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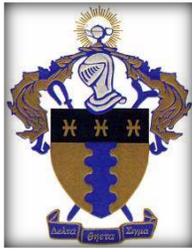
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## Presidential Address

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Greetings from the 2018 National Executive Council. It appears that this coming year will prove to be another interesting one. We have some new faces on the board this year; Dan Beisner (Eta), Brett Carlson (Theta), and Kyle Willfahrt (Epsilon). We welcome them and appreciate their enthusiasm to get to work.

Some of our goals this year are: continued improvement of communication, National hosting a conclave, create a National policy for little Sisters, production of a Shield, and Expansion. We will be looking to continue our improved communications with chapters and alumni by creating a paid roll of Administrator. Due to some incidences that occurred at this last conclave, the National Board has decided to host a conclave at a neutral site in Anderson, IN, that will focus on Professionalism. We have been tasked by the actives to create a firm stance over the existence of Little Sister chapters. Of course, we are trying to get back into the rhythm of produce a Shield at least annually. We are working on some leads to start a new chapter in Minnesota, and hopefully, we will have good news at conclave. We are always looking for new leads and campuses, so please feel free to reach out to us with any information.

With the new members on the board, it means that some other members have retired. Alex Walker (Eta), John Lilla (Epsilon), and Adam Switzer (Theta), we appreciate all that you have done while on the board. You will be missed. We would, also, like to thank all alumni that visit, support, and led the actives. Your presence, no matter how small, shows our young men that the alumni care about them and the fraternity.

Fraternally,

Craig Miller

President - Delta Theta Sigma National, Inc.



## 2017 NATIONAL CONCLAVE

2017 National Conclave

By: Craig Miller, President – Delta Theta Sigma National, Inc.

The 2017 conclave was hosted by Gamma at the University of Wisconsin with 64 active and alumni members in attendance. This year we had the chapters give two presentations each. One was their usual summary of activities and events, and the other presentation was an in depth look at their recruiting, pledging and initiation processes. This proved to be a very engaging activate because it generated many questions. Afterwards the National board gave some of our usual refresher training on policies, standards, and resources. Then the actives and alumni broke into various committees.

A new by-law change was voted on: That the word "male" be struck from the National By-Laws, Article IV, Section 1, second sentence, on Active Members, and be read as follows, 'Those candidates who are eligible for membership in local chapters shall be students enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree in the college of Agriculture, or a course of study leading to an Agriculturally related field, or who are special or two year students enrolled in the college of Agriculture.'" The new by-law failed to pass.

This year's nominations for chapter representatives were Nominations Epsilon – Kyle Willfahrt, Eta – Dan Beisner, Theta – Isaac Dallager, and At-Large Nomination- Brett Carlson.

New business concluded with Beta requesting the conclave bid for 2018. However, after conclave the National Board voted to host conclave at a neutral site due to some incidences that occurred this year at conclave.



**2017 Conclave Chapter Awards**

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Publication/Website- Beta

Philanthropy- Beta

Outstanding Chapter- Beta

High 5-year GPA- Alpha 3.23

Most improved- Gamma by .14

Rush and Recruitment- Gamma with 12/12

High GPA: Gamma, Alpha, Delta, Eta, Beta, Theta, Epsilon

# VP MIDYEAR REPORT

Currently, the Delta Theta Sigma National Council is in the process of expanding chapters to other campuses. We have put together a committee to head this up. We've been talking to one college for a while now and are very eager to start working with them. Unfortunately, this is a timely process, so the end is not in site just yet.

Once the board and the campus are squared aware and approved the opening of another chapter, the next step for the National Board is finalizing the New Chapter Colonization Process and changes to the National By-Laws to accommodate the revisions. After that, the next process will be:

1. Internal documentation to administer the creation of a new colony and chapter.
2. Informational packet for interested parties.
3. Thorough Procedure Manual for a new colony.

The prospect of the creation of a new colony and eventual installation of a new chapter has the likelihood of being a very large undertaking. However, the process is bound to be exciting and the result would be very rewarding for all involved. We would love to receive any leads anyone may have for schools, students, or alumni who have an interest in starting a new chapter.

Fraternally,  
Dan Beisner



## 2018 National Conclave

Anderson, IN

October 19-20

Contact the national board for more information on attending!

### EPSILON INITIATES “DEBT FREE IN 50” DRIVE

Epsilon recently launched a campaign to help decrease the total outstanding balance on the house to free up more funds to put toward house improvement. Epsilon raised over 12,000 on the inaugural drive and will look to push for more support from its massive alumni base to try and fund new projects like a new multi shower unit in the current bathroom. Along with the drive, Epsilon is also putting on a bunch of events this year to honor the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Epsilon

being chartered as another chapter of Delta Theta Sigma. Epsilon was started back in 1968 by Albert Beaver with help from the Delta Chapter at U of M St. Paul campus. The events planned are a summer get together at Wisconsin Farm Tech days in Marshfield, WI and Summer Picnic being held in Amherst, WI followed by the fall alumni meeting and Semi Formal in the Spring.



## PREVIOUS ETA ADVISOR RETIRES

*WILMINGTON — Scores of Wilmington College's agriculture alumni returned to campus March 25 to congratulate longtime faculty member Dr. Donald G. Chafin on his recent retirement and see their former professor present what was billed as "The Last Lecture."*

*Chafin, professor of agriculture economics, retired in December after serving 40 years on the faculty. An overflow crowd of mostly alumni and their families packed the Linda Cheng Karpas Lecture Hall in the College's new Center for the Sciences and Agriculture.*

*As Chafin's presentation began, Dr. Monte Anderson, agriculture program director, pulled out a pair of vintage overhead projectors, a mainstay of Chafin's classroom even when more modern technology was readily available. "I'm still horse and buggy," Chafin joked.*

*He then invited the crowd to join him in another trademark activity, a moment of meditation designed to clear the mind and center one's thoughts. "Breathe that nurturing power of Mother Earth and listen to the thundering silence of the universe," Chafin said. "I love you. Thank you for sharing this life with me."*

*He said that, while he was honored with the great turnout in recognition of his retirement, the event also shines a spotlight on the agriculture program's success over the last 40 years and prior to his arrival.*



Chafin as 41 years in the college, mentored/advised/taught 700+ Ag Graduates, and 200+ DTS/ Lil Sis student.

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