



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

President's Report Robin Blackmon

Austin Alumnae (Local)

- Chapter Compliance
- Chapter Rules of Order Form and Policies and Procedures Approval received on September 20, 2021
- Approval from RD for in-person Activities - Sorors I want to remind you that while we are remaining virtual for our chapter and executive board meetings, we can plan in-person activities but the Covid-19 protocols as established by the ERT committee must be adhered to. Also, all in-person activities must receive prior approval from the RD/State Coordinator. As I sent via email on Sunday there is a JotForm that needs to be completed and approved for in-person activities. Please review that email and we can work to get the JotForm submitted.
- Austin Alumnae has traditionally engaged a process for members to share their interest in how they would like to inform the chapter delegate to vote for National Officers. I hope that you have engaged in the National Nominating Committee Forums that took place this weekend. The chapter's Elections Committee will prepare a ballot for the November Meeting with the candidates. Please access the National Website to review the candidates' profiles and the video from the forums should be posted soon, so you can make an informed decision.
- Congratulations to the Social Action committee on a successful Redistricting event and voter registration drive.
- Congratulations to Charitable Partners on exceeding the goal of \$1,913 for the virtual St. Jude Walk.

Regional Director's Meeting

- **Chapter Liability Fees** will increase beginning January 1, 2022. The National Board of Directors voted on a recommendation from the National Finance Committee on July 23, 2021. The liability insurance fees are assessed based on the chapter size. Austin Alumnae is in the range with 251-500 members and the current cost is \$750 and will increase to \$1,300. This increase is need because of the increase from the insurance carrier. It was noted that this carrier is the only company that will insure the Divine Nine Organizations and we are at their mercy. It was not known if this would be a permanent change or not, but insurance rates constantly change.
- **ERT** - ERT Training for ERT Chairs, Presidents, on November 8 @ 7:00 pm. Remember the 3 W's wear a mask, wash your hands, and wait/walk 6 feet. ERT trainings, can be conducted at any time, at any event, it does not have to be discussed and approved via the EB. Red envelop check in the virtual environment.
- **Risk Management 101 Training on October 7, 2021** - Risk Management Coordinators, Chapter Presidents, and Vice President over Programming should attend.
- **Supporting our International Chapter** - Jamacia Alumnae is looking to send a single mother to online college in partnership with the University of West Indies Open Campus. They are requesting their sister chapters in the SWR to pledge and donate \$1,000 toward the \$10,000 scholarship to make a life changing impact for a well-deserving student. (Educational Development and IAI)

- **Supporting Haiti** - Give to Haiti, specifically, the Cynthia M.A. Butler McIntyre Campus and Cherette Community. Key areas of concern: classroom repairs and restoration, student uniforms, school meal program, and clean water.
- **St. Jude Walk/Run** - Congratulations to Suburban Houston-Fort Bend Alumnae on 1st Place Chapter with a contribution of \$13,093.

National

- Please take advantage of the 55th National Convention Early Bird Workshops. This was initially sent in an informz message on September 4.
- The Chapter Delegates are being asked to attend a pre-Convention conference which at this time we understand will be the November 5-6. We have not received the details of timing but if it conflicts with chapter meeting Soror Kacey Hanson will preside over the November Chapter Meeting.

Submitted By:

Robin Blackmon

President

Date:

September 30, 2021

Attachments: Increase in Liability Insurance Premiums

Liability Insurance Premiums

Year	Annual Premium for Liability Insurance	Chapter Share of Premium (90%)	Collected From Active Chapters
2018	\$403,488	\$363,139	N/A
2019	\$467,389	\$420,650	N/A
2020	\$467,389	\$420,650	\$335,100
2021	\$532,063	\$478,857	\$265,830
2022	N/A	N/A	\$219,450

Note:
As of April 2021, there 885 active Chapters with members.

NEW Chapter Liability Insurance Fees

Number of Chapter Members	Current Fees	NEW FEES Effective 01/01/22
Less than 10	\$75	\$100
11 - 50	\$150	\$225
51-100	\$375	\$675
101-250	\$600	\$1,000
251-500	\$750	\$1,300
501-OVER	\$1,500	\$2,500

Approved by the National Board of Directors on July 23, 2021