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Greetings!

Gamma Sigma Delta continues to thrive in the 2020-2021 academic years, despite the difficulties that we have all experienced, thanks in no small part to our leadership at the international level – Lila B. Karki, President-elect, Chastity Warren English, Secretary/Treasurer, and Paul Tseng Strategic Communications. And big thanks to Mike Brugger, Past-President who completed his multi-year term this June, 2020. Mike in particular helped shepherd GSD International through some trying times recently and helped ensure the sustainability of this honor society that has existed since 1905.

As with most societies or organizations, active participation from chapters and members is critical to maintaining and building Gamma Sigma Delta over the long term, at the local and international levels. The challenges that we all faced in 2020, with limitations on face-to-face interactions and travel restrictions during a pandemic, made participating in professional meetings and conferences very difficult. Many organizations and professions cancelled events scheduled during this past year.

Given all these constraints and restrictions we faced, we also wondered and debated at Executive Council meetings if we should postpone or cancel our bi-annual International Conclave scheduled for June, 2020, at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Like so many other organizations, we decided to move forward and hold the International Conclave virtually, via Zoom on the same date as originally scheduled, hoping we would have some reasonable level of participation. And were we glad we did because we welcomed members from so many chapters to the 2020 International Conclave; more than had attended and participated in recent memory.

The discussion, questions raised, and issues deliberated during the meeting helped those involved understand and appreciate the importance of Gamma Sigma Delta in their professional, and academic lives. And I think we all came away with a better appreciation of why continued active participation from more chapters and members is critical to the continued success of this historical honor society.

One thing that also became clear during this meeting was that there are many chapters with very active members doing great things. Reviewing this newsletter you will read about the dynamic and engaging ways members of Gamma Sigma Delta contributed to the betterment of their academic institution – by recognizing scholarly accomplishments, awarding scholarships, sponsoring seminars, assisting with academic bowls, job fairs, etc. Members also significantly contributed to the wellbeing of their community by volunteering in various ways, to help local organizations, raise funds to help those local charities – all while raising awareness of and increasing appreciation for their Gamma Sigma Delta local chapter. So, please read the newsletter to be inspired by the incredible diversity of accomplishments of the members at our various chapters located across the U.S. and the planet.

In closing, I want to thank the officers of the Executive Council with whom I have had the privilege of serving this past year - Lila Karki, President-elect, Chastity Warren English, Secretary/Treasurer, and Paul Tseng Strategic Communications. Without their support and efforts on behalf of all of us members, Gamma Sigma Delta would not continue. I want to also thank Katie Mast, and more recently Kelly Miller, both from Freedom Business Solutions for providing organizational support (accounting and support services) over the past year and Jason Norris of Norris Design for helping with website support.

Finally, we are seeking your help in nominating someone, perhaps yourself, for two vacancies we have now or will have soon – Vice-President-elect and Secretary-Treasurer. Please email any nominations for these two critical positions to me at: john.westra@unl.edu

Thanks for your continued support and participation in Gamma Sigma Delta.
John Westra, President

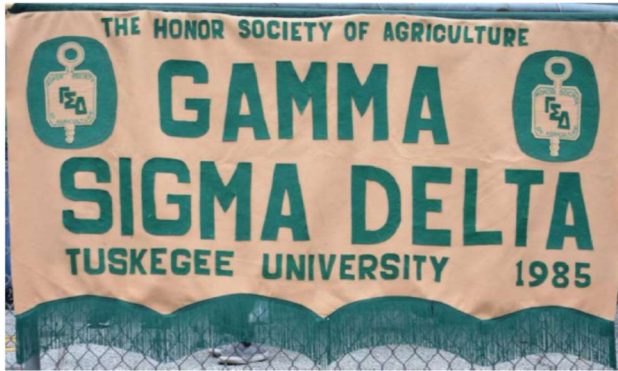
2020-2021 International Officers

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 the 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 2020 Conclave and will serve until June 30, 2022.

President John Westra john.westra@unl.edu		Treasurer & Secretary Chastity Warren English (336) 285-4819 ckwarren@ncat.edu	
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F. Y. 2020 Outstanding Award

Tuskegee University



Outstanding Chapter Award

Tuskegee University Chapter is the recipient of the 2020 Outstanding Chapter Award.

The Chapter initiated 43 new members and presented 65 awards. The following are other activities for the year:

- Executive committee meetings (monthly)
- General Body Meetings
- Student Research Competition 2019: The 16th Honor Society of Agriculture (HSA), Gamma Sigma Delta Student Competition at the 77th PAWC (Professional Agricultural Workers Conference) was held on December 08, 2019. The GSD student research competition at PAWC is an annual academic activity of the Tuskegee University Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta co-sponsored by PAWC. The executive committee (EC) is responsible for the logistics and organization of the competition that consists of but is not limited to: sending out announcements, writing guidelines for abstracts and making oral and poster presentations, reaching out to various universities to disseminate the announcements, receiving abstracts, reviewing the submissions, sending notifications of acceptance or rejection, recruiting judges and moderators, developing rubrics, publishing a book of abstracts (a cover page picture on the right), conducting the student research competition and communication with the participants until the winners receive a monetary award and appreciation certificates. The EC ensures that these poster and oral presentations are of the highest academic standard. A reception is held to announce winners, and Merit certificates are given during the PAWC closing banquet. The PAWC provides financial support for student scholarships.
- GSD Professional Development Seminar: This is an academic enrichment activity reflecting the chapter's dedication to its members' professional development. The EC is responsible for identifying speakers, communication, logistics, and organization of the event. The event was co-sponsored by Cooperative Extension to help alleviate the cost. The seminar was presented by Cynthia Zorn Price, Alabama State Statistician, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Southern Region, Alabama Field Office. The seminar had over 85 participants (student, staff, faculty, and beyond).
- Induction and Installation Ceremony
- Developed first ever Website and Facebook for effective communication and education. For detailed accomplishment, please refer to p8, Tuskegee New Activity Award, 2020.

Congratulations to Tuskegee University for earning the F. Y. 2020 Outstanding Chapter Award



Outstanding Chapter Award Previous Recipients

Year	Chapter(s)
2020	Tuskegee University, Alabama
2019	University of Nebraska
2018	The Pennsylvania State University
2017	The Pennsylvania State University
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. 2020 Most Improved Chapter Award

West Virginia University

Most Improved Chapter Award recognizes the Chapter that has the most improvement in Chapter Score from the year before. To be considered for the most improved Chapter, the Chapter had to submit a report the year before.

West Virginia University Chapter had a very good year and had the most improvement in Chapter Score from last year.

The Chapter initiated 31 new members and presented 5 awards. The following are other activities/accomplishments for the year.

- Held four regular meetings and an annual business meeting.
- Updated their chapter website and created a google drive to share documents with new officers.

***Congratulations to West Virginia University
for earning the F. Y. 2020 Most Improved Chapter Award!***



F. Y. 2020 New Activity Award

Tuskegee University

New Activity Chapter Award

Tuskegee University Chapter is the recipient of the 2020 Outstanding Chapter Award.

The following are other activities for the year.

- Milestone in Induction Event:
- Tuskegee University chapter inducted its first Honorary Member in 2019-2020, Cynthia Zorn Price (refer to p4), for her 34 years of dedicated service to agricultural and related sciences and technologies. She serves as the Alabama State Statistician for USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).
- GSD Wellness Walk and Run:
- The GSD Tuskegee University (TU) Chapter organized the first-ever Wellness Walk and Run (WWR) on October 25 to celebrate its establishment day, October 25, 1985. The one-mile walk and two-mile run have multi-faceted implications in every walk of life: academic, social, professional, personal, family, and farming. The theme of the event was 'healthy life – healthy agriculture to promote physical fitness amongst university constituencies, local schools, and community people.
- Homeless Feeding:
- GSD partnered with Washington Chapel A.M.E. Church to host a homeless feeding on Thanksgiving. We raised \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) to feed the homeless community and handed the raised money into the Chapel to jointly sponsor the event. With a combined effort, Thanksgiving dinner was served to approximately 200 people. On behalf of GSD, president Karki would like to thank and appreciate the generous donations made by generous donors for a good cause of feeding community members.
- Homecoming Parade 2019:
- GSD participated in the Tuskegee University HOMECOMING PARADE 2019 along with other organizations and individuals. Homecoming is one of the largest events in the Tuskegee University calendar year, where tens of thousands of people participated and enjoyed watching the parade.
- GSD Outreach Activity:
- Student Fair GSD information exchange desk was set up in Logan Hall on August 27, 2019, to educate participants of the student organization fair about GSD. More than 100 people (students, staff, and faculty) visited the booth and collected the GSD brochures and flyers.
- Advisory Council Formed:
- The EC unanimously nominated four individuals: Marceline Egnin, Channapatna Prakash, Raymon Shange, and Ruby L. Perry from various meetings to serve the GSD TU Chapter as advisors. With these dynamic and outstanding members, GSD is much stronger and inspired to move forward to accomplish its mission objectives.
- GSD Outreach Activity:
- CAENS Club and Organizational Fair GSD participated in the 2019 CAENS Club and Organization Fair organized on August 30, 2019, in the Henderson Hall Lobby. A GSD information exchange desk was set up, and GSD flyers and brochures were distributed to all newcomers as well as other interested individuals (faculty, staff, and students) who were invited to join and volunteer for GSD. About 50 individuals visited the GSD information booth.
- GSD Community Activity - School Feeding:

- The Tuskegee University (TU) College of Agriculture, Environment and Nutrition Sciences (CAENS) along with the Cooperative Extension has established a partnership with the Macon County School System, the USDA, and the State of Alabama to promote healthy nutrition, offer healthy foods and encourage healthy eating habits which are major focal points of nutrition research and development throughout CAENS. GSD volunteered to feed after school students at Tuskegee Public School in Macon County.
- GSD Community Activity – Wellness Walk and Run for Macon Count Schools:
- The GSD organized the second Wellness Walk and Run (WWR) on February 27, 2020. This WWR was concentrated on Macon County schools and the community. The WWR was generously co-sponsored by Cooperative Extension at TU and was organized at the football stadium of Booker T. Washington High School in Tuskegee. Five local schools, TU faculty, staff and students, and community people participated in the second WWR.
- GSD Publications – Brochure and Flyers GSD in 2019-2020 have developed its brochure and flyer – educational materials to use/distribute as a means of effective communication with interested persons, potential members and volunteers, and general people.

***Congratulations to Tuskegee University
for earning the F. Y. 2020 New Activity Chapter Award!***



New Activity Award Previous Recipients

Year	Chapter(s)
2020	Tuskegee University, Alabama
2019	South Dakota State University
2018	Mississippi State University
2017	Mississippi State University
2016	South Dakota State University
2015	University of Maryland-National Capital Area
2014	Wyoming
2013	Escuela Agrícola 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. 2020 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, Most Improved Chapter, and New Activity Chapter, the Executive Committee also recognizes additional chapters at the Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels. For 2020, those chapters are:

Gold Chapter

West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

Silver Chapters

Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC

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



F. Y. 2020 International Foundation Graduate Student Scholarship Award



In 2015, a Graduate Student Scholarship was initiated to recognize an outstanding graduate student who is a member of The International Honor Society of Agriculture 'Gamma Sigma Delta.'

The 2020 recipient of the Graduate Student Scholarship is Dave Spencer.

Dave Spencer, an Agronomy Ph.D. student at Mississippi State University, is the 2020 winner of the Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Graduate Scholarship. As described by Dave's mentor, his research integrity, abilities, and publication track record are distinctly different from his peer group. In 3.5 years, Mr. Spencer authored or co-authored ten peer-reviewed documents, including one first-author publication, four co-authored publications, and five manuscripts that are currently submitted to the journal. Moreover, Mr. Spencer served as the corresponding author on five of these publications.

As for his ability to communicate research findings, Dave again eclipses his peer group. He has won 1st place in oral and poster competitions for his work on corn production systems at the Southern Branch of the American Society of Agronomy and the Annual Mississippi Water Resources Research Conference. Additionally, based on several of his short essays on the need to advocate for agricultural research, Dave was selected for the Future Leaders in Science Award. The Future Leaders in Science Award is designed for those who have shown interest or taken initiatives to communicate the importance of agricultural research to a broad audience and is sponsored by the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and the Soil Science Society of America. He was inducted into the MSU Gamma Sigma Delta Chapter in 2018.

Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Graduate Student Scholarship Winners

Year	Name	Chapter
2020	David Spencer	Mississippi State University
2019	Katie Cagle-Holtcamp	Mississippi State University
2018	Kaitlin Chapman	University of Nebraska
2017	Meredith Schroeder	North Dakota State University
2016	Kevin Sargent	University of Nebraska
2015	Sarah Mays	University of Tennessee

Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award (DAAA)



The 2020 DAAA recipient is Dr. Smart.

Dr. Alexander “Sandy” J. Smart, Professor, Department of Natural Resource Management, South Dakota State University, is the 2020 winner of the Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Distinguished Achievement Award.

Dr. Sandy Smart has made transformative contributions to sustainable agriculture through teaching, research publications, popular articles, and extension activities. In addition, he continues to have a tremendous impact on the institution and professional community through his service and leadership at various levels. Exemplary contributions from Dr. Smart in these areas are highlighted below.

Teaching

Dr. Smart has contributed to teaching not only in Natural Resource Management but also in Animal science, Range science, and Agriculture and Biological systems. Dr. Smart teaches, on average, 12 credits of classes a year. Dr. Smart has been teaching RANG 215 Introduction to Integrated Ranch Management (3 credits) every Spring since 2013. This course introduces the basic principles of ranching and the food and fiber system and exposes students to the complexities of modern agricultural production systems. Dr. Smart also teaches Range 374, Natural Resource Habitat Conservation, Management, and Restoration (4 credits) and ABS 475, Integrated Natural Resource Management (3 credits). He has also developed and has been teaching senior/graduate courses RANG 421/521 Grassland Fire Ecology (since 2007), and RANG 750 Grazing Ecology and Management (since 2018), and offers a Graduate Certificate course in Grassland Management.

Dr. Smart has impacted more than 500 students in the past five years through his teaching contributions. His excellence in teaching has been recognized through David W. Willis Faculty Excellence Award (2017), Master Online Instructor Certification (2017), and Israel Winter Faculty Fellowship Award (2017-2018). His prior awards for teaching include the Early Career Undergraduate Teaching Award by the Range Science Education Council/Society for Range Management (2009) and Teacher of the Year by Gamma Sigma Delta South Dakota Chapter (2012).

Research

Dr. Smart’s research focus includes Rangeland ecology and management. Dr. Smart’s excellence in research is exemplified by his success in obtaining extramural funding, publication of high-impact research articles, and guiding graduate student research. He has published 56 peer-reviewed research articles (17 in the previous five years) with 919 citations and a h-index of 17. Dr. Smart has obtained over US\$ 5.7 million in extramural funding (\$1.2 million in the previous five years). In the last five years, Dr. Smart has guided/co-guided the thesis research of six graduate students (5 M.S. and 1 Ph.D.).

Previous Recipients of the Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award

2020 Alexander Sandy Smart, South Dakota State University
2019 Dr. Catherine N. Cutter, Penn State University
2018 Dr. Scott Willard, Mississippi State University

2017 Dr. Sharon Clay, South Dakota State University
2016 Witoon Prinyawiwatkul, Food Science
2015 No Award
2014 Dr. Juan Carlos Rosas Sotomayor, Honduras

2013	No Award	1980	Dr. Bruce J. Zobel, North Carolina, Forest Genetics
2012	Dr. Rattan Lal, Ohio	1979	Dr. Oscar E. Olson, South Dakota, Biochemistry
2011	Dr. Melvin C. Hunt, Kansas State	1978	Dr. Reuben W. Engel, Virginia, Nutrition
2010	No Award	1977	Dr. Charles O. Gardner, Nebraska, Agronomy
2009	Dr. Curtis L. Kastner, Kansas State	1976	Dr. Tony J. Cunha, Cal-Pomona, Animal Science
2008	Dr. Martin A. Massengale, Nebraska, Agronomy	1975	Dr. Glen S. Pound, Wisconsin, Administration
2007	Dr. Stanley E. Gilliland, Oklahoma, Animal Science	1974	Dr. Earl O. Heady, Iowa, Economics
2006	Dr. L. Dale VanVleck, Nebraska, Animal Science	1973	Dr. E. T. York, Jr. Florida, Administration
2005	Dr. Will Carpenter, Mississippi, Weed Science	1972	Dr. Glenn W. Burton, Georgia, Plant Breeding
2004	Dr. Charles Hess, California, Environmental Horticulture	1971	Dr. Leo Dale Newson, Louisiana, Entomology
2003	Dr. Gail L. Cramer, Louisiana, Agricultural Economics	1970	Dr. William J. Miller, Georgia, Dairy Science
2002	Dr. Donald C Thill, Idaho, Weed Science	1969	Dr. John W. Schmidt, Nebraska, Agronomy
2001	Dr. Lowell Moser, Nebraska, Agronomy		Dr. Virgil A. Johnson, Nebraska, Agronomy
2000	No Award	1968	Dr. Roy L. Lovvorn, North Carolina, Administration
1999	Dr. R. Wayne Skaggs, North Carolina, Bio. & Ag. Engineering	1967	Dr. Raymond V. Olson, Kansas, Agronomy
1998	Dr. Chester L. Foy, Virginia, Plant Physiology	1966	Dr. James D. Johnston, Louisiana, Dairy Science
1997	Dr. Herbert W. Ockerman, Ohio, Animal Science	1965	Dr. Khem M. Shahani, Nebraska, Dairy Technology
1996	Dr. Fuller W. Bazer, Texas, Veterinary Medicine	1964	Dr. Bernardo G. Capó, Puerto Rico, Soil Chemistry
1995	Dr. Dermot P. Coyne, Nebraska, Horticulture	1963	Dr. John A. Johnson, Kansas, Cereal Chemistry
1994	Dr. David G. Topel, Iowa, Administration	1962	Dr. Ernest A. Fieger, Louisiana, Ag. Chemistry
1993	Dr. Daniel Y. C. Fung, Kansas, Food Science	1961	Dr. George A. Young, Nebraska, Veterinary Science
1992	Dr. Simón E. Malo, EAP, Administration	1960	Dr. Gertrude Cox, North Carolina, Statistics
1991	Dr. Clarence Ammerman, Florida, Animal Science	1959	Dr. Reginald H. Painter, Kansas, Entomology
1990	Dr. Gordon Dickerson, Nebraska, Animal Breeding/Genetics	1958	Dr. Ernest B. Sears, Missouri, Cytogenetics
1989	Dr. Robert A. Godke, Louisiana, Animal Science	1957	Dr. William G. Murray, Iowa, Ag. Economics
1988	Dr. James N. Moore, Arkansas, Horticulture	1956	Dr. Paul H. Harvey, North Carolina, Plant Breeding
1987	Dr. Stanley A. Barber, Indiana, Soil Chemistry	1955	Dr. Charles Willard, Ohio, Crop Science
1986	Dr. Robert H. Harms, Florida, Poultry Science	1954	Dr. Clyde H. Bailey, Minnesota, Biochemistry
1985	Dr. John R. Campbell, Illinois, Administration	1953	Dr. Samuel Brody, Missouri, Animal Physiology
1984	Dr. John D. Axtell, Indiana, Sorghum Breeding	1952	Dean H. H. Kildee, Iowa State, Administration
1983	Dr. Willard L. Lindsay, Colorado, Soil Chemistry	1951	Dr. Elvin C. Stakeman, Minnesota, Plant Pathology
1982	Dr. Dudley D. Culley, Jr. Louisiana, Wildlife Management		
1981	Dr. William P. Switzer, Iowa, Swine Diseases		

Gamma Sigma Delta International Conference Call Minutes

1/6/2020

January 6, 2020 | Zoom On-line

Called to order at 1:10 pm

Meeting ended at 1:32 pm

In Attendance: Mike Brugger, John Westra, Chastity Warren English, and Paul Te-Ming Tseng

Financial Update- Katie sent out financial reports in November 2020 and International GSD is doing well financially and will wait on 2020 spring report to review.

Update on working with Katie- Katie is doing a fantastic job on managing the accounts and updates. Will probably be the point-person when Mike step down. Conclave registration information will be sent to Katie.

Coordination of Scholarship & DAA Reviews- Forms for nominations need to be sent this spring semester. John will receive the nominations and coordinate the selection process.

Coordination of the Chapter Scoring- Chapter reports will be sent to Katie.

By-laws- Need to be updated and posted on the website. Send the updates out by May 1, 2020 and vote on the revisions at the Conclave. Mike will work on this task along with input from Kim Hanken.

Conclave- Waiting on information from the University of Tennessee to update flyer and will send information out to the local chapters. Suggestion made by Mike to pay for Kim Hanken to attend the Conclave in June due to her hard work and effort. Motion moved by John for International to pay for Kim to attend the Conclave. Paul second the motion. Motion approved with a majority vote for yes. The proposed program follows:

- Officer dinner – June 15th and travel day.
- Officer Business meeting on June 16th,
- Conclave reception on June 16th,
- Full Meeting day on June 17th.
- June 18, Conclave ends (by 10 a.m.) to allow for travel.

President Elect- one email sent regarding interest in serving as President-Elect. We will also check with some of the major universities to determine interest for the next potential candidate (i.e. South Dakota, Iowa, Penn State).

Protentional Chapters- Auburn, Guam, and Lincoln Universities contacted Mike about starting chapters this academic year. Texas A&M is planning to become active again. Ed, contact person at Texas A&M will handle this process.

Gamma Sigma Delta International Conference Call Minutes

5/28/2020

Called to order at 1:00 pm
Meeting ended at 1:27 pm

In Attendance

Mike Brugger, John Westra, Paul Te-ming Tseng, and Katie Mast

Financial Update – Katie sent out financial reports this morning. No one had any questions on them.

Scholarship and Chapter Reports – We received no reports or nominations as of to date.

By laws – Mike update this week and get out for review.

June 17th Executive call – It was decided that this will be a zoom meeting then people will have the option to join either by video or by phone. John will set up the zoom meetings. One for the officers only at 2:00 pm EST and the main one at 3:00 pm EST. This should last a max of 2 hours. Each officer needs to put together an activity report on both the Foundation as well as GSD for all activities performed in the last year.

Mike transitioning out – Katie will order a past president award for Mike. Mike will work with Katie to get all his files on Drop Box to share with all officers. Mike will create a calendar of when events need to take place to make sure nothing gets missed in the transition. Mike is confirming who the president elect volunteer is.

Gamma Sigma Delta International Conference Call Minutes

6/17/2020

Present: Mike Brugger, John Westra, Paul Tseng, and Chastity W. English

- Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm.
- Motion moved by Chastity English and seconded by John Westra to approve the financial report for 2019. Motion passed.
- Motion moved by Mike Brugger and seconded by Chastity English to approve budget for 2020. Motion passed.
- Outstanding Chapter: Tuskegee University
- Most Improved: West Virginia University
- New Activity: Tuskegee University
- Gold: West Virginia University
- Silver: Mississippi State University and North Carolina A&T State University.
- Motion to approve rankings for awards moved by Chastity English and seconded by Lila Karki. Motion passed. Chastity will make checks payable to the individual chapters and mail the checks to Mike Brugger.
- Michael Brugger moved that Michael Brugger and Ed Rister be removed from the Gamma Sigma Delta International PNC accounts and that Lila Karki be added to the

PNC accounts with full authority to conduct any legal business on behalf of Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation. Motion seconded by Chastity English. Motion passed.

- Website Maintenance- Jason Norris. Motion moved by John Westra to continue contract with Jason Norris. Seconded by Chastity English. Motion passed.
- Motion to end meeting was made by John Westra and seconded by Paul Tseng.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Foundation

Present: Mike Brugger, John Westra, Paul Tseng, and Chastity W. English

- Meeting called to order at 2:32 pm.
- Motion to approve minutes moved by Chastity English and seconded by Paul Tseng. Motion passed.
- Financial statement updated as of June 17, 2020. Review and vote on the proposed budget at the next meeting.
- The plaque for the DAAA is \$255.00, payable via the Foundation Account.
- The motion to transfer \$25.00 from International Account to Foundation account to keep the account active once every six months to prevent the account from being inactive was moved by Chastity English and seconded by Paul Tseng. Motion passed.
- John Westra moved and Chastity English seconded to award Sandy Smart the DAAA award. Motion passed. (Plaque will be ordered by Katie Mast. Chastity will write the check for the ceremony. John Westra will represent the International Honor Society of Agriculture-Gamma Sigma Delta at the ceremony).
- The Graduate Student Scholarship Award recipient is Dave Spencer. \$500.00 Scholarship motion moved by Chastity English and seconded by John Westra. Motion passed.
- Every five years International sends certificates to active chapters who filed reports or inducted members. Anniversaries include 50, 75, and 100 years plaques. Have Katie to check if Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University is-50 years? Tuskegee-35 years. UC Davis-20 years. North Dakota- 15 years.
- Michael Brugger moved that Michael Brugger and Ed Rister be removed from the Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation PNC accounts and that Lila Karki be added to the PNC accounts with full authority to conduct any legal business on behalf of Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation. Motion seconded by Chastity English. Motion passed.
- Michael Brugger moved that the Ohio's Secretary of State and Attorney General Registered Agent for Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation shall be Freedom Business Solution with Kenny Miller the current contact. Motion seconded by Chastity English. Motion passed.
- At the next officer meeting, review operating guide; consider at least one face-to-face meeting. Newsletter should go out in September 2020.
- Write-up on award winners; handbook goes out to the chapter in the fall.

International Honor Society of Agriculture- Gamma Sigma Delta Executive Council Meeting Minutes 6/17/2020

Present: 16 members

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Mike Brugger.

Matthew Kasson, WVU, moved to approve minutes submitted. Valerie Giddings, NC A&T seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial reports were emailed by Mike Brugger for review.

Motion to approve financial report was made by Valerie Giddings, NC A&T. Brent Sipes, Hawaii seconded motion. Motion passed.

Membership Fee is a main source of revenue for the Society. Lila Karaki asked about the possibility of a one-time fee for lifetime membership.

Officer Reports- written reports were provided in advanced via email.

Matthew Kasson provided comments about GSD increasing participation. Possible hosting a Grad Research Symposium. Paul Tseng, Mississippi noted that exposing undergraduate students to GSD is a possible strategy; Denneall Jamison-McClung, UC Davis, noted Zoom Seminar, Social Media, Digital Communications, smaller events to brand the organization, cookie hours, coffee hour, are all strategies to recruit students. John Westra, Nebraska, noted inception and induction for Sunday afternoon events, seminar with distinguished recipient in agriculture, service-based activities for students, like food banks, sending emails via the Department Chairs, sponsorship for student fees as a strategy, and faculty who nominate the students pay the fee at UC Davis; Nebraska, the Dean pays the student fees. (All ideas shared by the body).

Approved bylaws as submitted, Bylaws will be updated to the website.

Chapter Awards- Four reports submitted. Tuskegee- New Activities Award \$250.00 and Outstanding Plaque for \$250.00. West Virginia- Gold, Most Improved- \$250.00; NC A&T- Silver, Certificate; Mississippi- Silver, Certificate. (Rank was based on scores.)

Rosie Nold, South Dakota, noted that chapter report was not submitted due to COVID-19.

****Suspended International meeting at 3:38 pm and moved into the Foundation meeting at 3:39 pm***

Minutes as distributed via email moved for approval by Valerie Giddings. Daniel Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial report is currently being updated. Will be finalized at next officer meeting. Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award recipient is Alexander Sandy Smart, South Dakota State University. Plaque and \$2,000.00 check will be awarded.

Rosie Nold, SDU, noted chapter and College will plan the ceremony for the award and check to be presented to Alexander Sandy Smart.

Scholarship- Two graduate students were nominated: David Spencer will receive the scholarship, Mississippi State; \$500.00.

Riley Service Award and Undergraduate –no nomination

Motion to adjourn meeting moved by Valerie Giddings, NC A&T. Bren seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm.

****International meeting resumed at 3:50 pm***

Election of Officers, Brent Sipes, Hawaii, moved to nominate Lila Karaki as president elect. Matthew Kasson moved to close nomination. Denneal Jamison-McClung seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chastity English requested motion to accept Resolutions as presented. Brent Sipes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Conclave Ideas for 2022: UC Davis likes the Zoom format. Brent Sipes, Hawaii, agrees with Zoom format. Paul Tseng, Mississippi, liked in person and online component. Executive committee will meet before the conclave. Mike Brugger requested a motion for the executive committee to have the flexibility to have a face-to-face meeting. Brent Sipes, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Other items: Passing the gavel- Mike Brugger to John Westra; Mike Brugger noted his years of service was enjoyable and he loved work the chapters. John Westra thanked Mike Brugger for his numerous years of service to the Society.

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Mike Brugger and seconded by Valerie Giddings.

Meeting adjourned 4:12 pm.

Gamma Sigma Delta International Financial Information

Balance Sheet Jun 30, 2020

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Certificate of Deposit 8620	12,116.87
Certificate of Deposit 8622	23,870.85
GSD Checking Account	9,071.16
GSD Money Market Account	18,031.19

Total Checking/Savings	63,090.07
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Accounts Receivable

11000 • Accounts Receivable	6,165.50
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Total Accounts Receivable	6,165.50
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Other Current Assets

12100 • *Inventory Asset	3,635.90
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Total Other Current Assets	3,635.90
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Total Current Assets	72,891.47
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TOTAL ASSETS	72,891.47
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

30000 • Opening Balance Equity	92,886.35
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32000 • Unrestricted Net Assets	-25,183.50
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Net Income	5,188.62
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Total Equity	72,891.47
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Total Liabilities & Equity	72,891.47
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F. Y. Income and Expenses
July 2019-June 2020

Ordinary Income/Expense Income

Income	
Sales Income	407.50
45000 · Investments	
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	96.81
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Total 45000 · Investments	96.81
46420 · Inventory Sales	2,909.00
47200 · Program Income	
47230 · Membership Dues	7,940.00
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Total 47200 · Program Income	7,940.00
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Total Income	11,353.31
Cost of Goods Sold	
50000 · *Cost of Goods Sold	1,271.00
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Total COGS	1,271.00
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Gross Profit	10,082.31
Expense	
60300 · Awards and Grants	
60310 · DAA Award	255.00
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Total 60300 · Awards and Grants	255.00
60900 · Business Expenses	
PayPal Charges	122.88
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Total 60900 · Business Expenses	122.88
62100 · Contract Services	
62150 · Outside Contract Services	3,060.00
62100 · Contract Services - Other	2,241.96
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Total 62100 · Contract Services	5,301.96
65000 · Operations	
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	1,364.66
65060 · Website	468.00
65080 · Past President Plaque Purchases	331.76
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Total 65000 · Operations	2,164.42
68300 · Travel and Meetings	
68330 · Conclave Expenses	0.00
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Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings	0.00
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Total Expense	7,844.26
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Net Ordinary Income	2,238.05
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Net Income	2,238.05
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Gamma Sigma Delta International Budget

FY 2020 Budget

	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	Difference
Balance as of June 15th	\$52,000.00	\$ 50,897.75	\$ 1,102.25
Income			
Membership & Sales Income	\$20,000.00	\$ 9,906.50	\$10,093.50
Interest income	\$ 90.00	\$ 88.59	\$ 1.41
Other Income*	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,200.80	
Shipping and Handling			
Total Income	\$22,090.00	\$ 11,195.89	\$10,094.91
Expenses			
Awards and Grants			
Enrichment Grants	\$ -		
Chapter Awards	\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
Total Awards and Grants	\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
Business Expenses			
Foundation registration	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Total Business Expenses	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Contract Services			
Secretary Honorarium	\$ -		
Legal fees (GSD Foundation)			
Outside Contract Services - web site	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 2,121.96	\$ 1,178.04
** Administrative Services Contract	\$12,000.00	\$ 3,060.00	\$ 8,940.00
Total Contract Services	\$15,300.00	\$ 5,181.96	\$10,118.04
Operations			
Postage, Mailing Service	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,351.65	\$ (151.65)
Printing and Copying	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
Supplies - DAA Award	\$ 350.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 95.00
Web Site (Includes domain registration)	\$ 250.00	\$ 468.00	\$ (218.00)
Plaque purchases	\$ 400.00	\$ 250.63	\$ 149.37
Other Costs	\$ 300.00	\$ 122.88	\$ 177.12
Honor Cords	\$ -		
Total Operations	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,448.16	\$ 351.84
Travel and Meetings			
Travel	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
Conclave Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00

Total Travel and Meetings	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00
Total Expenses	\$23,375.00	\$ 7,630.12	\$15,744.88
	<i>\$(1,285.00)</i>	<i>\$ 3,565.77</i>	
	\$50,715.00	\$ 54,463.52	

Chapter Activities Summary

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

Awards and Recognitions

- Awards: Outstanding Award, Most Improved Chapter Award, New Activity Award, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards.
- Scholarships, undergraduate and graduate level
- Teaching, Research, and Extension awards of merit
- Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture
- Outstanding Alumni
- Outstanding Staff
- Poster and oral research presentations
- High school science fair
- Research expo awards
- Future Farmers of America 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
- Feeding homeless
- Wellness walk and run

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 Strategic Communications Officer, Paul Tseng for directions. The 54 chapters of Gamma Sigma Delta include:

Chapter	Installation Date	Anniversary for 2020
University of the Philippines, Los Banos, College, Laguna	1957-10-24	63
Honduras- Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Zamorano, Honduras	1989-10-28	31
Auburn University, Auburn University, AL	1916-4	104
Alabama - Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL	1985-10-25	35
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR	1954-5-17	66
University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, AR	2005-4-4	15
University of Arizona, Tuscon, AZ	1958-03-26	62
California Polytechnic State University, Pomona, CA	1967-4-6	53
University of California, Riverside, CA	1982-3-15	48
University of California, Davis, CA	2000-11-16	20
Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO	1963-06-20	57
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT	1954-5-26	66
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	1955-4-29	65
Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL	1997-4-12	23
University of Georgia, Athens, GA	1961-12-1	59
University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI	1968-10-25	52
Iowa State University, Ames, IA	1907-4-9	113
University of Idaho, Moscow, ID	1973-5-2	47
University of Illinois, Urbana, IL	1923-11-17	97
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN	1972-4-11	48
Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS	1914-6-25	106
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY	1955-1-14	65
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY	2005-4-28	15
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA	1961-8-3	59
University of Maryland-National Capital Area, College Park, MD	1984-2-23	36
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA	2014-3-25	6
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI	1988-05-25	32
University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN	1917-6-4	103
University of Missouri, Columbia, MO	1908-11-23	112
Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS	1964-2-25	56
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC	1955-4-28	65
North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC	1974-11-22	46
North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND	2005-11-1	15
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE	1918-5-25	102
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM	1979-10-12	41
University of Nevada, Reno, NV	1966-3-25	54
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	1986-05-20	34
The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	1928-11-12	97

Chapter	Installation Date	Anniversary No. for 2019
Langston University, Langston, OK	2002-4-23	18
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK	1984-5-15	36
Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR	1981-10-22	39
Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA	1922-10-10	98
University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, PR	1938-5-24	82
Clemson University, Clemson, SC	1957-05-16	63
South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD	1958-5-27	62
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN	1964-6-4	56
Texas A&M University, Kingsville, TX	1984-05-11	36
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX	1965-7-1	55
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX	1972-6-15	48
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA	1970-3-9	50
Washington State University, Pullman, WA	1987-06-16	33
University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI	1967-05-9	53
West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV	1959-5-8	61
University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY	1961-1-19	59

Chapter Anniversaries (5 year intervals) January 1, 2020

Year	Chapter	Anniversary	Charter Date
2020			
	University of Florida	65 years	April 29, 1955
	University of Kentucky	65 years	January 14, 1955
	North Carolina State University	65 years	April 28, 1955
	Texas A&M University	55 years	July 1, 1965
	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University	50 years	March 9, 1970
	Tuskegee University	35 years	October 25, 1985
	University of California-Davis	20 years	November 16, 2000
	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	15 year	April 4, 2005
	Western Kentucky University	15 years	April 28, 2005
	North Dakota State University	15 years	November 1, 2005
Year	Chapter	Anniversary	Charter Date
2021			
	Auburn University	105 years	April, 1916
	Louisiana State University	60 years	August 3, 1961
	University of Georgia	60 years	December 1, 1961
	University of Wyoming	60 years	January 19, 1961
	University of Nevada	55 years	March 25, 1966
	Oregon State University	40 years	October 22, 1981
	Cornell University	35 years	May 20, 1986
2022			
	Iowa State University	115 years	April 9, 1907
	University of Minnesota	105 years	June 4, 1917
	Pennsylvania State University	100 years	October 10, 1922
	Clemson University	65 years	May 16, 1957
	University of the Philippines	65 years	October 24, 1957
	California State Polytechnic University-Pomona	55 years	April 6, 1967
	University of Wisconsin	55 years	May 9, 1967
	Purdue University	50 years	April 11, 1972
	Texas Tech University	50 years	June 15, 1972
	University of California, Riverside	40 years	March 15, 1982
	Washington State University	35 years	June 16, 1987
	Florida A&M University	25 years	April 12, 1997
	Langston University	20 years	April 23, 2002
2023			
	University of Missouri	115 years	November 23, 1908
	University of Nebraska	105 years	May 25, 1918
	University of Illinois	100 years	November 17, 1923
	Ohio State University	95 years	November 12, 1928
	University of Puerto Rico	85 years	May 24, 1938
	University of Arizona	65 years	March 26, 1958
	South Dakota State University	65 years	May 27, 1958
	Colorado State University	60 years	June 20, 1963
	University of Hawaii	55 years	October 25, 1968

University of Idaho	50 years	May 2, 1973
Michigan State University	35 years	May 25, 1988
2024		
Kansas State University	115 years	June 25, 1914
University of Arkansas	70 years	May 17, 1954
University of Connecticut	70 years	May 26, 1954
West Virginia University	65 years	May 8, 1959
Mississippi State University	60 years	Feb. 25, 1964
University of Tennessee	60 years	June 4, 1964
North Carolina Agricultural & State University	50 years	Oct. 22, 1974
New Mexico State University	45 years	Oct. 12, 1979
University of Maryland	40 years	Feb. 23, 1984
Oklahoma State University	40 years	May 15, 1984
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	40 years	May 11, 1984
Escuela Agricola Panamerica University	35 years	October 28, 1989
University of Massachusetts	10 years	March 25, 2014

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 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 the Past President plaque. Cost is \$40.00.



The key pin of the Society is given to each new initiate. That same key can be ordered individually for others who would like to wear the key pin. Cost is \$5.00.



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 to the gammasingmadelta.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.