



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

President's Report Robin Blackmon

Austin Alumnae (Local)

Austin Alumnae has a lot to be proud of as we represented well at the 48th Regional Conference. Congratulations to Soror Lauren Cornish on an outstanding term at Regional Representative and as she has transitioned into Austin Alumnae. Sorors Lisa Newman and Veronica Johnson served on the elections committee. Soror La'Kisha Crenshaw served as a Page. Sorors Akeshia Smothers, Darralyn Johnson served on protocol. Soror Gloria Williams led the processional into the opening as a member of the National Protocol committee. Soror Alnita Foote was appointed to the National Sub-Committee on Risk Management. Soror Newman also led the Collegiate Connections luncheon. Soror Robin Blackmon presented the Risk Management Certification session. Soror Celeste Williams was recognized as a Pearl Graduate. And the Chapter was awarded 2nd Place for the Outstanding work with our strategic partnership for Relay for Life.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the regional service project. Special thanks to Soror Lamanda Ballard for driving additional supplies to Fort Worth to support this effort. If I missed anyone in any way that was recognized, volunteer etc., please submit it to me so I can include it in the president's report for Chapter Meeting.

Thanks to everyone that worked to ensure a successful Chapter Retreat and to everyone that attended. We had about 100 members in attendance on Saturday. As shared at the retreat our vision this year is to Move Forward as One: Engaging our members to serve, Evolving our programming through innovation and Enlightening our community one footprint at a time.

Regional

Regional Elections Results

- Regional Director – Crystal T. Barker
- Regional Representative – Aniecia Browning
- Member, National Scholarship & Standards Committee – Nicole Taylor, Esq.
- Member, National Finance Committee – Nicole Deloach
- Member, 2023 National Nominating Committee – Vanessa Dunn
- Chair, 2024 Regional Nominating Committee – Monica Iles
- Member, 2024 Regional Nominating Committee (3 Alumnae Positions)
 - Dr. Erica Joseph
 - Dr. Tia Locke-Simmons
 - Vacant
- Collegiate Member, 2024 Regional Nominating Committee – Amani Biggs

Regional Director's Report – Soror Michelle Brown

- Made sure that DID trainings were conducted
- Focused on Compliance - 100% for the regional
- Successful programming that helped to assist with compliance requirements
- Focused on chapters and their programming (i.e.; Jamaica 17 members & their work)

- Social Action - It is what we do - Voter registration efforts
- Use of Zoom opportunities allowed her to attend several activities
- Ensured communication to the region was provided the best way possible.
- Soror Brown's final quote - The Strength of the chapter is because every member matters... Believe you can and you will.

National President's Report - Soror Elsie Cook Holmes

Theme: Forward with Fortitude: Engaging Our Sisterhood, Empowering Our Communities, Elevating Our Impact"

- Per Soror Cheryl A. Hickman - Move boldly forward through the critical work that the time in which we live! We will reap a harvest if we do not give up!
- Strengthen our membership - Through retention and incentives for what we do!- deterring the social soror and encouraging the actual working soror
- Encouraged us to move from conflict that hinders progress!
- Celebrated the National Headquarters Staff - Completing the marketing and communication department; making strides with renovation plan of the building; Ultimately managing and improving quality control as we progress.
- Continue to focus on Mental Health and Wellness - we shouldn't be forcing ourselves to strive and attain at the cost of our physical and mental health!
- Chapter grants will be available- programs focusing on COVID -19 and mental health
- In Kenya, a surgical wing will be named in Soror Cheryl Hickmon's honor in support of her dedication to science. Mary Help of the Sick Hospital
- Strengthening our next generation of leaders is vitally important to the continued strength of our organization.
- Assured us that Delta Sigma Theta is in good order..... we must continue to make sure we get back to our roots with programs that focus on our foundation.
- Are we Delta Ready? Our communities need us to be able to work.
- To be ready it means living out our Jewels and working together to get the work done! Taking the time to fellowship & lead with temperance.

National Treasurer's Report – Soror Pamela R. Hill

- Provided a financial report – Total Assets \$53 million Total liabilities \$16 million
- 81,636 active members – membership dues are our major funding stream.
- Implemented ACH reimbursements
- Online Accounts Payable process
- E-Check payment process
- Online donation portal
- Discussed the change to a calendar year and the impact it will have on the due's payment period.
National Dues Coverage - Extended 12-31-2023 from 2022-2023 dues paid
- Local Dues Payable - Jan.1, 2023 - March 31, 2023 Details regarding this change can be viewed on the national website under Grand Chapter and Financials.

National Strategic Planning Committee

- Dr. Charlene Dukes, Co-Chair, Prince George's County
- 97-page Strategic Plan has been released.
- Area of the Strategic Plan
- Organizational Health
- Social Action
- Community Impact

- Empowerment of Women and Girls
- Appreciation for our culture
- With that Plan - We have to INSPECT what we EXPECT!
- In the plan there are 17 goals within the plan for implementing our programs!
- The Chapter's strategic planning committee will now pivot and review this document and compare our programming to the goals and objectives outlined in the plan and report back to the chapter on where we have gaps.

Final Credentials Report

National Board of Directors – 26
 Past Presidents – 5
 Honorary Members – 0
 Voting Delegates – 131
 Alternate Delegates – 119
 Non-voting Delegates – 2,188
 Hostess Chapter – 249
 Virtual non-voting delegates – 1,068
 Staff (non-Deltas) 16
 Exhibitors – 58
 Family/Guest – 235
 Total Active Chapters – Alumnae 86 Collegiate 45= Total Present 131

National

- Informz Message – August 23, 2022 Recommendations of Individuals for Honorary Membership for the 2023 National Convention. Individual member recommendations: due September 30, 2022; and Chapter recommendations due October 15, 2022.
- Informz Message – September 8, 2022 National Program Planning and Development Committee 2022 Update.
- Informz Message – September 9, 2022 Delta Red Carpet Film | The Woman King
- Informz Message to Presidents – September 9, 2022 Risk Management Recertification Training Dates. Risk Management Recertification Training Webinars. Dates/Times

WEBINAR #1: Thursday, September 15, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

****REGISTRATION IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE WEBINAR****

WEBINAR #2: Friday, October 7, at 8:00 p.m. EST.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: OCTOBER 6, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST

****REGISTRATION IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE WEBINAR****

WEBINAR #3: Saturday, October 15, at 12:00 p.m. EST.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: OCTOBER 14, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST

****REGISTRATION IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE WEBINAR****

Submitted By:

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Date:

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President