines once they are updated.
- 4. Chapter Handbook Mike Brugger will update them with the help of Kim Henken.

Discussion of problems and challenges:

Enrichment Grants: The discussion focused on the value of the enrichment grants, the amount of each grant and total amount, and whether they should be continued. MOTION: Dennis Brink moved that the Enrichment Grant identify two specific areas. One area is for inactive or dormant Chapters as a way to try and get the Chapter active and the second is for active Chapters. Denneal Jamison-McClung seconded the motion. Motion passed. MOTION: Dennis Brink moved that the penalty for not submitting an Enrichment Grant be changed to "a Chapter is not eligible for another Enrichment Grant until a report on the past Enrichment Grant is submitted." Navam Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial Condition: The Executive Committee carefully reviewed the cost of operations and income. MOTION: Dennis Brink moved that the cost to new members be increased from \$15.00 to \$25.00, which includes the pin, certificate, and registration in the membership role for life. Denneal Jamison-McClung seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Executive Committee discussed the cost of shipping GSD items and, upon review of annual expenses for shipping, decided to implement a standard shipping and handling fee, as well as raising the fee for rush delivery orders. MOTION: Dennis Brink moved to add a \$25 shipping and handling fee for every order, to be increased by \$25 for each additional \$1,000 order cost increment, and to raise the fee for rush/overnight delivery from \$20 to \$40. Kim Henken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion of Future Organization: Discussion focused on what should the Executive Committee structure be to effectively meet the mission of Gamma Sigma Delta International in a cost effective way. It was recognized that technology has changed greatly since the current structure was established. MOTION: Kim Henken moved that the Executive Committee recommend the elimination of the position of Past President. Denneal Jamison-McClung seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2017 Gamma Sigma Delta International Budget: Kim Henken presented the 2017 budget after a careful review of expenditures and income. MOTION: Mike Brugger moved acceptance of the 2017 Gamma Sigma Delta International Budget as presented. Kim Henken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DAA Award Continuation: MOTION Mike Brugger moved that the motion of DAA Award Recipient be removed from the table. Kim Henken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The earlier motion to award the DAA to Dr. Sharon Clay of South Dakota State University was defeated in a 3 to 2 vote.

MOTION: Navam Hettiarachchy moved that the DAA Award be presented to Dr. Witoon Prinyawiwatkul. Denneal Jamison-McClung seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DAA Assignments:

- 1. Contact the nominators Ed Rister
- 2. Order Plaque Mike Brugger
- 3. Prepare Check Kim Henken
- 4. Prepare write up Navam Hettiarachchy
- 5. Present the Plague and Check Ed Rister

Suspend: MOTION: Mike Brugger moved the meeting be suspended. Kim Henken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The Executive Committee meeting reconvened on June 30, 2016 at 10:21 A.M.

Take away from Conclave:

- 1. Need more time at Conclave.
- 2. Need more leadership development. Possibilities of Webinar in years without Conclave. Possible Webinar beginning of fall and spring semesters.
- 3. Improve connections to new chapter officers.
- 4. Interactions of Delegates were very helpful.
- 5. Several Chapters involved in Poster Competitions.
- 6. Need for developing an online tutorial on placing orders and paying invoices.
- 7. Enhance the Home Page by including information on due date and access to the form(s).
- 8. Develop and make available boilerplate press releases, invitation letters, etc. that a Chapter may use.

Web site home page: – Discussed a new front home page with rotating of pictures, etc. Because of the complexity of the existing web site, the possibility of preparing a new home page for the public with a link to the existing page for administration was suggested. Kim Henken, Denneal Jamison-McClung, and Mike Brugger are to work with Web Master on this.

Kim Henken moved that the travel for awarding of Chapter Awards be eliminated and that travel to present the DAA Award be kept. Dennis Brink seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Assignments:

Ed Rister:

- Send info on 2014 resolutions to Mike Brugger.
- Provide names for 2016 resolutions to Navam Hettiarachchy.
- Write Thank you notes.
- Send notifications on DAA and Chapter Awards.
- Present DAA Award.
- Sign anniversary certificates. (Future, send anniversary certificates early January.)
- Contact Liaison Chapters about upcoming By Law changes.

Kim Henken:

- Finalizing accounting for the Conclave.
- Finish International Books for FY 2016.
- Send final reports for Newsletter.
- Work on website committee.
- Contact Liaison Chapters about upcoming By Law changes.
- Try to get contact information for those with no information.

Navam Hettiarachchy:

- Update History.
- Work with Denneal Jamison-McClung on transition.
- Update resolutions with edits.
- Contact Liaison Chapters about upcoming By Law changes. List of material at the Ohio State University Archive to be added to the History Report.
- Send boxes of Historian material to Mike Brugger.
- Update score sheet for the Poster Competition.

Dennis Brink:

- Send scholarship award information.
- Design of the Foundation Brochure.
- Write up of Award information for the Newsletter.
- Work with the nomination committee Dennis Brink, Mike D. Navam Hettiarachchy and Ed Rister.
- Follow up with Washington and Purdue about restarting Chapter and hand this off to Mike Brugger.

Denneal Jamison-McClung:

- Work on website committee.
- Article for the Newsletter.
- Contact Liaison Chapters about upcoming By Law changes.
- Wants to work on the LinkedIn Group.
- Develop a Calendar.
- Transition of Enrichment Grants to the President.
- Host the 2017 Executive Committee meeting June 20 22, 2017.
- Schedule conference calls.
- Invite past officers to an Officer Advisory Panel.
- Work with Navam Hettiarachchy to transition to new person.
- Revise the electronic copy of Brochure.

Mike Brugger:

- Order plaques and send to Ed.
- Prepared Chapter Award Certificates.
- Prepare Anniversary certificates.
- Update DAA form about nomination considered for three years with opportunity to update.
- Update material in Achieve.

- Prepare minutes for Gamma Sigma Delta International, Foundation and Conclave.
- Send out ballot for Constitution and By Laws by mid July.
- · Revision of Guidelines.
- Contact Liaison Chapters about upcoming By Law changes.

Conclave Schedule: Agreed to a Conclave schedule of having the date and location information available one year out, registration information available four months out, and the agenda available at least four weeks before the Conclave.

MOTION: Mike Brugger moved the 2016 Executive Committee Meeting be adjourned. Kim Henken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted

Mike Brugger, Secretary

Gamma Sigma Delta International Balance Sheet

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ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Certificate of Deposit 8620	11,972.31	
Certificate of Deposit 8621	5,625.34	
Certificate of Deposit 8622	23,680.63	
GSD Checking Account	2,987.77	
GSD Money Market Account	16,696.42	
Total Checking/Savings	60,962.47	
Accounts Receivable		
11000 · Accounts Receivable	1,798.50	
Total Accounts Receivable	1,798.50	•
Other Current Assets		
12000 · Undeposited Funds	739.50	
12100 · *Inventory Asset	7,338.18	
Total Other Current Assets	8,077.68	
Total Current Assets	70,838.65	
TOTAL ASSETS	70,838.65	·
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	00.004.05	
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	92.886.35	
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Net Income	-15,847.52	
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46420 · Inventory Sales	5,657.00
47200 · Program Income	0.770.00
47230 · Membership Dues	8,770.00 1.00
47240 · Program Service Fees	
Total 47200 · Program Income	8,771.00
Total Income	15,499.98
Cost of Goods Sold	
50000 · *Cost of Goods Sold	2,404.17
Total COGS	2,404.17
Gross Profit	13,095.81
Expense	
60300 · Awards and Grants	
60320 · Cash Awards and Grants	2,200.00
60330 · Chapter Awards	158.90
Total 60300 · Awards and Grants	2,358.90
60900 · Business Expenses	
60910 · Bank Fees	16.50
60920 · Business Registration Fees	25.00
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	41.50
65000 · Operations	
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	1,239.76
65030 · Printing and Copying	612.38
65040 · Supplies	233.75
65060 · Website	179.40
65070 · Secretary Honorarium	6,000.00
65080 · Past President Plaque Purchases	365.56
Total 65000 · Operations	8,630.85
68300 · Travel and Meetings	
68330 - Conclave Expenses	8,112.56
68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	1,161.76
68320 · Travel	985.40
Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings	10,259.72
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Total Expense	21,290.97
Net Ordinary Income	-8,195.16
Net Income	-8,195.16

Gamma Sigma Delta International Budget vs. Expenditures

Fiscal Year 2016 Reports

		Budgeted	Actual
Balance as of July 1, 2015		\$65,000.00	\$63,539.96
Income			
Membership & Sales Income	\$20,000.00		\$18,597.50
Interest income	\$20.00		\$136.98
Other Income			
Total Income		\$20,020.00	\$18,734.48
Expenses			
Awards and Grants			
Cash Awards & Grants	\$2,500.00		\$2,358.90
Total Awards and Grants	\$2,500.00		\$2,358.90
Business Expenses			
Foundation registration	\$25.00		\$25.00
Total · Business Expenses	\$25.00		\$25.00
Contract Services			
Secretary Honorarium	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00
Legal fees (GSD Foundation)			
Outside Contract Services - web site	\$2,700.00		
Total Contract Services	\$8,700.00		\$6,000.00
Operations			
Postage, Mailing Service	\$1,300.00		\$1,239.76
Printing and Copying	\$500.00		\$612.38
Supplies Web Site (Includes domain assistantian)	\$350.00		\$233.75
Web Site (Includes domain registration) Plaque purchases	\$200.00 \$800.00		\$179.40 \$365.56
Inventory Purchases	\$000.00		\$303.30
Other Costs	\$2,500.00		\$37.50
Total Operations	\$5,650.00		\$2,668.35
Travel and Meetings			
Travel	\$7,000.00		\$2,147.16
Conclave Expenses	\$12,000.00		\$8,112.56
Total Travel and Meetings	\$19,000.00		\$10,259.72
Total Expenses		\$35,850.00	\$21,311.97
As of June 30, 2016		\$49,170.00	\$60,962.47

Gamma Sigma Delta International FY 2017 Proposed Budget

Balance as of July 1, 2017	\$60,962.47
Income	
Membership & Sales Income	\$27,000.00
Interest income	\$80.00
Other Income Shipping and Handling	\$2,000.00
Total Income	\$29,080.00
Expenses	
Awards and Grants	
Enrichment Grants	\$2,500.00
Total Awards and Grants	\$2,500.00
Business Expenses	
Foundation registration	\$5
Total · Business Expenses	\$5
Contract Services	
Secretary Honorarium	\$6,000.00
Legal fees (GSD Foundation)	
Outside Contract Services - web site	\$2,700.00
Total Contract Services	\$8,700.00
Operations	
Postage, Mailing Service	\$1,000.00
Printing and Copying	\$1,250.00
Supplies	\$350.00
Web Site (Includes domain registration)	\$200.00
Plaque purchases	\$800.00
Other Costs Total Operations	\$500.00 \$4.100.00
Total Operations	\$4,100.00
Travel and Meetings	
Travel	\$7,500.00
Conclave Expenses	\$3,500.00
Total Travel and Meetings	\$11,000.00
Total Expenses	\$26,305.00
Net Income	\$2,775.00
Projected Balance June 30, 2017	\$63,737.47

Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, LA. June 28, 2016

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

Call to Order: President Ed Rister called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Identification of the Foundation's Purpose: Mike Brugger reported that the Foundation is the funding source for Gamma Sigma Delta International Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award (DAA) and scholarships. The selection of DAA and scholarship is the Gamma Sigma Delta International Executive Committee responsibility. The Foundation has been operating as a non-registered non-profit in Ohio. The foundation is being registered in Ohio with Mike Brugger as statuary agent. The By Laws as they exist were distributed. They will be updated at a later time.

Approval of 2015 Minutes: Mike Brugger reminded the Board that the minutes had been distributed. MOTION: Kim Henken moved that the minutes be approved, as distributed. Denneal Jamison-McClung seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Financial Report: Kim Henken reviewed the financial report. The fiscal year is the calendar year. MOTION: Mike Brugger moved acceptance of the report. Navam Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business: Funding Solicitation

Navam Hettiarachchy updated the Board on fundraising activities. First, she sent e-mails to Chapters asking for donations and received no response. She is contacting past Gamma Sigma Delta International officers to ask for donations. She is having trouble getting e-mail addresses. She has contacted some Arkansas agricultural-related foundations asking for support and is still working with them to obtain donations.

The Directors discussed the value of the 501(c)(3) designation for the Foundation is that other 501(c)(3) entities can easily donate to the Foundation within the IRS tax rules. The Directors also discussed whether the Foundation is to support the existing awards or to grow the awards. Also discussed that as the Foundation grows, there may be a need for an Executive Director.

New Business: One thought on encouraging more nominations is to convert the form to an on-line form with the ability to upload a file. (Consider using Google Docs or Qualtrics.)

MOTION: Dennis moved that up to \$500 be used to have a Graphic Designer develop a brochure. Navam Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kim Henken, Dennis Brink, and Navam Hettiarachchy to develop this brochure with a deadline of September 30, 2016.

Budget: Kim Henken presented the budget for FY 2017, which is attached. MOTION: Dennis Brink moved approval. Mike Brugger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment: MOTION: Mike Brugger moved that the Board meeting be adjourned. Navam Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectively Submitted

Michael Brugger, Secretary.

Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Financial Report

Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation 2016 Financial Report			
			Balance January 1, 2016 \$5,372.
Income Budgeted Actual			
General Donation	\$200.00	\$1,000.00	
Total Income		\$1,000.00	
Expenses			
DAA Award	\$2,300.00		
Undergraduate Scholarship	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Graduate Scholarship	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Riley Service Scholarship	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Total Expenses		\$1,500.00	
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Balance August 1, 2016		\$4,872.15	

Certificate of Deposit		
Beginning Balance	\$25,000.00	
Interest Income	\$33.39	
Current Balance	\$25,033.39	

Kim Henken, Treasurer

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Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Proposed Budget

Gamma Sigma International Delta Foundation

2017 Proposed Budget			
Projected Balance January 1, 2017*		\$27,600.00	
Income	Budgeted		
General Donation	\$500.00		
Interest Income	\$35.00		
Total Income	\$535.00		
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 12/31/2017		\$24,335.00	

^{*}Combined balance of checking account and certificate of deposit

Gamma Sigma Delta International Conclave and Legislative Council

Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, LA. June 29 & 30, 2016

6/29/2016

Call to Order: President Ed Rister called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Agenda: Ed Rister reviewed the Agenda

Welcome: Johnny Morgan, President of the Louisiana State University Chapter, welcomed the Delegates to Baton Rouge.

Roll Call of Chapter Delegates:

Chapter	Delegate
Langston	Clark Williams
Texas A&M University	Matt Taylor
Tuskegee	Adelia C. Bovell-Benjamin
Mississippi State University	Scott Willard
Kansas State University	Jason Ellis
Louisiana State University	Janet Fox
South Dakota State University	Michael Gonda
International Officers	Position
Ed Rister	President
Denneal Jamison-McClung	President Elect
Kim Henken	Treasurer
Mike Brugger	Secretary
Navam Hettiarachchy	Historian
Dennis Brink	Past President

Committee Assignments:

- Resolutions Navam Hettiarachchy and Clark Williams
- Constitution and By Laws Review Mike Brugger and Matt Taylor
- Strategic Planning Denneal Jamison-McClung, Adelia Bovell-Benjamin, and Jason Ellis
- Site for 2018 Conclave Kim Henken, Clark Williams and Jason Ellis
- Nominations Dennis Brink and Michael Gonda

Minutes: Mike Brugger pointed out the minutes were in the pack of material. The Executive Committee has reviewed them and found then correct. MOTION: Mike Brugger moved that the minutes be approved. Navam Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Officers Reports: Written reports are in the folder. Officers had a chance to highlight points.

Denneal Jamison-McClung focused on Twitter account.

Mike Brugger highlighted the Membership report. He pointed out the drop in number of members being inducted, shared the list of inactive Chapters, and showed the Honor Cord. Tuskegee and Mississippi Delegates indicated that they had sent Chapter Reports this year. The reports were found and added to the record sheet.

Kim Henken presented the financial reports to the Legislative Council and asked for questions. For the last few years, Gamma Sigma Delta International has been operating in a negative cash flow condition to bring down cash reserves. Now the Executive Committee is looking at changes to keep from continuing the negative cash flow.

Navam Hettiarachchy pointed out the Historian's report is in the folder. Enrichment Grants and Conclave Poster Competition are the major activities of the Historian. She asked the Delegates to score the PowerPoint presentations being displayed during the breaks and at lunch and to return the scores this afternoon.

Dennis Brink noted that his role is mainly as an advisor and that he has focused on the vision for the future.

Ed Rister pointed out that the Executive Committee has been having regular conference calls during the year to assist in addressing the business of Gamma Sigma Delta International. Ed Rister reviewed the role as Liaison to the Chapters. There is a Conclave Evaluation Form that Delegates were asked to complete at the end of the Conclave.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Executive Committee: Ed Rister presented the following summary of the Executive Committee Activities:

- Focus was to look at enhancing the brand of Gamma Sigma Delta to assure that it is viable into the future.
- Discussion of the drop in number of initiates.
- Concern of acceptance rates of 2 to 3% of total invitations for undergraduate students.
- Executive Committee still sees a value of recognizing excellence in Agriculture and related sciences and the value of Gamma Sigma Delta
- Looked at ways to reduce operational costs while enhancing the brand and maintaining good service to the Chapters.
- Discussed the potential for a Communications officer who would also handle some of the Historian activities; also discussed elimination of the Past President Officer.
- Reviewed the eligibility criteria for undergraduate and graduate students with the possibility of inducting of sophomores.
- Scores for the Chapter Reports. Discussed ways to make the reporting easier, potentially through electronic reporting.
- Increasing the number of nominations for scholarships. Currently have three scholarships.
 This year, there was only one nomination for each undergraduate scholarship and four for the graduate scholarship.
- Mentioned the DAA award and encouraged nominations
- On July 1, 2016, induction fee will increase to \$25 (from \$15), a handling and shipping charge will be added, and the expedited shipping fee will also be increased (from \$20 to \$40). Delegates shared their thoughts on the handling of collection of fees from Initiates and local Chapter Fees. Discussed the use of PayPal or other options for payment to the International versus just a check. Secretary will look into the possibility of adding electronic payment options.
- Some Colleges have an Honors Program or similar College-level program. Raised the possibility that any student that is a member of the Honors Program or similar College-level program be automatically eligible for membership in Gamma Sigma Delta International.

• A question was raised about a survey on why there is not more acceptance by invited prospective members. The 2014 Conclave report, which is on the web site, has information from a panel discussion of this topic. A more extended survey had not been conducted.

Looking toward the future: Dennis Brink reviewed some of the process, which began with the 2014 Nebraska Conclave. He started with discussing the purpose of Gamma Sigma Delta International. He asked Delegates to list thoughts on "why Gamma Sigma Delta is important" and to keep the items listed below as we focus on the future of Gamma Sigma Delta:

- Agriculture and related sciences focus
- All aspects of agriculture and related sciences integrated and considered equally important
- Recognizes the three land grant missions
- Involves and links faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students, and alumni in service
- Emphasize and recognize excellence of faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students, and alumni
- Has social activities
- Interdisciplinary
- Has a long history
- Many members located across the U.S. and in many countries in positions in educational institutions, agencies, and allied industries involved in agriculture and related sciences.

What can Gamma Sigma Delta International do for Local Chapters: Dennis Brink led sharing of thoughts.

- Newsletter is important Consider more frequent/shorter communications
- Communicate to others chapters what chapters are doing in a variety of methods
- Multiple repetitive communication of important opportunities and deadlines
- Provide templates, broiler-plate for local chapters to use Tool box
- Keep the web-page updated and progressive
- Tighten link with chapters
 - o Feedback on how to improve Enrichment Grants
 - Annual reports Thanks for preparing
 - DAA nominations Acknowledgement of submitting nomination and feedback submit again.
 - Congratulate new officers.

The Delegates discussed the need for a name change to indicate the broader group being served.

Chapter Activity Power Point Presentation Competition: Navam Hettiarachchy passed out the evaluation forms. The presentations were shown and the Delegates evaluated the posters.

Recognition Award Recipients: Ed Rister reviewed the 2015 awards that are listed in the Newsletter. The 2016 recipients are

Chapter	Award
Penn State	Outstanding Chapter
South Dakota State University	Gold
University of Nebraska	Gold
Iowa State University	Silver
University of Kentucky	Silver

Kansas State University	Silver
University of Wyoming	Silver
North Dakota State University	Silver
New Mexico State University	Bronze
University of Nebraska	Most Improved
South Dakota State University	New Activity

Enrichment Grants: Navam Hettiarachchy reviewed the purpose of the Enrichment Grants and provided information on the latest set of recipients. Dennis Brink reviewed the discussion of the Executive Committee who agreed to keep the budget for this activity as is and to encourage two categories. One category was for inactive chapters to see if they can gain strength and the other is for active chapters to help keep them strong.

The Legislative Council was suspended to allow committees to meet, people to score the poster presentations, and lunch.

The Conclave was reconvened with Ed Rister presenting the 2015 Outstanding Chapter Award to the Louisiana State University Chapter. Janet Fox, assisted by Johnny Morgan and John Westra, presented information on recruiting and keeping members engaged.

Best Practices: Kim Henken led a discussion of best practices that are being done at the Chapter Level, whether membership related or not. The following ideas were mentioned:

- Involve various people in leadership positions to be on the committees that select awards.
- Having a more formal awards ceremony and present certificate and honor cords resulted in more parent attendance.
- Nebraska has a College-wide banquet and the Gamma Sigma Delta Student Award winner is the speaker, which increased College-wide visibility.
- Have nice facilities off campus with free parking for the awards ceremony.
- Having administrative support helped
- Undergraduate and graduate poster competition for visibility
- Poster competition held within a larger event with several institutions involved with the competition.
- Monthly seminars
- Service projects by students
- Small College-size activities facilitate close, personal relationships among faculty, staff, students and administration.
- Awards and poster competition give recognition to the Chapter.
- Keeping people engaged in activities.
- Students are interested in service and environmental sustainability. Capitalized on these interests with a structured Gamma Sigma Delta component.

What can Gamma Sigma Delta International do for Local Chapters: Dennis Brink led sharing of thoughts.

- Newsletter is key.
- Let Chapters know what other Chapters are doing.
- Send reminders to all members of the Chapters.
- Have items in multiple places and send to all Chapter Officers.

- Communications and materials in a form that is easy to forward on or to cut or place.
- Calendar of deadlines and events.
- On home page, state that Conclave is an every two-year event. Web page needs to look current.
- Feed back on enrichment grants that were not funded.

The Conclave was suspended for a tour of the Burden Aquaculture Research Center at 2:30 p.m.

6/30/2016 The Conclave reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

Poster competition results: The rankings from first to last are Nebraska, U. C. Davis, Arkansas, Tuskegee, Kentucky, Langston, and South Dakota.

Foundation Report: The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) for accepting funds. John Riley bequest has put the Foundation in reasonable financial condition. This year, the Foundation received a \$1,000 donation from the Texas A&M University Chapter. Kim Henken highlighted the financial statement that is attached.

Executive Committee: Have increased the dues to \$25.00. Will stop sending an officer to present Chapter Award Plaques. Will still send an officer to present the DAA Award.

Social Media's Role(s) in Future Gamma Sigma Delta International Communications: Denneal Jamison-McClung made a presentation about using social media communications effectively. Mentioned info graphics that Gamma Sigma Delta International could prepare for the Chapters. Discussed the plusses and minuses of using student assistance with the social media postings. Generally, people keep control when having students assist with social media.

Constitution and By Laws Committee Report: Mike Brugger presented the Committee's recommendations that include changes from the 2014 and 2016 Conclave. The report is attached. MOTION: Dennis Brink moved to accept the report. Kim Henken seconded the motion. Motion passed. The changes will be balloted to the Chapters via e-mail. Each change will be balloted separately. A 2/3 approval of return ballots is required for approval of the change, with chapters having a minimum of one month to respond..

Resolutions Committee Report: The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolutions: Resolution 1: Whereas, the Executive officers of the International Society: President Edward Rister, President-Elect Denneal Jamison McClung, Secretary Michael Brugger, Treasurer Kim Henken, Historian Navam Hettiarchchy, and Immediate Past-President Dennis Brink have provided outstanding leadership and genuine dedication in performing their administrative duties, and

Whereas, under their leadership, significant effort has been made in updating of the Gamma Sigma Delta web site and maintaining the Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation, and

Whereas, much planning and preparation has been put into preparing International Society operations,

Be it resolved that the Executive Officers are to be commended for their planning, preparation, teamwork, and dedication to the International Society of Gamma Sigma Delta.

Resolution 2: Whereas, Dennis Brink has faithfully and unselfishly served the organization for six years as President-Elect, President, and past President

Whereas, he is retiring from the duties and responsibilities of past President,

Be it resolved that he be commended for his dedication, enthusiasm, and devotion to the past, present, and future achievements of the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta.

- **Resolution 3:** Whereas, Edward Rister has faithfully and unselfishly served the organization for four years as President-Elect and President, and
- Whereas, he is retiring from the duties and responsibilities as President,
- Be it resolved that he be commended for his dedication, enthusiasm, and devotion to the past, present, and future achievements of Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta.
- **Resolution 4:** Whereas, Denneal Jamison-McClung has faithfully and unselfishly served the organization for two years as President-Elect,
- Be it resolved that she be commended for her dedication, enthusiasm, and devotion to the present, and future achievements of Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta.
- **Resolution 5:** Whereas, Kim Henken has faithfully and unselfishly served the organization for two years as Treasurer,
- Be it resolved that she be commended for her dedication, enthusiasm, and devotion to the present, and future achievements of Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta.
- **Resolution 6:** Whereas Mike Brugger joined the Gamma Sigma Delta Executive Committee in 2006, Whereas Mike has served as Treasurer, and Secretary for 10 years,
- Whereas Mike has been the stable force maintaining the documents of Gamma Sigma Delta and in getting materials to the Chapters in time for initiation ceremonies,
- Be it resolved that he be commended for his dedication, enthusiasm, untiring service, and devotion to the past, present, and future achievements of the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta.
- **Resolution 7:** Whereas Navam Hettiarachchy joined the Gamma Sigma Delta Executive Committee in 2008,
- Whereas, Navam Hettiarachchy has faithfully and unselfishly served the organization for 8 years as Historian and,
- Whereas Navam has been the stable force maintaining the Historian's documents of Gamma Sigma Delta.
- Be it resolved that she be commended for her dedication, enthusiasm, untiring service, and devotion to the past, present, and future achievements of the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta.
- **Resolution 8:** Whereas, Adelia Bovell-Benjamin of Alabama Tuskegee University, Jason Ellis of Kansas State University, Michael Gonda of South Dakota State University, Matthew Taylor of Texas A&M University, Scott Willard of Mississippi State University, and Clark Williams of Langston University participated as delegates in the 55th Conclave of the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta, and
- Whereas they provided excellent observations, suggestions, and challenges in regards to enhancing the future viability of Gamma Sigma Delta,
- Be it resolved that Adelia Bovell-Benjamin, Jason Ellis, Michael Gonda, Matthew Taylor, Scott Willard, and Clark Williams be recognized and remembered for their dedication, enthusiasm, and devotion to the past, present, and future achievements of Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta.
- **Resolution 9:** Whereas, the Alabama Tuskegee University, Kansas State University, South Dakota State University, University of Arkansas, University of California, Davis, University of Kentucky, and University of Nebraska chapters provided timely submissions to the electronic poster competition for the 55th Conclave of the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta, and
- Whereas they provided for an excellent forum and exchange of ideas in regards to enhancing the future viability of Gamma Sigma Delta,

- Be it resolved that the Alabama Tuskegee University, Kansas State University, South Dakota State University, University of Arkansas, University of California, Davis, University of Kentucky, and University of Nebraska chapters be recognized and remembered for their dedication, enthusiasm, and devotion to the past, present, and future achievements of Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta.
- **Resolution 10:** Whereas, Janet Fox, Johnny Morgan, and John Westra of Louisiana State University participated in the 55th Conclave of the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta, and
- Whereas they provided excellent thoughts and insights in their "Reveal the Magic: Recruiting and Keeping Members Engaged" during their overarching presentation in regards to enhancing the future viability of Gamma Sigma Delta,
- Be it resolved that Janet Fox, Johnny Morgan, and John Westra be recognized and remembered for their dedication, enthusiasm, and devotion to the past, present, and future achievements of Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta.
- **Resolution 11:** Whereas, Chris Green, Greg Lutz, and Millie Williams of the Louisiana State University Ag Center Aquaculture Research Station hosted participants of the 55th Conclave of the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta, and
- Whereas they provided an excellent overview of the Station's research mission and their respective research programs, underscoring the scientific breadth and scope of Gamma Sigma Delta,
- Be it resolved that Chris Green, Greg Lutz, and Millie Williams be recognized and remembered for their dedication, enthusiasm, and devotion to the past, present, and future achievements of Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta.
- **Resolution 12**: Whereas, The Louisiana State University Chapter hosted the 55th Conclave of the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta,
- Whereas they provided numerous opportunities for attendees to exchange information in both formal and informal events;
- Whereas they provided excellent opportunities to learn more about the Louisiana State University LaHouse Resource Center, the Aquaculture Research Station, and the Burden Research Center.
- Be it resolved that Johnny Morgan and John Westra, Co-chairs of local arrangements, with gracious assistance from the Chapter and others at Louisiana State University and the local community, including Chad Arseneauld, Janet Fox, Danielle Gueho, Brian Hilbun, Kayleigh Jones, Jeff Kuehny, Ryan McNeil, Berdikul Qushim, Camillia Raphael-Smith, Zach Reboul, Heather Westra, and Becky White, be commended for outstanding efforts in the effective planning and execution of the 2016 Conclave.

Submitted by: Navam Hettiarachchy (IGSD Historian) Chair Clark Williams (Langston Chapter President) Co-Chair

MOTION: Kim Henken moved acceptance of the Resolutions Report and Denneal Jamison-McClung seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning: Looking to build a sense of community or brand. Work to improve communications between the Chapters.

MOTION: Dennis Brink moved to accept the report. Jason Ellis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2018 Conclave Site: Currently looking at Kansas State University with similar format.

MOTION: Kim Henken moved acceptance of report. Clark Williams seconded the report. Motion passed.

Election of Officers: Dennis Brink presented the Nomination Committee report to recommending the following slate of officers for the next two years.

President Denneal Jamison-McClung

President Elect Mike Brugger

Secretary Mike Brugger Treasurer Kim Henken

Historian Navam Hettiarachchy

Past President Ed Rister

MOTION: Clark Williams moved acceptance of the report. Scott Willard seconded the report. Motion passed.

MOTION: Kim Henken moved the slate of officers be elected. Denneal Jamison McClung seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The existing Nomination Committee will continue so that they can assist with the changes associated with the proposed changes in officers. If the proposed changes in officers are approved, the Executive Committee will revise the Officer's Operating Guidelines to reflect revised officer assignments.

President Comments: President Ed Rister commended the Delegates for attending the Conclave and asked them to take ideas back to their Chapters. The Executive Committee is looking to improved communications with and between Chapters. He reminded all that the future depends on us. Ed Rister passed the gavel to incoming President, Denneal Jamison-McClung. She presented a President's plaque to Ed Rister.

Incoming President Comments: Denneal Jamison-McClung stated that she is honored to be the President and looking forward to implementing the changes. She expressed a desire to work with everyone to grow the Gamma Sigma Delta.

Other Business:

Denneal Jamison-McClung will be appointing a Council of Past Officers who would be available to provide support to the Executive Committee.

Denneal Jamison-McClung asked everyone to fill out the evaluation form.

Kim Henken reported that the Conclave expense checks have been distributed.

Adjourn: MOTION: Mike Brugger moved that the Conclave and Legislative Council be adjourned. Kim Henken seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectively submitted Mike Brugger, Secretary

M. Edward Rister
International President

- 1. Participated in monthly/bi monthly conference calls with International Officer Team during 2014 2015 academic year.
- 2. Communicated with Secretary Brugger frequently, identifying issues for inclusion in officers' bimonthly teleconference calls.
- 3. Prepared the International President's message for the Newsletter.
- 4. Participated in evaluation and selection of 2014 Enrichment Grant recipients
- 5. Worked with Kimberley Henken, IGSD Treasurer, and other IGSD officers in planning for 2015 Executive Officers' team meeting in Lexington, KY.
- 6. Prepared the meeting agenda for the 2015 International Executive Committee meeting and the 2015 International Foundation Board meeting.
- 7. Updated the scoring rubric for Executive Officer team's use in evaluating 2015 Annual Chapter Reports.
- 8. Participated in June 2015 Executive Officers' team meeting in Lexington, KY.
- 9. 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
- 10. Participated in selection of 2015 International Foundation Scholarships
- 11. Served on Board of Directors International Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation.
- 12. Coordinated development of timeline for 2015 2016 Executive Officer team's individual responsibilities.
- 13. Worked with LSU Chapter in planning for 2016 Conclave.

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- 3. Prepared the International President's message for the Newsletter.
- 4. Participated in evaluation and selection of 2015 Enrichment Grant recipients
- 5. Worked with Johnny Morgan and John Westra at LSU and other IGSD officers in planning for 2016 Conclave in Baton Rouge, LA.
- 6. Prepared the meeting agenda for the 2016 International Executive Committee meeting, the 2016 International Foundation Board meeting, and the 2016 Conclave and Legislative Council meeting.
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- 10. Served on Board of Directors International Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation.
- 11. Contacted / attempted to contact my liaison chapters.

Denneal Jamison-McClung President-Elect

2014-2015

- 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;
 - 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.

- 1. Prepared the Foreword section of the annual GSD Newsletter.
- 2. Continued to manage the Gamma Sigma Delta International Twitter account June 27, 2014. Posted event photos from UC Davis local chapter and posted IGSD Conclave reminders. We

currently have **253 followers** (up from 171 followers last year) and **1404 posts** (up from 650 posts last year). Well-known food and ag communicators, academics, government agencies and industry organizations are among our GSD Twitter followers:

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- d. Industry: Genuity Traits (Monsanto); CropLife Foundation, 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;
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- 3. Participated in 2015-2016 Executive Officers team conference calls and June 2016 Conclave at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA.

Michael Brugger, Secretary
International Secretary

- 1. Prepared and distributed Minutes of the Gamma Sigma Delta International Executive Committee meetings.
- 2. Prepared and distributed Minutes of the Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Committee meetings.
- 3. Processed Chapter orders and sent out materials.
- 4. Ordered supplies and honor cords.
- 5. Worked with Web Master to resolve some items, to create easy way to terminate authorization after 10 years and to assign Liaison Chapters to officers and move the Chapters as a person changes office.
- 6. Made award presentations to the Louisiana and Wyoming Chapters.
- 7. Prepared the "Newsletter".
- 8. Responded to inquiries.

- 1. Prepared minutes of all Gamma Sigma Delta International Executive Committee meetings and Conference Calls.
- 2. Prepared minutes of all The Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation meetings and Conference Calls.
- 3. Prepared and distributed the 2015 "Gamma Sigma Delta Newsletter"
- 4. Sent periodic e-mails to all Chapter Officers who had information in the chapter database on the web site.
- 5. Order supplies and materials as needed for handling the orders.
- 6. Prepared and sent out membership and award certificates.
- 7. Ordered Past President plagues when included on a Chapter's order.
- 8. Ordered Plaques for recognition of Chapter Activities.
- 9. Present plaque to the Pennsylvania State University Chapter at their spring meeting.
- 10. Prepared information for the 2016 Conclave and handled registration for the Conclave.
- 11. Submitted reinstate and change of agent form for Gamma Sigma Delta International to the Ohio Secretary of State.
- 12. Submitted incorporation as a non-profit organization for the Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation to the Ohio Secretary of State.
- 13. Updated the Executive Committee Operating Guidelines.
- 14. Attended the 2016 Gamma Sigma Delta International Conclave and Legislative Council meeting.
- 15. Maintained the records for Gamma Sigma Delta International and The Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation.

Kim Henken International Treasurer

- 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.

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- 7. Submitted W-9 forms to chapters upon request.
- 8. Reconciled accounts monthly.
- 9. Responded to email inquiries regarding orders and payments as received from chapter officers.
- 10. Participated in evaluation and selection of 2015 Enrichment Grant recipients and prepared checks for recipients.
- 11. Emailed and/or called assigned liaison chapters in May to remind chapters of due dates for awards, scholarships and annual reports and to promote the June Conclave.
- 12. Reviewed chapter reports and scholarship applications in preparation for the June 2016 Executive Committee meeting.
- 13. Prepared and submitted reports for the 2016 Gamma Sigma Delta International Conclave.
- 14. Submitted the Internal Revenue Service 990-N electronic postcard filing for Gamma Sigma Delta International.
- 15. Prepared and filed the Internal Revenue Service 1099-MISC for the Gamma Sigma Delta Treasurer Honorarium for 2015.
- 16. Served on Board of Directors for the Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation.
- 17. Managed financial accounts for the Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation and provided a financial report for the Board of Directors meeting.
- 18. Submitted the Internal Revenue Service 990-N electronic postcard filing for Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation.

Navam Hettiarachchy International Historian

- 1. Participated and reviewed Enrichment grants for the year 2014-2015. Eight proposals were received and four were funded:
 - a. University of Maryland (\$506).
 - b. University of Nebraska (\$750).

- c. South Dakota State University (\$450).
- d. Tuskegee Univeristy (\$745).

Chapters that did not receive the award:

- a. University of Arkansas
- b. Langston University
- c. Louisiana State University
- d. Zamorano University
- 4. Letters of award along with checks bearing the grant amount were mailed to the chapter presidents' office.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Presented the Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture award to Juan Carlos Rosas Sotomayor, Professor, Zamorano University, Honduras, which was well received.
- 7. Chapter activation emails were sent to the inactive chapter: University of California Riverside. Communicated the inactive chapter status to the executive committee, international GSD.
- 8. Updated 2015 chapter 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.
- **9.** Emailed previous newsletters (Numbers: 64 & 65) in 2014 to the historian in The Ohio State University for archiving.
- 10. Participated and reviewed chapter reports for the year 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.
- 11. Participated in the International GSD annual meeting held between 1st and 4th of June 2014 at University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE.
- 12. Evaluated chapter reports and application for scholarships (1 undergraduate student) and submitted the evaluation scores to the executive committee.

2015-2016

- 1. Sent email to submit reports from the 2014-2015 Chapter Enrichment Grants Award recipients.
- 2. Sent email requesting submission of Chapter Enrichment Grant Proposals for the year 2015-2016
- 3. Participated and reviewed Enrichment grants for the year 2015-2016. Three proposals received and funded:
 - a. University of Arkansas (\$750).
 - b. University of Tennessee (\$750).
 - c. South Dakota State University (\$700).
- 4. Letters of award along with the grant amount were emailed to the chapter presidents' office.
- 5. Chapter activation emails were sent to the inactive chapter: University of California Riverside.
- 6. Sent emails to submit chapter reports and nominations for awards.
- 7. Emailed GSD newsletters 2015 to the historian in The Ohio State University for archiving.
- 8. Sent email as a remainder to the chapters for participation at the conclave.
- 9. Sent emails to all the Chapters requesting power point slide posters presentation at the 2016 Conclave Meeting
- 10. Reviewed DAA nominees for year 2014 and 2016.
- 11. Reviewed Foundation and Service Scholarship award nominees for year 2015-2016.
- 12. Reviewed chapter reports for year 2015-2016.

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
- 4. Sent certificate and letter of congratulations to the recipient of the 2014 New Activity Award
- 5. Reviewed proposals for chapter enrichment grants (2015)
- 6. Participated in Executive Committee conference calls and Executive Committee meeting.
- 7. Scored and summarized scoring for chapter awards (2015)
- 8. Reviewed applications for scholarship program (2015)
- 9. Performed email contact with liaison chapters
- 10. Contacted individuals for office of President-elect
- 11. Attended 2016 Conclave

- 1. Attended Executive Committee Meeting in Lexington, KY
- 2. Participated on phone conference calls
- 3. E-mailed liaison chapters and follow-up phone call to chapter representative
- 4. Contacted nominees for President-Elect
- 5. Reviewed nominations for Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award

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:

Chantar	Installation	Anniversary
Chapter	Date	for 20 16
University of the Philippines	1957-10-24	59
Honduras- Escuela Agrícola Panamericana	1989-10-28	27
Auburn University	1916-4	100
Alabama - Tuskegee University	1985-10-25	31
University of Arkansas	1954-5-17	62
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	2005-4-4	11
University of Arizona	1958-03-26	58
California Polytechnic State University - Pomona	1967-4-6	49
University of California, Riverside	1982-3-15	44
University of California - Davis	2000-11-16	16
Colorado State University	1963-06-20	53
University of Connecticut	1954-5-26	62
University of Florida	1955-4-29	61
Florida A&M University	1997-4-12	19
University of Georgia	1961-12-1	55
University of Hawaii at Manoa	1968-10-25	48
Iowa State University	1907-4-9	109
University of Idaho	1973-5-2	43
University of Illinois	1923-11-17	93
Purdue University	1972-4-11	44
Kansas State University	1914-6-25	102
University of Kentucky	1955-1-14	61
Western Kentucky University	2005-4-28	11
Louisiana State University	1961-8-3	55
University of Maryland-National Capital Area	1984-2-23	32
University of Massachusetts	2014-3-25	2
Michigan State University	1988-05-25	28
University of Minnesota	1917-6-4	99
University of Missouri	1908-11-23	108
Mississippi State University	1964-2-25	52
North Carolina State University	1955-4-28	61
North Carolina A&T State University	1974-11-22	42
North Dakota State University	2005-11-1	11
University of Nebraska	1918-5-25	98
New Mexico State University	1979-10-12	37
University of Nevada	1966-3-25	50
Cornell University	1986-05-20	30
The Ohio State University	1928-11-12	93
Langston University	2002-4-23	14
Oklahoma State University	1984-5-15	32
Oregon State University	1981-10-22	35

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Chapter	Installation Date	Anniversary No. for 2015
University of Puerto Rico	1938-5-24	78
Clemson University	1957-05-16	59
South Dakota State University	1958-5-27	58
The University of Tennessee	1964-6-4	52
Texas A&M University - Kingsville	1984-05-11	32
Texas A&M University	1965-7-1	51
Texas Tech University	1972-6-15	44
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	1970-3-9	46
Washington State University	1987-06-16	29
University of Wisconsin	1967-05-9	49
West Virginia University	1959-5-8	57
University of Wyoming	1961-1-19	55

Chapter Anniversaries (5 year intervals) January 1, 2016

Year	Chapter	Anniversary	Charter Date
2016	<u> </u>		
	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	35 years	October 22, 1981
	Cornell University	30 years	May 20, 1986
2017	Iowa State University	110 years	April 9, 1907
	University of Minnesota	100 years	June 4, 1917
	Pennsylvania State University	95 years	October 10, 1922
	Clemson University	60 years	May 16, 1957
	University of the Philippines	60 years	October 24, 1957
	California State Polytechnic	50 years	April 6, 1967
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	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, Riverside	45 years	March 15, 1982
	Washington State University	30 years	June 16, 1987
	Florida A&M University	20 years	April 12, 1997
2018	Langston University	15 years	April 23, 2002
2016			
	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
	University of Puerto Rico	80 years	May 24, 1938
	University of Arizona	60 years	March 26, 1958
	South Dakota State University	60 years	May 27, 1958
	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
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	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 Mississippi State University	60 years	May 8, 1959
	University of Tennessee	55 years	Feb. 25, 1964 June 4, 1964
	North Carolina Agricultural &	55 years	Oct. 22, 1974
	State University	45 years	001, 22, 19/4
	New Mexico State University	40 years	Oct. 12, 1979
	University of Maryland	40 years 35 years	Feb. 23, 1984
	Oklahoma State University	35 years	May 15, 1984
	Texas A&M University-Kingsville	35 years	May 11, 1984
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Year	Chapter	Anniversary	Charter Date
	Escuela Agricola Panamerica University	30 years	October 28, 1989
2020	University of Massachusetts	5 years	March 25, 2014
	University of Florida University of Kentucky North Carolina State University Texas A&M University	65 years 65 years 65 years 55 years	April 29, 1955 January 14, 1955 April 28, 1955 July 1, 1965
	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University Tuskegee University	50 years 35 years	March 9, 1970 October 25, 1985
	University of California-Davis University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	20 years 15 year	November 16, 2000 April 4, 2005
	Western Kentucky University North Dakota State University	15 years 15 years	April 28, 2005 November 1, 2005
	University of Florida University of Kentucky North Carolina State University Texas A&M University Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University	60 years 60 years 50 years 45 years	April 29, 1955 January 14, 1955 April 28, 1955 July 1, 1965 March 9, 1970
	Tuskegee University University of California-Davis University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	30 years 15 years 10 year	October 25, 1985 November 16, 2000 April 4, 2005
	Western Kentucky University North Dakota State University	10 years 10 years	April 28, 2005 November 1, 2005

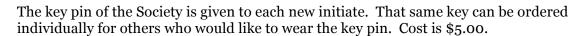
Gamma Sigma Delta Supplies

Gamma Sigma Delta offers a cord that students or faculty can wear at graduation ceremonies.

The cord is actually two cords, one a forest green and the other a darker ivory color. Tassels are on the ends of both cords. Cost is \$6.00.

A brass GSD key is also available. The key can be used as a paperweight or on a plaque for a chapter award. The key is the same size as used on Past President plaque. Cost is \$40.00.

A brochure that can be sent with GSD invitations can be ordered at \$10/100. The International Secretary, however, generally makes these available free at the beginning of each semester.



Stick-on name badges with the key insignia and the words 'Gamma Sigma Delta The Honor Society of Agriculture' are \$1.00 for a sheet of 8 badges.

In addition to initiation certificates, a similar award certificate can be purchased. The certificate has the recipient's name, the name of the award with the words 'Award of Merit' following, the chapter's name, and the date of the award. Cost is \$2.50 per certificate.

All the above supplies are pictured on the Society's web page order form. Go the gammasigmadelta.org and log into the administrative section to get to the order form. That section is reserved, however, for chapter officers only.

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA PLEDGE

In recognition of my responsibilities as a member of the Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta,

I pledge myself to utilize my abilities, in maintaining the esteem, upholding the honor, and advancing agriculture, related sciences and technology.

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