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National Council of Alpha Chi

2023-27 At-Large Faculty Members

Dr. Linda Cowan, West Liberty University (V)	2019-23, 2023-27
Dr. Teagan Decker, University of North Carolina at Pembroke (III)	2023-27
Dr. Steve Hoekstra, Kansas Wesleyan University (IV)	2019-23, 2023-27
Dr. Justine Pas, Lindenwood University (IV)	2024-27

2025-29 At-Large Faculty Members

Dr. Jessica Henry, Hastings College (IV)	2021-25, 2025-29
Dr. Myra Houser, Ouachita Baptist University (II)	2022-25, 2025-29
Dr. Marshall Johnston, Fresno Pacific University (VII)	2025-29
Dr. Craig Nakashian, Texas A&M University Texarkana	2025-29

Regional Secretary-Treasurers

Region I	Dr. Dennis Hall, Angelo State University	2022-26
Region II	Dr. Kate Stewart, University of Arkansas at Monticello	(A-L 2011-15) 2020-24, 2024-28
Region III	Dr. Kip Wheeler, Carson-Newman University	(A-L 2019-23, 2023-24) 2024-28
Region IV	Dr. Teddi Deka, Missouri Western State University	2016-20, 2020-24, 2024-28
Region V	Dr. Craig Rogers, Campbellsville University	2014-18, 2018-22, 2022-26
Region VI	<i>Vacant</i>	
Region VII	Dr. Jackie Kegley, California State University, Bakersfield	2017-21, 2021-24, 2024-28

Regional Student Representatives, 2022-24

Region II	Alexander Robinson, Southeastern Oklahoma State University	2024-26
Region IV	Nolan Reynolds, Waldorf University	2024-26
Region VI	Azsha Ray, Pine Manor College	2024-26

Regional Student Representatives, 2025-27

Region I	Michaela Zimmerman, Angelo State University	2025-27
Region III	Lia Whitman, Mars Hill University	2025-27
Region V	Tiffany Sites, West Liberty University	2025-27
Region VII	Laura Hand, Fresno Pacific University	2025-27

National Council Executive Committee

Dr. Linda Cowan, West Liberty University, President	(VP 2022-23) 2023-27
Dr. Bonita Cade, Roger Williams University, Vice President	2023-27
Dr. Teddi Deka, Missouri Western State University, Secretary	2023-27
Lara Q. Noah, Executive Director (ex-officio)	start date Sep. 1, 2018

Regional Presidents & Vice Presidents

These along with the regional secretary-treasurers and student representatives above comprise the regional executive committees.

Region I	President:	Dr. Erika Nielson Vargas, Texas State University	2024-26
	Vice President:	<i>vacant</i>	
Region II	President:	Dr. Myra Houser, Ouachita Baptist University	2021-22, 2022-24, 2024-26
	Vice President:	Dr. Jennifer Hicks, Southeastern Oklahoma State University	2024-26
Region III	President:	Dr. Laura Steil, Mars Hill University	2024-26
	Vice President:	Prof. Michelle Putnam, Lipscomb University	2024-26
Region IV	President:	Dr. Kathi Vosevich, Lindenwood University	2024-26
	Vice President:	Dr. Justine Pas, Lindenwood University	2024-26
Region V	President:	Dr. Joni Lindsey, Lake Superior State University	2024-26
	Vice President:	Dr. Tanner Babb, Huntington University	2024-26
Region VI	President:	Dr. Linda Latimer, Post University	2023-24, 2024-26
	Vice President:	<i>vacant</i>	
Region VII	President:	Dr. Maria Palaologou, California State University, Bakersfield	2022-24, 2024-26
	Vice President:	Dr. Bre Naegeli, Grand Canyon University	2018-20, 2020-22, 2022-24, 2024-26

2025 National Convention Minutes

1. The National Convention of Alpha Chi met April 4 – April 5, 2025, virtually on the Gatherly platform. The National Convention began at 10:00 a.m. Central Time on April 4, 2025, and delegates entered and explored the Gatherly platform's multiple areas, engaging with one another and viewing pre-recorded student presentations available from a YouTube playlist accessible through the platform.
2. At 11:00 a.m., all delegates were directed to the Welcome and Orientation session. Lara Noah, Executive Director, welcomed attendees. Katie Holmes, Director of Operations, provided tips about navigating the Gatherly platform. Attendees were sent on quests to become more familiar with the features of Gatherly. Ms. Noah introduced three student regional representatives, Bre Tonkery Bauman (Region III), Marquesa Calderon (Region VII) and Anthony Sarmiento (Region I), whose terms would expire at the end of this convention. Each representative reflected on their experience in leadership and service on committees, working on the National Council with professors, and how the professors and Alpha Chi office valued their input and working with them. They highly recommended serving as student regional representatives. Noah expressed appreciation for all our student representatives who give a voice to members in their region. Next, she presented the chapter advisors running for vacant at large seats: Dr. Rebekah Crowe of Wayland Baptist University, Dr. Jessica Henry of Hastings College, Dr. Myra Houser of Ouachita Baptist University, Dr. Marshall Johnston of Fresno Pacific University, Dr. Autumn Marshall of Lipscomb University, and Dr. Craig Nakashian of Texas A&M University Texarkana. All delegates had access to candidate descriptions and videos for the last 30 days. Voting opened at the time of this announcement, and Ms. Holmes sent e-mails to all voting delegates containing their ballots. Ballots had to be cast no later than 7:00 p.m. Central on April 4, 2025, and runoff ballots would be provided, if needed, and due by 2:00 a.m. on April 5, 2025. Next, Ms. Holmes provided an overview of the day's events including the collaborative research competition, networking opportunities, chapter development sessions, region meet-ups, and keynote speaker.
3. The first of two Trisha Yarbrough Collaborative Research Competition sessions began at 12:00 p.m. All individuals currently on the Gatherly platform were pulled into the broadcast for this event. Ms. Noah opened the session by thanking the judges for this year's competition: Dr. Jackie Kegley, Dr. Robert Mahan, Dr. Autumn Marshall, and Dr. Steve Hoekstra. Each team submitted a 12-20 page paper, slides, and a presentation, centered on the competition theme, "New Frontiers in Academia and Beyond." The presentations began at 12:05 p.m. with teams from Abilene Christian University (Texas Psi), West Liberty University (West Virginia Epsilon) and Ouachita Baptist University (Arkansas Beta). Each team had 10 minutes to share their project's findings and five minutes to answer questions from the judges.
4. At 1:15 p.m., participants could choose to network with other advisors in the Advisor Networking Lounge, where virtual tables were labeled for new advisors, small chapters, large chapters, or CMS help. Attendees could also view student presentations on the YouTube Playlist or organically engage with others on the platform.
5. At 2:00 p.m., attendees could enter an alumni networking session, or one of four chapter development sessions: The Peer Review Process of *Aletheia* presented by Dr. Tim Lindblom, Jacksonville State University; Building Your Chapter's Brand: Elevate, Integrate, and Engage on Campus presented by Dr. Bre Naegeli, Grand Canyon University; Advisor & Officer Succession Planning presented by Dr. Jessica Henry, Hastings College and Dr. Ruth Nalliah, Huntington University; and Know Your Neighbors presented by Dr. Steve Hoekstra, Kansas Wesleyan University
6. At 3:00 p.m., regions met separately for Regional Meetups. Each meetup, facilitated by the region's leadership team, included introductions, recognizing new or reactivating chapters, and taking nominations for vacant regional leadership positions.
7. At 4:15 p.m., delegates could select among four Chapter Development sessions, including Alpha Chi Journals & Getting Published presented by Dr. Kip Wheeler, Carson-Newman University and Lara Noah, Executive Director; Building Your Chapter's Brand: Elevate, Integrate, and Engage on Campus presented by Dr. Bre Naegeli, Grand Canyon University; Advisor & Officer Succession Planning presented by Dr. Jessica Henry, Hastings College and Dr. Ruth Nalliah, Huntington University; and Know Your Neighbors presented by Dr. Steve Hoekstra, Kansas Wesleyan University.
8. At 5:00 p.m., all delegates were brought into the Collaborative Research Competition, Session B for presentations by Grand Canyon University (Arizona Alpha) and Fresno Pacific University (California Zeta).
9. At 6:00 p.m., all delegates were brought into a broadcast of the Keynote Speaker, Zach Anner, whose memoir is entitled *If at Birth You Don't Succeed: My Adventures with Disaster and Destiny*. Anner described several experiences, including competing for an Oprah Winfrey show, travel accessibility, and his adventures in the Cascades when his friends carried him, inspiring the quote, "Humanity is a team sport." He answered several audience questions and

ended with the inspirational message, “Why would you want to do it alone?”

10. The convention resumed on Saturday, April 5, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time, when the Gatherly platform opened for independent presentation viewing and socialization.
 11. At 10:15 a.m., all individuals on the platform were brought into a Saturday welcome and overview, starting with Jaycie Birdwell, Chapter Support Specialist & Social Media Lead, who thanked all voting delegates. Katie Holmes, Director of Operations, recapped Friday’s events. Executive Director Lara Noah provided information about upcoming Saturday events, including Individual Presenter Q&A, inaugural Graduate School Fair, Regional and National Business Meetings, and the Gala and Awards Ceremony. She reminded delegates that students have opportunities to get involved and provide feedback through their regions.
 12. Delegates met by region for their Regional Business Meetings at 11:00 a.m.
 13. President Linda Cowan called the Alpha Chi National Business meeting to order on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 12:05 p.m. on the Gatherly platform.
 - a. President’s Report: Dr. Cowan addressed the delegates, providing an update on National Council work. The strategic plan, which was developed in 2023, is currently in its first year of implementation. Alpha Chi chartered four new chapters, saw increasing enrollment, and revitalized a dozen dormant chapters. The National Office broadcasted two inductions and launched a national fundraising initiative. The national office seeks feedback from the post-convention evaluation to guide future events. Dr. Cowan thanked the National Office staff and recognized their tireless work.
 - b. Secretary’s Report: Dr. Teddi Deka reported that the Audit and Finance Committee presented the annual budget to the National Council in February 2025, which was unanimously approved, and that the Audit & Finance Committee will review the Audit Report soon after the convention.
 - c. At-Large Election Results: Director Noah announced the election results of the At-Large National Council Member election. The following four advisors were elected to serve a four-year term on Alpha Chi’s National Council: Dr. Jessica Henry of Hastings College, Dr. Myra Houser of Ouachita Baptist University, Dr. Marshall Johnston of Fresno Pacific University, and Dr. Craig Nakashian of Texas A&M University-Texarkana.
 - d. Regional Election Results: The results of the Regional Officer elections were announced as follows:
 - i. Region I Student Representative 2025-2027: Michaela Zimmerman of Angelo State University.
 - ii. Region III Student Representative 2025-2027: Lia Whitman of Mars Hill University
 - iii. Region V Student Representative 2025-2027: Tiffany Sites of West Liberty University
 - iv. Region VII Student Representative 2025-2027: Laura Hand of Fresno Pacific University
 - e. Recognitions: Noah recognized the following National Council Members:
 - i. Dr. Jodi Pilgrim of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, who completed a term on the National Council, served on the Scholarship Committee, and judged the Collaborative Research Competition.
 - ii. Student Representatives completing their two-year National Council terms:
 1. Anthony Sarmiento of Angelo State University, Region I
 2. Bre Bauman of Freed-Hardeman University, Region III
 3. Lindsey Morais of West Liberty University, Region V
 4. Marquesa Calderon of Hawaii Pacific University, Region VII
 - f. Milestones: Katie Holmes announced the following advisor milestones, and advisors will receive pins to commemorate their years of service:
 - i. 10 years of service:
 1. Dr. Jennifer Aust of the University of Tennessee Southern
 2. Dr. Tanner Babb of Huntington University
 3. Dr. Carol Strong of the University of Arkansas at Monticello
 - ii. 15 years of service:
 1. Dr. Diep Ca of Shenandoah University
 2. Dr. Linda Cowan of West Liberty University
- Dr. Cowan adjourned the National Business Meeting at 12:30 p.m.
14. At 1:00 p.m., delegates could choose between four Member Development sessions: Applying to Graduate School by the Princeton Review, Interview Tips & Tricks by Texas A&M University-Texarkana chapter, Power Skills by the Lindenwood University chapter, or Resume Writing by the Texas State University chapter.
15. Next, question and answer sessions provided opportunities for delegates to interact with conference presenters,

whose presentations had been available through a YouTube channel on the Gatherly platform. Question and Answer Session A from 2:00 p.m. to 2:25 p.m. included discussion tables for Biology & Health Sciences moderated by Breanna Bauman, Business Management & Mathematics moderated by Katie Holmes, Political Science & Economics moderated by Nolan Reynolds, Education moderated by Dr. Bonita Cade, and Psychology moderated by Azsha Ray. Question and Answer Session B followed from 2:30 p.m. to 2:55 p.m., with discussion tables for Anthropology & Sociology moderated by Dr. Teddi Deka, Fine Arts moderated by Dr. Linda Cowan, Creative Writing moderated by Marquesa Calderon, Literature moderated by Dr. Kate Stewart, and World History moderated by Katie Holmes.

16. The inaugural Graduate School Fair began at 3:00 p.m. Delegates visited tables from the following participating universities: American University School of Public Affairs, Bard College Master of Arts Global Studies, Bowling Green State University Graduate Admissions, Suffolk University, and the University of Louisville School of Public Health & Information Services.
17. The 2025 Convention Awards Gala began at 6:00 p.m. After a warm welcome from Executive Director Noah, President Cowan announced the student presenters chosen to receive \$100 Convention Presentation Prizes endowed to honor those with strong ties to Alpha Chi. The Ellen Millsaps Prize in American Literature went to Destiny Forrest from the University of Arkansas at Monticello for "'Beyond' a Kiss: False Salvation in the Realistic American Novel." The Avery Grenfell Church Prize in Anthropology & Sociology went to Samantha Stokes from William Carey University for presenting "At Different Times." The Gayle Webb White Prize in Business Management went to Hannah Todd from Mars Hill University for presenting "RSM Profession Challenge: Volunteerism Solutions." The Thelma Hall Prize in Creative Writing went to Emily Kledzik from Carson-Newman University for a poetry collection entitled "Allure of Appalachia." The Ann Kneavel Prize in Economics went to Leslie Osborne from Carson-Newman University for "S&P 500 Market Efficiency: A Measure of the Relationship Between the S&P 500 and Presidential Election Outcomes." The Patricia A. Williams Prize in Education went to Madeline Ross from Fresno Pacific University for "Beyond the Right Answer: Cultivating Creativity in Math Education." The Blake and Trish Janutolo Prize in Organismal and Ecological Biology went to Olivia Robbins from Huntington University for "A Brief Review of the Role of Plumage Color in Bird Mating." The Mary Waterstreet Prize in Psychology went to Saskia Fuchs from Lindenwood University for "Trapped in Contradiction: Cognitive Dissonance and the Psychology of Climate Inaction." The Patricia Graham Prize in World History went to James Seip from Gardner-Webb University for "Encouraging the Empire: How British Propaganda Posters of 1940-43 Attempted to Encourage the Home Front." The Suzanne and J. T. Pundt Prize for the top presentation by a Graduate Student went to Nisa Sindhi from Texas State University for "PAX6 and Actin Filament Co-Localization in Hair Cells of Neuromasts of Lateral Line System in Eurycea Salamanders." The Dennis M. Organ Prize for the top presentation by an Alumni Member went to Laura Hand from Fresno Pacific University for original fiction titled, "I am Io."

Dr. Cowan announced the winners of the Dr. Trisha Yarbrough Collaborative Research Team Competition. Placing first in the competition and winning the \$5,000 prize was Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi for the project entitled, "Marketing and New Member Engagement in the Health and Wellness Industry." Placing second in the competition and winning a \$2500 prize was Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta for the project entitled, "Literature as Medicine: Bibliotherapy's Effects on Burnout in Undergraduate Students of a Liberal Arts College." Dr. Cowan congratulated the winning teams and noted that next year's competition theme would be announced by August 1, 2025.

The convention ended with a preview of the upcoming 2026 convention, which will take place March 12 to March 14 at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista. Director Noah closed the convention by thanking the students, advisors, keynote speaker, graduate fair representatives, Gatherly employees, and the Alpha Chi office staff.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Teddi Deka
National Council Secretary

2025 National Council Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2025, 5:00 p.m. ET (Zoom)

Present: President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Deka, Bre (Tonkery) Bauman, Teagan Decker, Dennis Hall, Laura Hand, Jessica Henry, Steve Hoekstra, Marshall Johnston, Craig Nakashian, Justine Pas, Anthony Sarmiento, Tiffany Sites, Kate Stewart, Kip Wheeler, Michaela Zimmerman, Director of Operations Katie Holmes (advisory), Executive Director Lara Noah (ex-officio).

Absent: Myra Houser, Jackie Kegley, Nolan Reynolds, Alex Robinson, Craig Rogers, and outgoing student reps Marquesa Calderon and Lindsey Morais.

Quorum present: Yes

Announcements: Lara Noah made the following announcements:

- The National Induction Ceremony will take place on 5/6/2025 7:30 p.m. ET.
- Student Representatives can apply for \$250 fellowships for graduate study.
- Student representatives, please confirm their contact details with the National Office.
- New National Council members, please provide bio forms to the National Office.
- RSVP by 5/31/2025 for the Birmingham National Council meeting, 7/31/25 – 8/2/25 by responding to the NCM Room Block Sheet on the Council drive.

President Cowan called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. ET.

Dr. Cade moved to approve the March 25, 2025, minutes. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

Other business:

- Introductions (for new Council members): Dr. Cowan asked the following new Council members to introduce themselves: Marshall Johnson, Craig Nakashian, Michaela Zimmerman, Laura Hand, and Tiffany Sites. All attending National Council members introduced themselves to the new National Council members.
- Recognition of Outgoing Council Members: Lara Noah recognized Jodi Pilgrim and student representatives Bre (Tonkery) Bauman and Anthony Sarmiento, who were in attendance, as well as Marquesa Calderon and Lindsey Morais.
- Installation of Incoming Council Members: Dr. Cade inducted newly elected National Council members: Dr. Marshall Johnston of Fresno Pacific University, Dr. Craig Nakashian of Texas A&M University-Texarkana, Michaela Zimmerman of Angelo State University, Tiffany Sites of West Liberty University, and Laura Hand of Fresno Pacific University. Lia Whitman of Mars Hill University could not attend.
- Convention Observations: Lara Noah included a Post-Convention Evaluation Report compiled by Katie Holmes.

New Business:

- Feedback from Regional Meetings: Lara Noah asked for feedback from the regions that may not have been reported in their regional minutes. Dr. Wheeler asked Council members to provide ideas for connecting with neighboring chapters.
- Year-End Committee Reports: The reports submitted were accessible from a shared folder for Council view.
- Auditor's Report and 2024 Financials: Dr. Deka, Audit and Finance Committee Chair, reported that the Committee met on 4/24/25 to review the Auditor's Report and 2024 Financials. The audit provided no recommendations for altering processes.

Lara Noah adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m. ET.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Teddi Deka
National Council Secretary*

2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2025, The Westin Birmingham, AL

Present: President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Deka, Executive Director Lara Noah, Director of Operations Katie Holmes.

Absent: None

Dr. Cowan called the Executive Committee meeting on July 31, 2025, to order at 8:47 a.m. Central.

1. Reviews: The EC reviewed the recent NC Minutes for action items and determined that all action items were addressed. The EC reviewed the *Proceedings Recorder* draft that contained monthly NC minutes.
2. Constitution and Bylaws officer role descriptions: Dr. Cowan recommended reviewing role descriptions, including regional officer descriptions. Ms. Noah added that descriptions may change with any restructuring of the council and/or regions, and that next year's budget includes some money for a parliamentarian in case we need advice.
3. Committee Tasks: Dr. Cowan inquired whether assigning small tasks to specific individuals within a committee or to the chair for completion would facilitate task completion. Tasks and dates for accomplishment could appear in the NC minutes and/or on the NC Google Drive, allowing the Executive Committee and National Office to assist and prompt continuation with changes in committee composition.
4. Working groups for the week's National Council retreat: The EC reviewed the individuals assigned to each working group and the goals. All members will practice the Mutual Impact Review. Some discussion about regions, regional grants, and elections ensued. Dr. Cowan suggested a separate area in the Strategic Plan concentrating on regions, regional representation, regional programming, and student representation/involvement.
5. Regional Engagement: Discussion ensued regarding regional engagement and possible changes to Alpha Chi's regional structure that might be needed. Ms. Noah reminded the Council that any changes to regional structure would have implications for the makeup of the National Council membership. Several proposals for regional realignment were discussed with pros and cons of each discussed. It was decided that those matters would involve changes to the Constitution & Bylaws and would be discussed in the appropriate working group, with probable referral to Strategic Planning. Invitations: Currently, Alpha Chi invites the top 10% of students, and the EC discussed inviting the top 15%, who may be hungrier for leadership experiences. A motion would need to go to the National Council.
6. Separating the national treasurer and secretary responsibilities: Dr. Cowan presented the possibility of electing a Council treasurer with representation on the EC and National Council, and delegating secretarial duties to an EC member or a council member for the year. The treasurer would assume the responsibility of taking the minutes of the business meeting at the convention and Executive Committee minutes. The position of "secretary" would not continue as a separate position with representation on the National Council. Instead, the position of "treasurer" would be established, with secretarial responsibilities for monthly minutes assigned to another EC member or NC member for the year.
7. Committee Members and Chairs: Individuals serving on committees chaired by board member could be from the advisors and not solely from the board.
8. The meeting was recessed at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.
9. Strategic Plan Discussion: Dr. Cowan examined the five Strategic Plan goals and suggested merging goals two and three and adding another goal, which would be reimagining the regional structure. Any place in the strategic plan that mentions the regional structure would be moved to this goal. Ms. Noah stated that the working group at this council retreat will be reviewing the goals to be added and removed (achieved). Some goals will be maintenance goals, while others will need to be reimagined, or new goals will be added.

10. Implications of a Biennial National Convention: Ms. Noah suggested that we might not need to have an NC meeting that substitutes for the in-person NC meeting during convention years. The EC concluded that the more frequent virtual NC meetings and listening sessions would suffice at least for 2027.
11. National Council Reimbursements: Ms. Noah suggested that we need to have this discussion at some point if we do not reduce the number of individuals on the NC. The proposed idea is that if the NC member is not taking a student delegate, they would receive the National Advisor travel grant and possibly a stipend (such as \$200). An NC member would only receive full travel reimbursement if bringing at least one voting student delegate. [This matter was taken up by Audit & Finance after the retreat.]
12. Reminder: We have a credit for one 8-hr event on Gatherly—this time has already been paid for.
13. Committee Assignments: Dr. Cowan noted that these have not been fully identified yet, and National Council members will submit their preference documents by this Saturday. The Strategic Plan Committee was added back to the list of NC Council Committees.

Dr. Cowan adjourned the EC meeting at 5:04 p.m. and went into an executive session.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Teddi Deka
National Council Secretary

National Council Virtual Meeting Minutes

August 2024 through March 2025

National Council Meeting Minutes, 08/21/2024, 4:00 p.m. ET (Zoom)

Board Members

Present: President Linda Cowan, Secretary Teddi Deka, Teagan Decker, Jessica Henry, Steve Hoekstra, Myra Houser, Lindsey Morais, Jodi Pilgrim, Nolan Reynolds, Alex Robinson, Kate Stewart, and Kip Wheeler.

Absent: Vice President Bonita Cade, Marquesa Calderon, Dennis Hall, Jackie Kegley, Azsha Ray, Craig Rogers, Anthony Sarmiento, Bre Tonkery, and Executive Director Lara Noah (ex-officio).

Quorum present: Yes

Others present:

Katie Holmes, Dir. of Operations

Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order at:* 4:01 pm ET by President Cowan.
- *Minutes approval/s:*
 - a. *April 2024 Council Minutes.* Myra Houser moved to approve. No corrections. Approved.
 - b. *April 2024 Convention Minutes.* Steve Hoekstra moved to approve. No corrections. Approved.
 - c. *July 2024 Executive Council Minutes.* Presented to the National Council for information only.
- *Reports: None*
- *Council Motion:* Steve Hoekstra moved to fill the vacated National Council at-large seat by offering the position to the candidate that received the next-highest number of votes in the seat's election which took place in 2023. If that person does not elect to fill the vacated seat, the individual receiving the next-highest number of votes will be offered the position. Motion approved.
- *Motion from the Audit and Finance Committee:* The Audit & Finance Committee moved to amend the investment fund draw of \$70,000 in the 2024 budget to \$82,755 in order to align with the investment policy guidance of using a 3-year average of the investment funds market value instead of only the previous year. [Motion was voted upon electronically after the meeting as a quorum was no longer present for this vote. Motion approved.]

President Cowan adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m. ET.
Minutes were submitted by Secretary Dr. Teddi Dekka.

National Council Meeting Minutes, 10/16/2024, 4:00 p.m. ET (Zoom)

Board Members

Present: President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Dekka, Dennis Hall, Jessica Henry, Steve Hoekstra, Myra Houser, Jackie Kegley, Justine Pas, Anthony Sarmiento, Kate Stewart, and Kip Wheeler.

Absent: Marquesa Calderon, Teagan Decker, Lindsey Morais, Jodi Pilgrim, Azsha Ray, Nolan Reynolds, Alex Robinson, Craig Rogers, Bre Tonkery, and Executive Director Lara Noah (ex-officio).

Quorum present: Yes

Others present:

Katie Holmes, Dir. of Operations

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 4 p.m. ET, by President Cowan.
Announcement: Justine Pas accepted the open National Council position.
- *Minutes approval/s:* No minutes were sent to the Council; approvals will take place at the next NC meeting.
- *Reports:* None.
- *Motions:* None.

President Cowan adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m. ET.
Minutes were submitted by Secretary Dr. Teddi Dekka.

National Council Meeting Minutes, November 20, 2024, 4:00 p.m. ET (Zoom)

Board Members

Present: President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Dekka, Marquesa Calderon, Teagan Decker, Dennis Hall, Jessica Henry, Steve Hoekstra, Jackie Kegley, Lindsey Morais, Justine Pas, Jodi Pilgrim, Kate Stewart, Kip Wheeler, and Executive Director Lara Noah (ex-officio).

Absent: Myra Houser, Azsha Ray, Nolan Reynolds, Alex Robinson, Craig Rogers, Anthony Sarmiento, and Bre Tonkery.

Quorum present: Yes

Others present:

Katie Holmes, Dir. of Operations

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m. ET, by President Cowan.
- Minutes approval/s: 8/21/24 minutes approved. 10/16/24 minutes approved.
- Reports:
 - Executive Director
 - In November the Executive Committee approved postponing the awarding of the President's Cup and Distinguished Alumni Award until the next in-person convention in 2026. If we end up staying with this virtual/in-person pattern, this takes us back to the award pattern we had when we alternated regional and national conventions.
 - We will need approx. 5 advisors for the National Council Member-at-Large slate for 2025-2029. Dr. Cade's last at-large term ends in the spring, so she cannot run. Dr. Jodi Pilgrim is not running for re-election. Drs. Henry and Houser are willing to run again. An all-advisor call for leaders will be sent via the biweekly advisor e-newsletter.
 - Noah reported making minimal updates to the charter petition form with Dr. Wheeler's assistance. President Cowan charged the Expansion & Retention Committee with further

reviewing the Charter Petition Form given the 2024 Constitutional amendments regarding community colleges and stand-alone graduate schools.

- Motions: None.

President Cowan adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m. ET.
Minutes were submitted by Secretary Dr. Teddi Deka.

National Council Meeting Minutes February 25, 2025, 4:00 p.m. ET (Zoom)

Board Members

Present: President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Deka, Marquesa Calderon, Teagan Decker, Dennis Hall, Jessica Henry, Steve Hoekstra, Lindsey Morais, Justine Pas, Jodi Pilgrim, Kate Stewart, Kip Wheeler, and Executive Director Lara Noah (ex-officio).

Absent: Myra Houser, Jackie Kegley, Azsha Ray, Nolan Reynolds, Alex Robinson, Craig Rogers, Anthony Sarmiento, and Bre Tonkery.

Quorum present: Yes

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. ET, by President Cowan.

The Nov. 20, 2024, minutes were presented and then approved.

Announcements:

- 2025-2029 At-Large Council Member Slate
 - Rebekah Crowe, Wayland Baptist University, Region I
 - Jessica Henry, Hastings College, Region IV
 - Myra Houser, Ouachita Baptist University, Region II
 - Marshall Johnston, Fresno Pacific University, Region VII
 - Autumn Marshall, Lipscomb University, Region III
 - Craig Nakashian, Texas A&M University Texarkana, Region II

Reports:

- Executive Director (Lara Noah)
 - Virtual Convention Update (from Katie Holmes, presented by Lara Noah): The submission deadline for presenters is 2/28/25 and for delegates, 3/5/25. The online convention dates may be reduced from three to two depending on registrations.
 - 2025 Scholarship Competition Update (from Katie Holmes, presented by Lara Noah): There were 109 scholarship submissions and a need for more reviewers. Jodi Pilgrim and Teddi Deka volunteered to review. Other Council members provided contacts for natural science reviewers. The announcement of scholarship winners will take place virtually, later in April.
 - The 2024 Audit is underway and the auditor's report should be ready by April.
 - *Aletheia*, Vol. 9 is online with two articles and a few more in the final stages. *Kalo*, Vol. 2, went online this week as well.
 - On Feb. 19, the new chapter at SUNY Oneonta was installed outside of Albany. Director Noah had a very nice visit to the campus for the installation. Since then, Alpha Chi received a new charter petition, this time from Felician University in New Jersey. Look for a ballot to arrive by email soon.
 - Noah reported that she had been elected to a 1-year term as President of the board of ACHS and shared a press release by ACHS regarding those elections and the 2024 ACHS centennial year conference that Noah had planned as Vice President.
 - Lastly she shared a link to the written annual report she had submitted to the Executive Committee on Feb. 10 and invited the Council to review it.

Motions:

- Audit & Finance Committee Motions for Discussion & Vote (Teddi Deka, Secretary)
 - Motion 1: The Audit and Finance Committee recommended the Council accept the proposed budget for

fiscal 2025. Among other changes, the proposed budget included a payroll increase to take effect July 1, 2025, for both the Director of Operations and the Chapter Support Specialist as recommended by the Executive Director to reflect additional duties and align with the market. The increase in payroll will be offset by an equivalent reduction to our Redstone services contract for the coming year. Discussion ensued that included Audit & Finance committee members who had reviewed the full budget. Motion Passed.

- Motion 2: The Audit and Finance Committee recommended a 2% cost of living adjustment for the Executive Director to be implemented September 1, 2025, upon approval by the National Council in Executive Session. The Council adjourned to Executive Session at 5:20 p.m. ET and returned at 5:33 p.m. Motion Passed.

President Cowan adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m. ET.
Minutes were submitted by Secretary Dr. Teddi Deka.

National Council Meeting Minutes, March 25, 2025, 5:00 p.m. ET (Gatherly Platform)

Board Members

Present: President Linda Cowan, Vice President Bonita Cade, Secretary Teddi Deka, Teagan Decker, Dennis Hall, Jessica Henry, Steve Hoekstra, Justine Pas, Jodi Pilgrim, Azsha Ray, Kate Stewart, Kip Wheeler, Director of Operations Katie Holmes (advisory), Executive Director Lara Noah (ex-officio).

Absent: Marquesa Calderon Myra Houser, Jackie Kegley, Lindsey Morais, Nolan Reynolds, Alex Robinson, Craig Rogers, Anthony Sarmiento, and Bre Tonkery.

Quorum present: Yes

Others present:

Katie Holmes, Dir. of Operations

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m. ET, by President Cowan.

The Feb. 25, 2025, minutes were presented and then approved with no corrections.

Announcements:

- o The meeting took place on Gatherly, our convention platform.
- o NC Convention sign-up sheet. Still need moderators for some of the tables.

Reports:

- o Informal Oral Committee Reports
 - Audit/Finance: Teddi Deka reported that the committee reviewed the frequency of audits and met with Jason Jennings, the investment fund manager. The committee received and approved the proposed budget, which also included two motions presented to the National Committee in February 2025. The annual audit is currently underway. The committee continues to discuss travel reimbursements for conventions.
 - Chapter Enrichment: Steve Hoekstra reported that the committee planned the chapter enrichment sessions for the convention, promoted the recruitment of chapter advisors, determined needed data for vitality, and promoted chapter connect events.
 - Data Collection: Dennis Hall reported that the committee was working on data collection goals, including membership satisfaction and scholarship participation.
 - Expansion/Retention: Kip Wheeler reported that the committee has been working on completing various tasks.
 - Salary Study: Linda Cowan reported for Jackie Kegley, noting that the committee had requested and received information from Audit and Finance regarding salaries for directors and office staff.
 - Regional Hosts for National Convention: Lara Noah sent emails to all regional officers and reported on vacancies in Region I, including VP and VI Secretary-Treasurer and VP. Besides vacancies, elections will

take place in odd-numbered regions during the conference.

Other business:

- o Group walk-through of the Gatherly space with Katie Holmes and Jaycie Birdwell

President Cowan adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m. ET.

Minutes were submitted by Secretary Teddi Deka.

2024 National Alpha Chi Finance Report

[Alpha Chi 2024 990](#) (click link to view from website; contact national office if link becomes inactive)

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Teddi Deka, \$200
Dennis Hall, \$100
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Dennis Organ, \$102
Patricia Oschmann, \$500
Anthony Pickard, \$19.22
James Stanfield, \$19.22
Kate Stewart, \$500
Kathi Vosevich, \$100
Lyle Wheeler, \$175
Rita Yeats, \$25

2025 National Scholarship & Fellowship Nominees

Edwin W. Gaston, Jr., and Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship Nominees

(stipends for senior year of undergraduate study)

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- * Lilianna Allen, High Point University, North Carolina Nu
 - Raymond Andrade, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta
 - Annie Blevins, Lyon College, Arkansas Iota
 - * Miranda Carrabba, University of New England, Maine Epsilon
 - Jackson Edds, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas Beta
 - * Jasmine Galdamez, Austin College, Texas Kappa
 - Stacey Gamez, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
 - A Isabella Giunta, Grace College, Indiana Gamma
 - Zoe Graham, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas Beta
 - Kaitlyn Guevara, Angelo State University, Texas Alpha Iota
 - Connor Harper, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
 - * McKenzie Harris, Union University, Tennessee Beta
 - Brandon Hluchan, California Baptist University, California Beta
 - Georgia Jackson, Southwestern University, Texas Alpha
 - *G Rachel Jones, Union University, Tennessee Beta
 - Laurel Keasler, Catawba College, North Carolina Omicron
 - Morgan Lilly, Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta
 - * Kaitlynn Lopez, California Baptist University, California Beta
 - A Bryant Magness, Milligan University, Tennessee Nu
 - * Kathryn McDermott, Christopher Newport University, Virginia Zeta
 - Lorena Murguia, Dominican University, Illinois Kappa
 - A Eulalia Pascual Biosca, Barton College, North Carolina Gamma
 - Rebekah Rainey, Grace College, Indiana Gamma
 - *C Joli Reiman, Belmont University, Tennessee Eta
 - Madison Rhodes, University of Texas at Tyler, Texas Alpha Xi
 - *G Olivia Robbins, Huntington University, Indiana Beta
 - Chole Sebaugh, Belmont University, Tennessee Eta
 - * Tiffany Sites, West Liberty University, West Virginia Epsilon
 - Lottie Ann Stokes, William Carey University, Mississippi Beta
 - * Paige Thamer, Indiana Institute of Technology, Indiana Lambda
 - Hannah Todd, Mars Hill University, North Carolina Epsilon
 - Tina Torre, Long Island University, New York Sigma
 - Jonathan Townsley, Harding University, Arkansas Eta
 - Lauren Watford, Johnson University, Tennessee Omicron
 - Christian Wege, Point Park University, Pennsylvania Eta
 - Kayla Willmann, Belmont University, Tennessee Eta

Robert W. Sledge and H.Y. Benedict Fellowship Nominees

(stipends for the first year of graduate or professional study)

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- A Tina Allmon, William Carey University, Mississippi Beta
 - Sharon Asariah, California Baptist University, California Beta
 - Chloe Bolduc, Thomas College, Maine Delta
 - Madeline Broshears, Harding University, Arkansas Eta
 - * Claire Clark, Lubbock Christian University, Texas Alpha Mu
 - Kaylin Cook, University of Indianapolis, Indiana Eta

- Katelyn Cothren, Catawba College, North Carolina Omicron
- Tatum Covey, Westminster College, Missouri Delta
- Shelby Cumbie, University of Texas at Tyler, Texas Alpha Xi
- * Katelyn Cyganovich, SUNY Brockport, New York Omicron
- *S Summer Duba, Christopher Newport University, Virginia Zeta
- * Abbigail Earley, Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta
- * Kalena Eaton, SUNY Brockport, New York Omicron
- * Blake Elder, Missouri Western State University, Missouri Lambda
- * Destiny Forrest, University of Arkansas at Monticello, Arkansas Zeta
- Michael Giles, Westminster College, Missouri Delta
- Lilianna Hardt, West Liberty University, West Virginia Epsilon
- A Katherine Hunter, Lyon College, Arkansas Iota
- Emilee Ireland, Thomas College, Maine Delta
- Mackenzie King, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
- * Kaleigh Lauck, SUNY Brockport, New York Omicron
- Paulina Lazaro Aleman, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta
- Rebecca Luckey, Huntington University, Indiana Beta
- Emelia Martinez, Point Park University, Pennsylvania Eta
- Lindsay Neighbors, University of Indianapolis, Indiana Eta
- *S Elia O'Hara, University of New England, Maine Epsilon
- Emma Robison, Freed-Hardeman University, Tennessee Iota
- Allison Rogers, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- Caio Sabbadin, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Ohio Delta
- Faith Salamone, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi
- Taylor Slabe, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi
- * Tegan Spoon, Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta
- Abigail Storey, Tusculum University, Tennessee Alpha
- A Thaddeus Stringer, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
- Nicolas Varner, Mars Hill University, North Carolina Epsilon
- Dylin Waldorf, Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta
- Kailey Zatopek, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
- *C Michelle Zhu, Austin College, Texas Kappa
- Aurora Zwilling, Cottey College, Missouri Tau

Joseph E. Pryor, Dennis M. Organ, and Walden S. Freeman Graduate Fellowship Nominees

(stipends to graduate student members or active alumni at the time of application)

- D Doctoral recipient
- M Master's recipient
- C Cooperative recipient
- A Alternate

- Gina Arnold, Louisiana Christian University, Louisiana Beta
- Mounia Barakat, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- A Cindell Behrmann, York College of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Delta
- Edrine Birimumaso, Southeastern University, Florida Lambda
- Ramya Sree Borra, Indiana Institute of Technology, Indiana Lambda
- Ericka Cansino, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
- A Sergio Carvajal-Leoni, Texas State University, Texas Iota
- Crystal Church, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- Lilana Daza, Southern Methodist University, Texas Alpha Omega
- Ashlynn Delia, Southwestern University, Texas Alpha
- Elisabeth Drewlo, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- Candace Ellis, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi
- Starsha Fant, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- Ambachew Gajafo, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- Rebekah Glunt, Indiana Institute of Technology, Indiana Lambda
- Jennet Hojanazarova, Waldorf University, Iowa Iota
- M David Jara, California State University, Bakersfield, California Iota
- Bernadette Kazembe-Kintzel, Indiana Institute of Technology, Indiana Lambda

- Xrystyan Lascano, University of Texas at Tyler, Texas Alpha Xi
 Ashley Norton, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, North Carolina Kappa
 Natalie Osborne, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
 Mercedes Padilla-Register, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
 Rachel Perri, Marist University, New York Theta
 Trisha Perry, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
 Magdeline Pike, Southern Methodist University, Texas Alpha Omega
 M Lauren Sermersheim, Mars Hill University, North Carolina Epsilon
 Monica Shallenberger, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
 Nisa Sindhi, Texas State University, Texas Iota
 Eowyn Stewart, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
 Tanya Tucker, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
 Olivia Weider, Lubbock Christian University, Texas Alpha Mu
 D Jennifer White, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
 Ron Wolfart, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta
 Thomas Yukich, Freed-Hardeman University, Tennessee Iota

2023-24 Star & Notable Chapter Award Recipients

Star Chapters

Region I

Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi

Region II (none awarded)

Region III

Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta
 Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta
 Mars Hill University, North Carolina Epsilon

Region IV

Hastings College, Nebraska Alpha
 Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi

Region V

Huntington University, Indiana Beta

Region VI (none awarded)

Region VII

Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta
 Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha

Notable Chapters

Region I

Southwestern University, Texas Alpha
 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas Beta
 Wayland Baptist University, Texas Alpha Eta

Region II

Harding University, Arkansas Eta
 Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas Beta
 University of Arkansas at Monticello, Arkansas Zeta
 University of Texas at Tyler, Texas Alpha Xi

Region III

Belmont University, Tennessee Eta
 Lipscomb University, Tennessee Kappa

Shorter University, Georgia Theta

Region IV

Missouri Western State University, Missouri Lambda
 Westminster College, Missouri Delta

Region V

Lake Superior State University, Michigan Gamma
 West Liberty University, West Virginia Epsilon

Region VI (none awarded)

Region VII

California State University, Bakersfield, California Iota

Publications Report

***Aletheia*, Alpha Chi's Peer-Reviewed Undergraduate Journal**

Co-Editors

Dr. Tim Lindblom, Jacksonville State University

Dr. Kathi Vosevich, Lindenwood University

Editorial Review Board

Dr. Charles Carter, Shorter University; Dr. Karl Havlak, Angelo State University; Dr. Tim Lindblom, Jacksonville State University; Dr. W. Travis McMaken, Lindenwood University; Dr. Craig Nakashian, Texas A&M University Texarkana; Dr. Craig Rogers, Campbellsville University; and Dr. Kathi Vosevich, Lindenwood University

The following student work was published in *Aletheia*:

VOL. 9, Fall 2024

- Colonialism Through the Fallacies of Plymouth Colony
Peter Cheney, Connecticut College
- Perfecting Perfectionism: Exploring Cultural Influences on Perfectionism Experiences
Ashley Larson, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
- Investigation of Prioritization and Self-Efficacy in Calculus for Business and Life Science
Aaron Nachazel, Lake Superior State University, Michigan Gamma
- The Pursuit of Authenticity in a Technological World
Ashlee Reed, Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi
- Children's Self-Image Represented Through Drawn Portrayals
Sara Robinson, Colby-Sawyer College, New Hampshire Alpha

***Kalo*, Alpha Chi's Member Community Magazine**

Editors

Lara Noah, Executive Director

Writers/Editorial Assistants

Lara Noah, Executive Director

Jaycie Birdwell, Chapter Support Specialist & Social Media Lead

Katie Holmes, Director of Operations

The following member work was published in *Kalo*:

VOL. 2, Spring 2025

- An Interview with Piper Halcrow
Piper Halcrow, Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta
- Untouched Woman
Loria Harris, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi
- Single Women of Distinction
Elaine Ragland, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi
- We All Start Somewhere: An Alumna's Journey
Jennifer Riad, California Baptist University, California Beta
- Hypersensitivities and Haiku
Peter Tran, California Baptist University, California Beta

Regional Reports

Each region annually supplies minutes for the current year and a fiscal report for the preceding year. This is typically the duty of each region's secretary-treasurer. Alpha Chi institutions are divided by state into Alpha Chi's seven geographic regions as follows:

- Region I—New Mexico, Oklahoma Panhandle, West Texas
- Region II—Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, East Texas
- Region III—Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia
- Region IV—Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming
- Region V—Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin
- Region VI—Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont
- Region VII—Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington

Region I Report

Minutes—April 4-5, 2025

1. **Call to Order.** Erika Nielson, Region I President, called the meeting to order on Friday, April 4, 2025, at 3:07 p.m. Central time. This meeting was held using the Gatherly platform.
2. **Roll Call.** There were eight delegates present at the regional meetings. The colleges represented were Abilene Christian University, Angelo State University, Lubbock Christian University, Texas State University, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, and Wayland Baptist University.
3. **Regional Officer Nominations.** Nominations for the offices of Region I Vice President and Region I Student Representative were sought, and Michaela Zimmerman from Angelo State University was nominated for Region I Student Representative. There was no nomination for Region I Vice President. The officers will continue to seek nominations for the Region I Vice President role.
4. **Regional Election Results.** Elections were held using digital ballots the evening after the meeting. Michaela Zimmerman, running unopposed, was confirmed as the new Region I Student Representative.
5. **Scholarship Results.** Erika Nielson, Region I President, announced the results of the regional scholarship competition. The two winners of the \$1000 scholarship are Azalia Lozano from Wayland Baptist University and Adrianna Rich from Wayland Baptist University.
6. **Approval of Region I Business Meeting Minutes.** The 2024 meeting minutes were approved.
7. **Treasurer's Report.** Dennis Hall, Region I Secretary-Treasurer, summarized and linked copies of the report. The treasurer's report was approved.
8. **Star and Notable Chapters.** Abilene Christian University was acknowledged as a Star Chapter. Southwestern University, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, and Wayland Baptist University were acknowledged as Notable Chapters.
9. **President's Cup.** Abilene Christian University was nominated for the 2026 President's Cup Competition.
10. **Adjournment.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Dennis Hall
Region I Secretary-Treasurer

Region I Financial Statement

Year Ending 31 December 2024

Beginning Balances January 1, 2024

First Financial Bank of Abilene (Checking)	\$ 95,487.41
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Total Beginning Balance	\$ 95,487.41
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Additions/(Deductions) Checking

National Convention - Birmingham, AL - Travel Subsidies	\$ (10,500.00)
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Regional Scholarships	\$ (4,000.00)
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Total Change in Checking Account	\$ (14,500.00)
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Assets at December 31, 2024

First Financial Bank of Abilene (Checking)	\$ 80,987.41
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Net Worth December 31, 2024	\$ 80,987.41
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Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Hall
Region I Secretary-Treasurer

Region II Report

Minutes—April 4, 2025

11. **Call to Order.** President Myra Houser called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Central.
12. **Roll Call.** There were nine delegates present at the regional meeting. The chapters represented were Lyon College, Ouachita Baptist University, Texas A&M University-Texarkana, Texas College, and University of Arkansas at Monticello.
13. **Discussion.** Since Region II did not need to hold elections this year, the members engaged in discussion. Advisors reported on activities and goals for their chapters. Most chapters continue to suffer from COVID.
14. **Adjournment.**

Minutes—April 5, 2025

1. **Call to Order.** Vice President Jennifer Hicks called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Central.
2. **Roll Call.** There were six delegates present at the regional meeting. The chapters represented were Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Texas A&M University-Texarkana, Texas College, and University of Arkansas at Monticello.
3. **Discussion.** With no old business to consider, the members discussed development strategies for both local chapters and the region as a whole. To facilitate the work of local chapters, the group discussed the challenges of fund raising and campus visibility. Our local chapters share similar frustrations. Some of our prospective members face financial hardships in paying dues and attending conventions. A few of our chapters enjoy the help of administrators in providing modest funds. Faculty members often help their students with dues. Some chapters also hold fundraising events.
4. **Regional Planning.** Turning to regional enhancement, Hicks encouraged advisors and students to consider running for a regional office next year. Members then discussed ways to facilitate collaboration among chapters, especially if we move toward every-other-year national conventions. Region II is committed to increasing interest in Alpha Chi both regionally and nationally. To accomplish this goal, the attendees determined that meeting as a region twice during the academic year would increase interest. The following dates have been selected for the upcoming academic year: (1) September 12 at 3:00 pm, for advisors only; (2) February 10 at 3:00 pm, for both advisors and students. These meetings will hopefully encourage more meaningful participation of chapters in national conventions and other activities, i.e., presenting papers and applying for scholarships and fellowships.
5. **Adjournment.**

Region II no longer has a treasury and thus no financial report was needed.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Kate Stewart
Region II Secretary-Treasurer*

Region III Report

Minutes—April 4, 2025

1. **Call to Order.** President Laura Steil called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Central.
2. **Roll Call.** There were 16 chapter delegates present at the meeting. The chapters represented were Carson-Newman University, Gardner-Webb University, Lander University, Lipscomb University, Mars Hill University, Milligan University, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and William Carey University.
3. **Icebreaker.** The delegates played a game of “Would You Rather?”
4. **Regional Officer Nominations.** Two students were nominated for the Region III Student Representative position: Lia Whitman from Mars Hill University and Emily Kledzik from Carson-Newman University. Both students were unable to attend the meeting, so their chapter advisors, Dr. Laura Steil and Dr. Kip Wheeler, spoke for them.
5. **Regional Planning.** Delegates brainstormed ideas for Region III activities and service opportunities in the fall. Ideas included having a Region III Blood Drive competition through the American Red Cross on various campuses to see which school would donate the most blood (possibly a week or two before Halloween with vampire theme). Another idea was to host a treasure hunt contest on individual campuses where students could find clues. The last idea included doing Region III picnics at state parks at centrally-located areas, so that 2-3 campuses within a two-hour drive could show up on a Friday or Saturday, eat and socialize or hike, plus do clean-up work or trail clearing. Discussion suggestions included offering free food for attendees or free bug spray.
6. **President’s Cup.** The group discussed the need for a Region III chapter to run for the President’s Cup, but no school attending volunteered.
7. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. Central.

Minutes—April 5, 2025

1. **Call to Order.** President Laura Steil called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Central.
2. **Roll Call.** There were 17 delegates present at the meeting. The chapters represented were Carson-Newman University, Gardner-Webb University, Lander University, Lipscomb University, Mars Hill University, Milligan University, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and William Carey University.
3. **Regional Election Results.** Dr. Steil announced Lia Whitman as the new Region III Student Representative. A brief installation ceremony was held where Lia Whitman took her oath of office.
4. **Star and Notable Chapters.** Dr. Steil recognized Carson-Newman University, Gardner-Webb University, and Mars Hill University as Star Chapters. Belmont University, Lipscomb University, and Shorter University were all recognized as Notable Chapters.
5. **President’s Cup.** We always have wanted at least one Region III chapter to compete for the President’s Cup. Savannah Stanish advocated that Mars Hill University should compete the next time it’s offered. Kip Wheeler offered to send to Dr. Steil a copy of the application Carson-Newman submitted the last time it competed for the President’s Cup.
6. **Regional Planning.** The group brainstormed ideas for Region III events they would like to see. They discussed how poorly attended the trivia competition was last fall. Among the ideas floated were:
 - a. Friday Night Trivia Night online but making it part of an educational cultural exchange in which different international students on a campus might use the trivia night as a way to introduce their homeland to American students. Samantha Stokes said she would consider helping organize such an event through her chapter. Dr. Wheeler took her contact information down and would arrange to be in touch.
 - b. Building off the idea from the previous meeting about a picnic and park clean-up, students suggested a photographic scavenger hunt in which students with phones would attempt to identify and photograph

- themselves next to a particular species and fill out a field journal. The most successful team could submit their photos and field journal to *Kalo*.
- c. Students suggested that, for AX members planning on going to attend graduate school, the graduate school fair coming in the spring convention was a little late. James Seip pointed out that all his applications for graduate schools had been due in December or late January. They suggested a panel for graduate school interest would be best suited for November.
 - d. Advisors suggested that a panel on “How to Write a Good Recommendation Letter” might be something useful to host for AX advisors who frequently write recommendation letters.
 - e. Discussion veered slightly off topic to talk about online and virtual events and whether students had Zoom fatigue. The students who attended (who may be an atypical example) said they weren’t bored of Zoom, but they did generally like the features of Gatherly; however, they were disappointed that the Games room kept kicking out players before a game could be completed.
 - f. Off-topic and on the focus on local chapters rather than Region III itself, students Savannah Stanish and Leslie Osborne noted that they wished local chapters had their meetings later in the afternoon or early evening, though faculty advisors noted that evening/late afternoon events were harder for those who had families and needed to get off campus to tend to those needs.
7. **Discussion.** Various students got a chance to talk about their upcoming plans.
- a. Savannah Stanish is planning on either studying coral reefs or mycology in graduate school.
 - b. Samantha Stokes talked about her current studies.
 - c. Leslie Osborne talked about the three job offers she has to work in the business field, and she must pick one by April 18th.
 - d. James Seip discussed his plans to attend graduate school in Maryland to study 20th-century History.
8. **Adjournment.** With no further business, Dr. Steil adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m. Central.

Region III no longer has a treasury and thus no financial report was needed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Kip Wheeler
Region III Secretary-Treasurer

Region IV Report

Minutes—April 4, 2025

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. Central.
2. **Roll Call.** All regional officers were present. The chapters represented were Hastings College, Kansas Wesleyan University, Lindenwood University, Missouri Western State University, and Waldorf University.
3. **Approval of 2024 Minutes.** Steve Hoekstra motioned to approve the 2024 minutes, which was seconded by Nolan Reynolds. Minutes were approved.
4. **Star and Notable Chapters.** Hastings College and Lindenwood University were recognized as Star Chapters for the 2023-24 academic year. Missouri Western State University and Westminster College were recognized as Notable Chapters.
5. **Regional Grant Recipients.** The following Region IV members were selected as “In Scholarship and in Service” grant recipients in the fall: Patric Bridge, Colorado Mesa University; Candace Ellis, Lindenwood University; Sarah Girard, Kansas Wesleyan University; Oscar Gonzalez, Lindenwood University; and Averi Walker, Southwest Baptist University.
6. **President’s Cup.** Our region can have two nominations. Lindenwood University was nominated by Elaine Ragland.

7. **Announcements.** Dr. Vosevich discussed upcoming convention events, specifically the power skills workshop led by Region IV members. She reminded members to attend the Gala tomorrow evening. Dr. Vosevich highlighted the Region IV thank-you note project and stressed increasing participation at conventions, even online ones.
8. **Discussion.**
 - a. The region discussed the new “In Scholarship and in Service” program and ways to increase participation. Suggestions included personalized and repeated outreach to students from advisors.
 - b. Region members discussed the need to increase administrative support at our respective campuses, such as university stipends, course releases, and credit for service on evaluations.
 - c. The region also discussed the number of active (30) and inactive (14) chapters in Region IV. Katie Holmes provided additional information that inactivity means the chapter has been deactivated but can be reactivated without additional cost, and the chapters receive information about how to reactivate.
 - d. Dr. Pas asked students to discuss having an active chapter. Some items emerging from the discussion included time to meet and time needed to invest, reminders about meetings and events, the time and money required to present at conferences, and the fact that high-achieving students have been pulled in many directions, including discipline conferences. The benefits of interdisciplinary conferences are often not stressed, and these benefits could potentially increase student involvement.
9. **Adjournment.** Nolan Reynolds motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Steve Hoekstra. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Central.

Minutes—April 5, 2025

1. **Call to Order.** Justine Pas called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Central in lieu of Dr. Vosevich, who could not attend due to a donor event at her university. All other officers were present. The chapters represented were Hastings College, Kansas Wesleyan University, Lindenwood University, Missouri Western State University, and Waldorf University.
2. **Discussion.** The following topics were discussed among the group:
 - a. In Scholarship and Service Grants: The region discussed how the grants can help with travel and graduate school applications and that we need to encourage students to apply.
 - b. National Scholarship Winners: Dr. Henry asked whether the National Scholarships should be announced at the convention. Members of Region IV believed they should since some universities announce their winners directly after the convention. Region IV also suggested announcing awardees individually to personally acknowledge each individual and promote a celebratory feel at the conference.
 - c. Online Conference and Attendance: Students Katelyn Botz and Nolan Reynolds mentioned that virtual conferences may not count as excused absences from class attendance or teaching obligations. Dr. Hoekstra mentioned that chapters wanting Star Chapter designation had to attend a chapter-building session in past years. Region members also discussed that virtual conferences can be just as demanding on time.
 - d. Collaborating with Other Chapters in Region IV: Dr. Hoekstra discussed ideas from his chapter development session, including adopting a nearby AX chapter in our region and collaborating with other honors organizations to engage in discipline-specific activities. He believes we should consider doing more things together, including a collaborative research team across chapters.
3. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Pas at 11:31 a.m. Central.

Region IV no longer has a treasury and thus no financial report was needed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Teddi Dekka
Region IV Secretary-Treasurer

Region V Report

Minutes—April 5, 2025

1. **Call to Order.** Vice-President Tanner Babb called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Central.
2. **Roll Call.** Five delegates were present at the meeting. The chapters represented were Huntington University, Lake Superior State University, and West Liberty University.
3. **Approval of 2024 Minutes.** Dr. Babb and Dr. Linda Cowan motioned to approve the 2024 minutes. Dr. Ruth Nalliah seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
4. **Star and Notable Chapters.** Huntington University was recognized as a 2023-24 Star Chapter. Lake Superior State University and West Liberty University were recognized as Notable Chapters.
5. **Strategic Planning Process Update.**
6. **Outgoing Chapter Advisors.** The group recognized Dr. Nalliah for her service as an advisor for the chapter at Huntington University.
7. **New advisors.** The region recognized two new advisors: Dr. Jeremiah Davis from Huntington University and Prof. Alex Franke from West Liberty University.
8. **President's Cup.** No chapters were nominated for President's Cup this year.
9. **Discussion.** We discussed the importance of regional development and the frequency of conferences. We stressed the importance of having a conference experience, even if it went to every two years. We also discussed a desire to help support other regions in ways that would be helpful. We discussed education tours or trips as a possible option for the interim years between conferences.
10. **Regional Elections.** Tiffany Sites was elected as the Region V Student Representative.
11. **Adjournment.** Tiffany Sites motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Luckey.

Region V no longer has a treasury and thus no financial report was needed.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Tanner Babb
Region V Vice President*

Region VI Report

Minutes—April 4, 2025

1. **Call to Order.** President Dr. Linda Latimer called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Central.
2. **Roll Call.** Two chapters were present: Post University and Roger Williams University.
3. **Discussion.** While elections were not held, Dr. Latimer has worked hard to recruit officers from the region. Currently Dr. Michael McGuire from Mount Saint Mary University is considering becoming an officer. For now, the positions of Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer for Region VI remain vacant. Regional leadership plans to hold a regional meeting for advisors as well as events for students in the future.
4. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Central.

Region VI no longer has a treasury and thus no financial report was needed.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Linda Latimer
Region VI President*

Region VII Report

Minutes—April 4-5, 2025

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Maria Palaiologou.
2. **Roll Call.** The following colleges had delegates present: California State University, Bakersfield; Fresno Pacific University; Grand Canyon University; Hawaii Pacific University. There were fourteen delegates present.
3. **Approval of 2024 Minutes.** It was moved and seconded that the minutes from 2024 be accepted. The motion was passed.
4. **Star and Notable Chapters.** President Palaiologou inquired if any of the chapters had been designated as Star Chapters for the 2023-24 academic year. Fresno Pacific University and Grand Canyon University received Star Chapter status, and California State University, Bakersfield was named a Notable Chapter.
5. **President's Cup.** There was then a discussion about one of the region's chapters being nominated for the President's Cup. Grand Canyon was a recent winner, and it was understood that there could not be successive nominations for the cup. Thus, there will be no nomination for the cup from Region VII.
6. **Discussion.** The first item concerned virtual versus in-person meetings. The delegates registered that they unanimously preferred in-person meetings. It was also recommended that for those delegates and/or chapters that cannot attend that Livestream access be provided. It was also recommended that Alpha Chi provide funding for those delegates from chapters that cannot afford to attend the in-person meetings.
7. **Chapter Discussion.** There was then discussion concerning absent chapters that normally attend the convention, e.g. University of La Verne, California Baptist University, and Westminster College. We will request information from National about these chapters and their status to see if they are still active and what we might do to encourage their attendance at the next national meeting.
8. **Regional Officer Elections.** President Palaiologou then announced that our region needs to elect a student representative to the National Council. Laura Hand from Fresno Pacific was nominated and elected.
9. **Adjournment.**

Region VII no longer has a treasury and thus no financial report was needed.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Jackie Kegley
Region VII Secretary-Treasurer*

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60	Adrian College Michigan Alpha	Region V	Dr. Bryan Bott Institute for Study Abroad	110 S. Madison Street Adrian, MI 49221-2575
290	Alice Lloyd College Kentucky Eta	Region V	Dr. Rhonda Smith-Daugherty History Dept.	100 Purpose Rd Pippa Passes, KY 41844
34	American International College Massachusetts Alpha	Region VI	Dr. Yousef Izadi Physics Dept.	1000 State St. Springfield, MA 01109
372	Anderson University South Carolina Eta	Region III	Dr. Gilbert Eyabi English Dept.	316 Boulevard Anderson, SC 29621
80	Angelo State University Texas Alpha Iota	Region I	Dr. Karl Havlak Mathematics Dept.	2601 W. Avenue N San Angelo, TX 76909
100	Arkansas Tech University Arkansas Kappa	Region II	Dr. Joseph Swain History & Political Science	407 West Q Street Russellville, AR 72801
10	Austin College Texas Kappa	Region II	Prof. Hunt Tooley History Dept.	Dept. of History Sherman, TX 75090
126	Averett University Virginia Beta	Region III	Dr. Jennifer Hughes English Dept.	420 West Main Street Danville, VA 24541
255	Barry University Florida Epsilon	Region III	Dr. Ben Hitchinson Biomedical Sciences	11300 NE 2nd Ave. Miami Shores, FL 33161-6695
76	Barton College North Carolina Gamma	Region III	Dr. Bill Hunt English Dept.	PO Box 5000 Wilson, NC 27893-7000
121	Belmont University Tennessee Eta	Region III	Dr. Christian Williams Public Health	1900 Belmont Blvd Nashville, TN 37212
183	Bethune-Cookman University Florida Gamma	Region III	Dr. Hector Torres, Sr. Academic Affairs	640 Dr Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd. Daytona Beach, FL 32114
223	Bloomfield College New Jersey Beta	Region VI	Dr. Harry Franqui-Rivera Humanities Dept.	467 Franklin Street Bloomfield, NJ 07003
407	Blue Mountain Christian Univ. Mississippi Eta	Region III	Dr. Rosa Rutland Instructor of Spanish	P.O. Box 160 Blue Mountain, MS 38610
111	Bluefield State University West Virginia Delta	Region V	Dr. Vince Mateescu Applied Science	Bluefield State University Bluefield, WV 24701
358	Bluefield University Virginia Kappa	Region III	Dr. Tracey Stout Division of Christian Studies	3000 College Avenue Bluefield, VA 24605
141	Bowie State University Maryland Alpha	Region VI	Prof. Angela Burrus Lang., Lit. & Cultural Studies	14000 Jericho Park Rd Bowie, MD 20715
137	Brescia University Kentucky Delta	Region V	Dr. Christopher Griffin History Dept.	717 Frederica Street Owensboro, KY 42301
374	Brevard College North Carolina Omega	Region III	Dr. James Everett English Dept.	1 Brevard College Dr Brevard, NC 28712
132	Bridgewater College Virginia Gamma	Region III	Dr. Ian McNeil Chemistry Dept.	402 E. College St. Bridgewater, VA 22812
102	Buena Vista University Iowa Epsilon	Region IV	Dr. Steven Mills Associate Professor of Spanish	610 W. 4th Street Storm Lake, IA 50588-1713
94	California Baptist University California Beta	Region VII	Dr. Tae Sung Office of Student Success	8342 Magnolia Ave. Riverside, CA 92504
332	Cal. State Univ., Bakersfield California Iota	Region VII	Dr. Jackie Kegley Philosophy & Religious Studies	9001 Stockdale Highway Bakersfield, CA 93311-1099
377	Campbellsville University Kentucky Lambda	Region V	Dr. Craig Rogers Honors Program	1 University Drive Campbellsville, KY 42718
233	Capitol Technology University Maryland Beta	Region VI	Dr. Charles Conner Engineering Dept.	11301 Springfield Road Laurel, MD 20708
81	Carson-Newman University Tennessee Delta	Region III	Dr. Kip Wheeler English Dept.	1646 Russell Avenue Jefferson City, TN 37760
333	Carthage College Wisconsin Delta	Region V	Dr. Neil Scharnick Honors Program Director	2001 Alford Park Drive Kenosha, WI 53140
182	Catawba College North Carolina Omicron	Region III	Dr. Lydia Hayes History Dept.	2300 W Innes St Salisbury, NC 28144
23	Centenary College of Louisiana Louisiana Alpha	Region II	Prof. Jessica Hawkins Art and Visual Culture	2911 Centenary Blvd. Shreveport, LA 71134-1188
352	Central Baptist College Arkansas Xi	Region II	Prof. Traci Caldwell Literature & Language Arts	1501 College Avenue Conway, AR 72034
335	Central Methodist University Missouri Nu	Region IV	Dr. Richard Bradley History Dept.	411 Central Methodist Square Fayette, MO 65248
250	Charleston Southern University South Carolina Zeta	Region III	Dr. Maxwell Rollins College of Business	9200 University Blvd N Charleston, SC 29406-9121
342	Chowan University North Carolina Phi	Region III	Dr. Lia Walker Biology Dept.	One University Place Murfreesboro, NC 27855-1855
153	Christian Brothers University Tennessee Theta	Region III	Dr. John Young Associate Professor of Chemistry	650 East Parkway South Memphis, TN 38104

163	Christopher Newport University Virginia Zeta	Region III	Dr. Jay Paul Honors Program	1 Avenue of the Arts Newport News, VA 23606
196	Colby-Sawyer College New Hampshire Alpha	Region VI	Dr. Randy Hanson Social Sciences and Education	541 Main Street New London, NH 03257
292	Colorado Mesa University Colorado Gamma	Region IV	Dr. Jacob Eikenberry Social Work	1100 North Avenue Grand Junction, CO 81501
164	Columbia College Missouri Epsilon	Region IV	Dr. Moenes Mellouli Natural Sciences & Mathematics	301 CAMPUSVIEW DR COLUMBIA, MO 65201
95	Concord University West Virginia Beta	Region V	Dr. Rod Klein Dept. of Social Sciences	PO Box 1000 Athens, WV 24712-1000
238	Concordia University Texas Texas Alpha Rho	Region I	Dr. Matthew Bloom College of Liberal Arts	11400 Concordia University Dr. Austin, TX 78726-1887
287	Concordia University Wisconsin Wisconsin Gamma	Region V	Dr. Gary Locklair Computer Science	12800 N. Lake Shore Drive Mequon, WI 53097-2402
406	Cottey College Missouri Tau	Region IV	Dr. Oindrila Roy International Relations	1000 W. Austin Blvd Nevada, MO 64772
125	Culver-Stockton College Missouri Beta	Region IV	Dr. Vicky Tong Chemistry Dept.	1 College Hill Canton, MO 63435
269	Cumberland University Tennessee Lambda	Region III	Dr. Sheridan Henson Humanities, Education, and the Arts	1 Cumberland Square Lebanon, TN 37087
134	Dallas Baptist University Texas Alpha Nu	Region II	Dr. Kimberly Figaro Cook School of Leadership	3000 Mountain Creek Parkway Dallas, TX 75211
360	DeVry University Illinois Iota	Region V	Dr. Michael Reitzel Senior Professor	9305 Glenlake Drive Austin, TX 78730
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396	Dominican University Illinois Kappa	Region V	Dr. Tonia Triggiano Associate Professor of Italian	7900 West Division St. River Forest, IL 60305
169	Dominican University New York New York Zeta	Region VI	Dr. Jennifer Sassano Dept. of Mathematics	470 Western Highway Orangeburg, NY 10962
56	East Central University Oklahoma Gamma	Region II	Dr. Christine Pappas Political Science	1100 E 14th St Ada, OK 74820
46	East Texas Baptist University Texas Alpha Zeta	Region II	Dr. Ellis Purdie English Dept.	1 Tiger Drive Marshall, TX 75670-1498
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390	Erskine College South Carolina Iota	Region III	Dr. Christiane-Marie Abu Sarah History and Political Science	2 Washington St. Due West, SC 29639
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282	Florida Memorial University Florida Zeta	Region III	Dr. Randy James English Dept.	15800 N.W. 42nd Avenue Miami Gardens, FL 33054
59	Franciscan Univ. of Steubenville Ohio Alpha	Region V	Dr. Ann Dulany Advising & Academic Operations	1235 University Blvd. Steubenville, OH 43952
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285	Fresno Pacific University California Zeta	Region VII	Dr. Marshall Johnston University Scholars Program	1717 S. Chestnut Ave. Fresno, CA 93702
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123	Gardner-Webb University North Carolina Zeta	Region III	Dr. Elizabeth Amato Social Sciences	110 South Main Street Boiling Springs, NC 28017
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239	Nebraska Alpha Hawaii Pacific University	Region VII	Communication Studies Dr. Yongli Chen	Hastings, NE 68902-0269 1 Aloha Tower Dr
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40	Texas Lutheran University Texas Alpha Delta	Region I	Dr. Kathleen Seal Biology Dept.	1000 W Court Street Seguin, TX 78155
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12	Texas Wesleyan University Texas Mu	Region II	Prof. Bruce Benz World Languages & Literatures	1201 Wesleyan Street Fort Worth, TX 76105
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151	Univ. of N. Carolina at Pembroke North Carolina Kappa	Region III	Dr. Teagan Decker Maynor Honors College	1 University Drive Pembroke, NC 28372-1510
64	University of Sioux Falls South Dakota Alpha	Region IV	Dr. Bill Soeffing Biology/Natural Sciences	1101 West 22nd Street Sioux Falls, SD 57105
405	Univ. of Tennessee Southern Tennessee Xi	Region III	Dr. Jennifer Aust Mathematics Dept.	433 West Madison Street Pulaski, TN 38478

74	University of Texas at Arlington Texas Alpha Theta	Region II	Dr. David Rakowski Finance & Real Estate	701 S. West St., Ste. 434 Arlington, TX 76019
161	University of Texas at Tyler Texas Alpha Xi	Region II	Dr. Sean Butler Chemistry & Biochemistry	3900 University Blvd Tyler, TX 75799
186	Univ. of Texas Rio Grande Valley Texas Alpha Omicron	Region I	Dr. John Newman Writing & Language Studies	One West University Boulevard Brownsville, TX 78520
267	University of West Alabama Alabama Epsilon	Region III	Dr. Martinique Perkins Herlong Psychology & Sociology	1 College Drive Livingston, AL 35470-2097
47	Valdosta State University Georgia Alpha	Region III	Dr. Ryan Wander English Dept.	1500 N. Patterson St. Valdosta, GA 31698
364	Waldorf University Iowa Iota	Region IV	Dr. Suzanne Falck-Yi Dept. of English	106 S. Sixth Street Forest City, IA 50436
243	Warner University Florida Delta	Region III	Dr. Robert Lamar Natural Sciences	13895 Highway 27 Lake Wales, FL 33859
51	Wartburg College Iowa Alpha	Region IV	Dr. Ethan Blass Modern Languages	100 Wartburg Blvd Waverly, IA 50677
251	Washington Adventist University Maryland Delta	Region VI	Dr. Christopher Banks Student Success	7600 Flower Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912
48	Wayland Baptist University Texas Alpha Eta	Region I	Dr. Rebekah Crowe Behavioral & Social Sciences	1900 W. Seventh St. Plainview, TX 79072
324	West Liberty University West Virginia Epsilon	Region V	Dr. Linda Cowan Music and Theater	208 University Dr. West Liberty, WV 26074-1082
109	West Virginia Univ. Inst. of Tech West Virginia Gamma	Region V	Dr. Peggy Lambert Fink School of Nursing	410 Neville Street Beckley, WV 25801
152	Westminster College Missouri Delta	Region IV	Dr. David Jones Psychology Dept.	501 Westminster Avenue Fulton, MO 65251
43	Westminster Univ. Salt Lake City Utah Alpha	Region VII	Dr. Michael Santarosa Registrar	1840 S 1300 E Salt Lake City, UT 841025
411	Wilberforce University Ohio Iota	Region V	Dr. Godfrey Vincent Honors Program	1055 N. Bickett Rd. Wilberforce, OH 45384
116	William Carey University Mississippi Beta	Region III	Dr. Brandon Knight Theatre & Communication	710 William Carey Pkwy. Hattiesburg, MS 39401
345	William Peace University North Carolina Psi	Region III	Dr. Heidi Gailor Business Administration	15 E. Peace St. Raleigh, NC 27604
63	William Penn University Iowa Beta	Region IV	Dr. Michael Collins Sociology Dept.	201 Trueblood Avenue Oskaloosa, IA 52577
69	William Woods University Missouri Alpha	Region IV	Dr. Robin Hirsch-Jacobson Biology Dept.	1 University Ave. Fulton, MO 65251
202	Wingate University North Carolina Pi	Region III	Prof. Tracy Davis Biology Dept.	211 East Wilson Street Wingate, NC 28174
162	York College of Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Delta	Region VI	Dr. Ilana Krug History & Political Science	441 Country Club Road York, PA 17403-3521
315	York University Nebraska Epsilon	Region IV	Dr. Steven Hardy English Dept.	1125 E 8th St. York, NE 68467
394	Young Harris College Georgia Xi	Region III	Dr. Daniel Helbert English Dept.	1 College Street Young Harris, GA 30582

2025 Convention Delegates

Region I

(6 Chapters, 16 Delegates)

Abilene Christian University

LaShae Grottis
Darby Hewitt
Michael Campbell
Adrian Puckett
Jennifer Wadlow

Angelo State University

Dennis Hall
Karl Havlak
Michaela Zimmerman

Lubbock Christian University

K-Dee Anderson
Alexandra Johnston

Texas State University

Peter Golato
Erika Nielson
Paula Williamson
Nisa Sindhi

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Jodi Pilgrim

Wayland Baptist University

Rebekah Crowe

Region II

(8 Chapters, 31 Delegates)

Arkansas Tech University

Joseph Swain
Jordan Brown
Rose Gunther
Gabrielle Stockand
Emily Stolp

Harding University

Jackson Trahant

Lyon College

Jeremy Chapman
Katherine Hunter

Ouachita Baptist University

Myra Houser
Tuesday Melton
Olivia Nethercutt
Cole Sullivan
Madelyn Tullos
Benjamin Utter

Southeastern OK State University

Jennifer Hicks
Alexander Robinson

Texas A&M University – Texarkana

Craig Nakashian
Mary Adele Philips
Iuliia Pacheco Bronnikova

Texas College

Hamad Ali
Jan Duncan
Mamta Gupta
Mingle Moore
Arrey Ayukokata
Tyler Mitchell
Erig Ndayambaje

Univ. of Arkansas at Monticello

Austin Hammons
Kate Stewart
Carol Strong
Destiny Forrest
Kailley White

Region III

(14 Chapters, 34 Delegates)

Belmont University

Christian Williams
Ava Edwards
Annie Wardroup

Carson-Newman University

Amanda Ford
Kip Wheeler
Kelli Williams
Savannah Joiner
Emily Kledzik
Leslie Osborne

Freed-Hardeman University

Breanna Bauman

Gardner-Webb University

Elizabeth Amato
James Noah Seip

Lander University

Justin Roberts

Lipscomb University

Autumn Marshall
Michelle Putnam
Audrey Birdwell

Mars Hill University

Laura Steil
Savannah Stanish
Hannah Todd
Lia Whitman

Milligan University

Bob Mahan
Lori Mills

Shenandoah University

Diep Vu Ca
Meredith Lloyd
Zoe Star

Southeastern University

Nelson Mathenge

Strayer University

Joel Chagadama
Alinacia Williams

Univ. of North Carolina at Pembroke

Teagan Decker
Nora Johnson

Univ. of Tennessee Southern

Jennifer Aust
Alexa Bryan

William Carey University

Brandon Knight
Samantha Stokes

Region IV

(7 Chapters, 24 Delegates)

Colorado Mesa University

Jacob Eikenberry
Angeline Alcaraz
Emma Hamilton
Jessica Passi

Hastings College

Jessica Henry

Kansas Wesleyan University

Steve Hoekstra
Katelyn Botz

Lindenwood University

Justine Pas
Kathi Vosevich
Addison Forrester
Saskia Fuchs
Nemanja Medan
Elaine Ragland
Faith Salamone
Jessica Turner

Missouri Western State University

Teddi Deka
Amy Beard
Ellen Holmes
Averi Holsted
Molly Killion
Allaina Mace

Waldorf University

Nolan Reynolds

York University

Steven Hardy
Eliza Rohda

Region V

(5 Chapters, 19 Delegates)

Bluefield State University

Vincent Mateescu

Anthony Bright

Brescia University

Linh Dinh

DeVry University

Timothy Williams

Huntington University

Tanner Babb

Jeremiah Davis

Ann McPherran

Ruth Nalliah

Paul Nalliah

Paige Lee

Rebecca Luckey

Olivia Robbins

West Liberty University

Linda Cowan

Ishika Agarwal

Andrew Beckett

Abigail Farnsworth

Lindsey Morais

Allison Post

Tiffany Sites

Region VI

(4 Chapters, 13 Delegates)

Bowie State University

Angela Burrus

Alana Askew

Javai Dumas

Jate' Harrington

Amari Miller

Katrina Schontrease Johnson

Joachim Walker

Joe Walker

Juliet Walker

Pine Manor College

Azsha Ray

Post University

Linda Latimer

Roger Williams University

Bonita Cade

Emma Mallet

Region VII

(4 Chapters, 32 Delegates)

California State Univ. Bakersfield

Jacquelyn Kegley

Maria Palaologou

Fresno Pacific University

Marshall Johnston

Pamela Johnston

Daniel Larson

Brooke Barham

Jan Bialecki

Paola Gonzalez Mendez

Laura Hand

Madeline Ross

Izaiah Ruiz

Jasmine Sirvent

Fatima Torrez Sanchez

Safaa Umar

Grand Canyon University

Breanna Naegeli

Anei Arop

Georgian Arrey

Raihana Asadullah

Geneva Berrett

Ambachew Gajafo

Montserrat Garcia

Adia Hopkins

Judith Maduakolam

Dillon McGuckin

Lyric Mitchell

Allison Rogers

Sanyukta Singh

Maria Villalobos

Ana Wright

Cymone Wynn

Hawai'i Pacific University

Marquesa Calderon

Others

Alpha Chi National Office

Jaycie Birdwell

Katie Holmes

Lara Noah

Keynote Speaker

Zach Anner

Exhibitors

Eliza Dickey

Tim Lindblom

Duncan MacDonald

Deepti Miller

Jacob Pita

Lexie Ruckman

Maura Sullivan



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Convention Keynote



Zach Anner is a comedian, author, television writer, public speaker, and YouTube personality. He grew up in Buffalo, NY, and somehow remained an optimist despite enduring seven-month winters and watching the Buffalo Bills lose four straight Super Bowls. Zach's YouTube videos have amassed over 100 million views and have helped change the conversation around disability. He is an ambassador for the Cerebral Palsy Foundation and has worked with United Cerebral Palsy's Wheels for Humanity program to distribute wheelchairs to disadvantaged communities in Nicaragua. He published his memoir *If at Birth You Don't Succeed* in 2016, and his work writing for television has been honored with 2017 and 2023 Sentinel Awards for outstanding depictions of people with disabilities on screen.

Collegiate Chapters Attending by Region

Region I

Abilene Christian University
Angelo State University
Lubbock Christian University
Texas State University
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Wayland Baptist University

Region II

Arkansas Tech University
Harding University
Lyon College
Ouachita Baptist University
Southeastern Oklahoma State Univ.
Texas A&M University-Texarkana
Texas College
University of Arkansas at Monticello

Region III

Belmont University
Carson-Newman University

Freed-Hardeman University
Gardner-Webb University
Lander University
Lipscomb University
Mars Hill University
Milligan University
Shenandoah University
Southeastern University
Strayer University
Univ. of North Carolina at Pembroke
University of Tennessee Southern
William Carey University

Region IV

Colorado Mesa University
Hastings College
Kansas Wesleyan University
Lindenwood University
Missouri Western State University
Waldorf University
York University

Region V

Bluefield State University
Brescia University
DeVry University
Huntington University
West Liberty University

Region VI

Bowie State University
Pine Manor College
Post University
Roger Williams University

Region VII

California State University, Bakersfield
Fresno Pacific University
Grand Canyon University
Hawaii Pacific University

National Council of Alpha Chi

2021-25 At-Large Faculty Members

Dr. Bonita Cade, Roger Williams University (VI)	2013-17, 2017-21, 2021-25
Dr. Jessica Henry, Hastings College (IV)	2021-25
Dr. Myra Houser, Ouachita Baptist University (II)	2022-25
Dr. Jodi Pilgrim, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (I)	2022-25

2023-27 At-Large Faculty Members

Dr. Linda Cowan, West Liberty University (V)	2019-23, 2023-27
Dr. Teagan Decker, University of North Carolina at Pembroke (III)	2023-27
Dr. Steve Hoekstra, Kansas Wesleyan University (IV)	2019-23, 2023-27
Dr. Justine Pas, Lindenwood University (IV)	2024-27

Regional Secretary-Treasurers

Region I	Dr. Dennis Hall, Angelo State University	2022-26
Region II	Dr. Kate Stewart, University of Arkansas at Monticello	(A-L 2011-15) 2020-24, 2024-28
Region III	Dr. Kip Wheeler, Carson-Newman University	(A-L 2019-23, 2023-24) 2024-28
Region IV	Dr. Teddi Deka, Missouri Western State University	2016-20, 2020-24, 2024-28
Region V	Dr. Craig Rogers, Campbellsville University	2014-18, 2018-22, 2022-26
Region VI	currently vacant	need to fill through spring 2028
Region VII	Dr. Jackie Kegley, California State University, Bakersfield	2017-21, 2021-24, 2024-28

Regional Student Representatives, 2023-25

Region I	Anthony Sarmiento, Angelo State University	2023-25
Region III	Bre Tonkery Bauman, Freed-Hardeman University	2023-25
Region V	Lindsey Morais, West Liberty University	2023-25
Region VII	Marquesa Calderon, Hawaii Pacific University	2023-25

Regional Student Representatives, 2024-26

Region II	Alexander Robinson, Southeastern Oklahoma State University	2024-26
Region IV	Nolan Reynolds, Waldorf University	2024-26
Region VI	Azsha Ray, Pine Manor College	2024-26

National Council Executive Committee

Dr. Linda Cowan, West Liberty University, President	(VP 2022-23) 2023-27
Dr. Bonita Cade, Roger Williams University, Vice President	2023-27
Dr. Teddi Deka, Missouri Western State University, Secretary	2023-27
Lara Q. Noah, Executive Director (ex-officio)	start date Sep. 1, 2018

Regional Presidents & Vice Presidents

Along with the regional secretary-treasurers and student representatives listed above, these officers comprise each Regional Executive Committee.

Region I	President:	Dr. Erika Nielson Vargas, Texas State University	2024-26
	Vice President:	currently vacant	need to fill through spring 2026
Region II	President:	Dr. Myra Houser, Ouachita Baptist University	2021-22, 2022-24, 2024-26
	Vice President:	Dr. Jennifer Hicks, Southeastern Oklahoma State University	2024-26
Region III	President:	Dr. Laura Steil, Mars Hill University	2024-26
	Vice President:	Prof. Michelle Putnam, Lipscomb University	2024-26
Region IV	President:	Dr. Kathi Vosevich, Lindenwood University	2024-26
	Vice President:	Dr. Justine Pas, Lindenwood University	2024-26
Region V	President:	Dr. Joni Lindsey, Lake Superior State University	2024-26
	Vice President:	Dr. Tanner Babb, Huntington University	2024-26
Region VI	President:	Dr. Linda Latimer, Post University	2023-24, 2024-26
	Vice President:	currently vacant	need to fill through spring 2026
Region VII	President:	Dr. Maria Palaologou, California State University, Bakersfield	2022-24, 2024-26
	Vice President:	Dr. Bre Naegeli, Grand Canyon University	2018-20, 2020-22, 2022-24, 2024-26

Gatherly Navigation Guide for Attendees

Prepare to have a unique convention experience! Gatherly will be a new platform for most of you, and this guide will help you make the most of the convention.

If you need help during the event, don't worry. Gatherly tech support will be available throughout the event, and of course we'll have our usual AX Central table where you can ask Alpha Chi-specific questions.

Understanding the Gatherly Space

Gatherly is designed like a multi-floor venue, allowing you to move freely just like at an in-person event! Here's how to get started:

1. On the top-right corner, you'll find the map. Click anywhere on it to move.
2. To switch floors, click the green Elevator button on the right-hand panel and choose your destination.
3. To join or start a conversation, click on someone's avatar to "tap them on the shoulder." This will allow you to form a huddle and chat in real time.

Above Your Video

You'll see two buttons:

1. **Member Presentations** – Clicking this will open a new tab where you can watch member presentations. Gatherly will remain open in the other tab.
2. **Program of Events** – Clicking this will display a lightbox on your screen, showing the program of events that will help you navigate through the convention.

Broadcast Mode

Broadcast mode is just like a webinar, meaning everyone in the event space can hear the speaker. During a broadcast the speakers cannot see or hear individual attendees. But don't worry—you can still engage via the audience chat, located just below the green Elevator button.

Once the broadcast ends, you'll return to the map where you'll be able to interact with others again. You can choose when and who you'd like to engage with!

Map Mode

Map mode is what makes Gatherly unique! Rather than being stuck in a sea of videos, in map mode you become an avatar on the map at the top right corner of your screen, and you're able to navigate around the various floors of the convention space. Just as an in-person convention takes place in a variety of *rooms*, events on Gatherly take place on different *floors*. Each floor is different, so get ready to explore the unique space we've created for you.

Moving Around & Interacting in Map Mode

1. Click anywhere on the map to move your avatar.
2. Click on someone's avatar to join their conversation and network in small groups. Groups are automatically formed and stacked, allowing for face-to-face conversations.
3. To leave a conversation, simply click another space on the map.

Using Tables and Booths in Map Mode

1. Click on a booth or table to join a structured discussion.
2. Some booths may feature company representatives or resources for you to explore.
3. If a booth has a representative, their name and organization will be displayed when you hover over it.

Chat & Networking Features

Below the Elevator button, you'll find the chat options:

1. Event Chat – Messages everyone in the event.
2. Huddle Chat – Messages only those in your current group.

If you need assistance, look for the Gatherly Help Desk located on Floor 1.

Additional Tools

1. Camera & Mic Controls – Turn your camera and microphone on or off using the toolbar below your video.
2. Live Closed Captioning & Screen Sharing – These tools are also available in the toolbar.
3. Private Conversations – Use the lock button to make your chat private. Unlock it when you'd like others to join.

Convention Floor Directory

April 4, 2025 - Day 1

Floor 1 - Lobby & Gatherly Help Desk
Floor 2 - AX Staff Help Desk & Patio
Floor 3 - Advisor Networking Lounge
Floor 4 - Alumni Networking Lounge
Floor 5 - Development Hall A
Floor 6 - Development Hall B
Floor 7 - Development Hall C
Floor 8 - Development Hall D
Floor 9 - Regions I, V and VI
Floor 10 - Region II
Floor 11 - Region III
Floor 12 - Region IV
Floor 13 - Region VII
Floor 14 - Games Lounge
Floor 15 - Green Room

April 5, 2025 - Day 2

Floor 1 - Lobby & Gatherly Help Desk
Floor 2 - AX Staff Help Desk & Patio
Floor 3 - Presenter Q&A Session A
Floor 4 - Presenter Q&A Session B
Floor 5 - Development Hall A
Floor 6 - Development Hall B
Floor 7 - Development Hall C
Floor 8 - Development Hall D
Floor 9 - Regions I, V and VI
Floor 10 - Region II
Floor 11 - Region III
Floor 12 - Region IV
Floor 13 - Region VII
Floor 14 - Games Lounge
Floor 15 - Green Room
Floor 16 - Grad Fair Booths A
Floor 17 - Grad Fair Booths B

Program of Events

Friday, April 4

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10:00 a.m. Independent Presentation ViewingAnywhere on Gatherly

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11:00 a.m. Welcome & OrientationBroadcast

When this event begins, you will be pulled from wherever you are in Gatherly into an all-delegate Broadcast which will feel similar to a Zoom webinar.

Join us for the official welcome to the 2025 National Convention! We'll hear a little from leadership, do a quick program overview, and get more acquainted with the Gatherly platform. If you were unable to attend a live orientation session before the conference, please join us as we embark on a brief tour of Gatherly.

The 2025-2029 slate of National Council Member-at-Large candidates will be introduced, and we'll hear from a few Regional Student Representatives who will be finishing their Council service this spring. Voting delegates will learn how to receive and complete their ballots for the At-Large election.

12:00 p.m. Trisha Yarbrough Collaborative Research Competition Presentations, Session A.....Broadcast

When this event begins, you will be pulled from wherever you are in Gatherly into an all-delegate Broadcast for this event. Three of the five collaborative research teams in this year's competition will share their projects' findings (10 min.) and answer questions from the competition judges (5 mins).

All Session A team presenters have received instructions and are asked to attend this entire session.

12:05 – 12:20: Abilene Christian University

Marketing and New Member Engagement in the Health and Wellness Industry

Team: Michael J. Campbell, Adrian Puckett, and Jennifer L. Wadlow

12:25 – 12:40: West Liberty University

Reimagining Academic Learning through New Forms of Digital Media Consumption

Team: Ishika Agarwal, Abigail Farnsworth, Allison Post, and Tiffany Sites

12:45 – 1:00: Ouachita Baptist University

What's A.I.ling U?

Team: Olivia Nethercutt, Cole Sullivan, and Madelyn Tullos

1:15 p.m. Advisor NetworkingAdvisor Networking Lounge

If you're a chapter advisor, you'll want to drop by to visit with your colleagues! While there's no formal programming, we have set some identifiers on the tables. Feel free to join any table you want or that has other advisors at it. You can also just mingle around the room and start a private conversation.

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2:00 p.m. Alumni Networking Alumni Networking Lounge

Alumni of Alpha Chi are invited to the Alumni Networking Lounge on the 4th floor to visit with each other, several National Council members, and Executive Director Noah. Come spend a few minutes to learn more about how to make the most of lifetime membership.

2:00 p.m. Chapter Development Sessions (40-minutes)

Select one of the following four sessions.

The Peer Review Process of *Aletheia*Development Hall A

Presented by Dr. Tim Lindblom, Jacksonville State University

Chapter advisors will learn how they and their colleagues can play vital roles in Alpha Chi's peer review process. Come explore this unique experience and pathway to gaining service credentials.

Building Your Chapter's Brand: Elevate, Integrate, and Engage on CampusDevelopment Hall B

Presented by Dr. Bre Naegeli, Grand Canyon University

Learn how to establish a meaningful and recognizable Alpha Chi brand on your campus that reflects both your chapter's values and mission. Explore strategies to become more integrated into the fabric of your institution through purposeful visibility, partnerships, and campus involvement. Discover how a strong chapter identity can enhance recruitment and deepen engagement with current and prospective members, and leave with actionable steps to make it happen.

Advisor & Officer Succession PlanningDevelopment Hall C

Presented by Dr. Jessica Henry, Hastings College; Dr. Ruth Nalliah, Huntington University

We all know how challenging transitions can be, so join us for tips on dealing with changes in the faculty, staff, or student leadership of your Alpha Chi chapter.

Know Your Neighbors Development Hall D

Presented by Dr. Steve Hoekstra, Kansas Wesleyan University

Join our session on how to host multi-chapter events to foster networking among members and chapters, particularly those within one of Alpha Chi's seven geographic regions. We'll brainstorm ways to enhance our regional identities and discuss benefits for Alpha Chi members.

3:00 p.m.

Regional Meetups

Navigate to the floor on which your regional meetup is being held to meet other delegates from chapters located in your geographic Alpha Chi region. These interactive sessions are facilitated by your region’s leadership team. Make introductions and recognize any new or reactivating chapters. If your region has positions open for election, discuss those and take nominations. Hear from any outgoing regional student representatives.

To identify your region, please consult the listing on p. 2.

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4:15 p.m.

Chapter Development Sessions (40 minutes)

Select another one of the following four sessions.

Alpha Chi Journals & Getting PublishedDevelopment Hall A

Presented by Dr. Kip Wheeler, Carson-Newman University; Lara Noah, Executive Director

Learn about the various opportunities members have for being published by Alpha Chi!

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5:05 – 5:20: Grand Canyon University

Trust is Not Artificial: AI Healthcare's Journey through Student Confidence, Marketing, and Legal Integrity

Team: Geneva Berrett, Adia Hopkins, Dillon McGuckin, Lyric Mitchell, and Allison Rogers

5:25 – 5:40: Fresno Pacific University

Literature as Medicine: Bibliotherapy's Effects on Burnout in Undergraduate Students of a Liberal Arts College

Team: Brooke Barham, Jan Bialecki, Jasmine Sirvent, Fatima Torrez-Sanchez, and Safaa Umar

6:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker—Zach AnnerBroadcast

Zach Anner is a comedian, author, television writer, public speaker, and YouTube personality. *If at Birth You Don't Succeed: My Adventures with Disaster and Destiny* is his frank and hilarious memoir about life with cerebral palsy and finding your way. As a guest-star and full-time writer on the 2016 ABC show *Speechless*, Anner highlighted the relationship between humor and advocacy. There should be time for questions immediately following his talk.

You are welcome and encouraged to remain in the convention space after today's events. Note: Gatherly and Alpha Chi staff assistance will not be available.

Program of Events

Saturday, April 5

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9:00 a.m. Independent Presentation ViewingAnywhere on Gatherly

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10:30 a.m. Saturday Welcome & OverviewBroadcast

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11:00 a.m. Regional Business Meetings

For any regional election, each chapter present is allowed up to two votes (voting advisor and voting student only). Formally install any new regional office holders during this meeting. All seven Region Presidents will be asked to announce their election results during the National Business Meeting.

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Traditional Regional Meeting Agenda

- Chapter Roll Call
- Approval of Last Year's Minutes
- Regional Election Results (installation of any new regional officers)
- Chapter Recognition: Star/Notable
- Discuss Nominations for the 2026 President's Cup Competition
- Outgoing Advisor Recognition
- Other Regional Business

12:00 p.m. National Business Meeting.....Broadcast

Tentative Agenda

- Council Officer Report/s
- At-Large National Council Member Election Results (At-Large runoff, if needed)
- Regional Election Results
- Advisor Service Recognition
- Outgoing Council Member Recognition

1:00 p.m. Member Development Sessions (50 minutes)

Choose one of the following four sessions.

Applying to Graduate SchoolDevelopment Hall A

Presented by The Princeton Review

Interview Tips & TricksDevelopment Hall B

Presented by the Texas A&M University-Texarkana chapter

Power SkillsDevelopment Hall C

Presented by the Lindenwood University chapter

Resume Writing Development Hall D

Presented by the Texas State University chapter

2:00 p.m. Presenter Q&A Sessions

Presenters are required to attend their Q&A session to be available for real-time questions about their recorded presentations. We ask that all comments and questions are given with courtesy and respect. Each table will have a moderator.

Session A (2:00 – 2:25) Presentation Q&A Session A

Table 1: Biology & Health Sciences, *moderated by Breanna Bauman*

Table 2: Business Management & Mathematics, *moderated by Katie Holmes*

Table 3: Political Science & Economics, *moderated by Nolan Reynolds*

Table 4: Education, *moderated by Dr. Bonita Cade*

Table 5: Psychology, *moderated by Azsha Ray*

Session B (2:30 – 2:55)..... Presentation Q&A Session B

Table 6: Anthropology & Sociology, *moderated by Dr. Teddi Deka*

Table 7: Fine Arts, *moderated by Dr. Linda Cowan*

Table 8: Creative Writing, *moderated by Marquesa Calderon*

Table 9: Literature, *moderated by Dr. Kate Stewart*

Table 10: World History, *moderated by Dr. Myra Houser*

3:00 p.m. Graduate School Fair

A three-hour event where delegates will have the opportunity to visit representatives from a variety of graduate programs. Click on any booth to join their discussion and ask any questions you may have.

Graduate Program Booths

- American University School of Public Affairs **Floor 16**
- Bard College Master of Arts Global Studies **Floor 16**
- Bowling Green State University Graduate Admissions **Floor 16**
- Suffolk University **Floor 17**
- The University of Alabama Graduate School **Floor 17**
- University of Louisville School of Public Health & Information Services..... **Floor 17**

- 6:00 p.m. 2025 Convention Awards Gala.....Broadcast**
- Come decked out in your Alpha Chi blues and greens and get ready to cheer each other on as we put a bow on the 2025 National Convention!
- Member Presentation Prize Announcements
 - Collaborative Research Team Prize Announcements
 - Call for Convention Feedback
 - Preview of 2026 National Convention City & Hotel
 - Appreciations & Farewells

2025 Convention Presentation Prizes

National Convention Presentation Prizes are \$100 awards given for presentations deemed best-in-category in a variety of undergraduate disciplines and collectively for the graduate student and alumni presenter groups. In order for a discipline-specific prize to be awarded, there must be at least three undergraduate presentations in that discipline. Several disciplines received fewer than three undergraduate presenters this year. Those presenters have been combined into a few broader prize categories.

Based on presenters registered, the following 11 prizes will be awarded:

9 Undergraduate Presentation Prizes

Anthropology & Sociology
 Biological Sciences (Health Sciences and Organismal & Ecological Biology)
 Education
 Fine Arts (Art/Music/Dance Research, Performing Arts, and Creative Writing)
 Literature (American, British, and World Literature)
 Miscellaneous (Business Management and Mathematics)
 Political Science & Economics
 Psychology
 World History

1 Graduate Student Presentation Prize

1 Alumni Member Presentation Prize

[Click here to read about the generous donors and honorees of Alpha Chi's endowed convention presentation prizes.](#)

Member Presentation Details

Member presentation recordings will be accessible from Alpha Chi's YouTube channel via [this unlisted playlist](#) that is coded by discipline groups. The playlist will also be accessible from the upper Gatherly toolbar: "View Member Presentations." You do not have to be on any particular floor to view these or be logged into the convention. These recordings will be available for viewing throughout the entire convention. If you want to speak to a presenter, note the time and place of their scheduled Q&A session.

Key to Presenter Classification

- A = alumni member
- G = graduate student
- U = undergraduate student

Anthropology and Sociology

Judges: Tanner Babb, Indiana Beta; Andrew Bedrous, Kansas Delta

Q&A Session B: Sat. 2:30-2:55 p.m. CT, Floor 4, Table 6

Redefining Masculinity [\(video\)](#)

- U **Raymond Andrade**, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta
For many men, imagining masculinity separate from patriarchal context is near impossible. Feminists such as bell hooks offer insight on how to redefine masculinity to save all sexes from the turmoil suffered as a result of patriarchy.

The Neglected Sense: The Discrepancy Between Consumer Attitudes and Use of Hearing Protection [\(video\)](#)

- U **Brooke Barham**, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta
In today's loud and fast-paced world, it is easy to forget the need to protect our ears from hearing loss. This research will examine modern perceptions and use of our most neglected sense: our hearing.

Social Determinants of Health in Virginia's Shenandoah County, Woodstock Town [\(video\)](#)

- G **Ambachew Gajafo**, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha
Social Determinants of Health in Virginia's Shenandoah County, Woodstock Town.

At Different Times: An Investigation of Time-Oriented Versus Event-Oriented Cultures [\(video\)](#)

- U **Samantha L. Stokes**, William Carey University, Mississippi Beta
While 24 hours exist in a day worldwide, time as a social construct holds more value in some countries than in others. For time-oriented cultures, the daily schedule revolves around formality and productivity, while in event-oriented cultures, the ordinary pace centers on informality and community. Take this short [personality quiz](#) before watching the video to discover more about what makes you tick!

Biological Sciences

Judges: Mamta Gupta, Texas Beta Beta; Shireen Rahman, Maine Epsilon

Q&A Session A: Sat. 2:00-2:25 p.m. CT, Floor 3, Table 1

The Evolutionary History of Crabs: Carcinization [\(video\)](#)

- U **Katherine Hunter**, Lyon College, Arkansas Iota
Organismal & Ecological Biology - This presentation is a summary of a literature review paper about carcinization and the evolutionary history of crabs. Viewers will learn about the differences between "true" and "false" crabs. They will also learn more about convergent evolution and see lots of neat pictures!

Auditory Processing Deficits in Cntnap2 and BTBR Mouse Models of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) [\(video\)](#)

- G **Lindsey Morais**, West Liberty University, West Virginia Epsilon
Health Sciences - We examined auditory processing in Cntnap2 and BTBR mouse models of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) by measuring startle responses and prepulse inhibition. Both models showed altered acoustic startle reflexes, difficulty distinguishing sound frequencies, and impaired prepulse inhibition, suggesting disruptions in neural mechanisms underlying sensory processing differences associated with ASD.

A Brief Review of the Role of Plumage Color in Bird Mating [\(video\)](#)

U Olivia Robbins, Huntington University, Indiana Beta

Organismal & Ecological Biology - You've likely noticed that birds tend to be brightly colored, especially males. But have you ever wondered why bright colors might make more attractive mates? If you are curious, this paper explores the roles of plumage color, brightness, and iridescence in avian mate selection.

The Effects of Resistance Training on Muscle Strength and Muscle Metabolism in Caloric Restricted Rats [\(video\)](#)

U Justin Roberts, Lander University, South Carolina Alpha

Health Sciences - Caloric restriction promotes weight loss but often leads to muscle loss. My research investigates how minimal resistance training can preserve strength during fasting, providing key insights for aging and athletic populations. Discover how targeted training can mitigate muscle atrophy and optimize health outcomes in calorie-restricted individuals.

PAX6 and Actin Filament Co-Localization in Hair Cells of Neuromasts of Lateral Line System in Eurycea Salamanders [\(video\)](#)

G Nisa Sindhi, Texas State University, Texas Iota

Molecular & Cellular Biology - PAX6 and F-actin interaction is a novel discovery, and what makes it more interesting is that this phenomenon has been discovered in endangered species of salamanders found in Central Texas. This presentation touches on Central Texas salamander species diversity and their uniqueness and importance in research.

Business Management

Judges: Hamad Ali, Texas Beta Beta; Bob Mahan, Tennessee Nu

Q&A Session A: Sat. 2:00-2:25 p.m. CT, Floor 3, Table 2

Why Should You Support Entrepreneurs? [\(video\)](#)

U Addison Forrester, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi

How can you support the economy? The answer is to shop small and support new. Entrepreneurs are the backbone of our society, driving innovation and creating jobs. This presentation will explore the impact of these entrepreneurs and how your choices can make a big difference.

RSM Profession Challenge: Volunteerism Solutions [\(video\)](#)

U Hannah Todd, Mars Hill University, North Carolina Epsilon

Explore strategies to address the decline in volunteerism in recreation programs. Learn how targeted recruitment, flexible roles, and a positive volunteer culture can boost retention, enhance program quality, and reduce reliance on paid staff, ultimately strengthening community bonds and creating a lasting impact in the recreation sector.

Education

Judges: Erika Nielson, Texas Iota; Jodi Pilgrim, Texas Beta

Q&A Session A: Sat. 2:00-2:25 p.m. CT, Floor 3, Table 4

Welcome to the World of Mathematics [\(video\)](#)

U Raihana Asadullah, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha

Welcome to the world of mathematics, a subject notorious in our minds as a dull blurry screen or whiteboard full of numbers that makes us want to disassociate and escape. But it is unescapable; in fact, our whole life is made out of mathematics, and we don't even realize it.

Beyond Compliance: Advancing Accessibility in Higher Education [\(video\)](#)

U Montserrat Garcia, Grand Canyon University, Arizona Alpha

Accessibility in higher education goes beyond providing accommodations—it requires systemic change. I will explore the gaps in faculty training, legal policies, and student advocacy and highlight solutions that integrate universal design and cultural perspectives. Join the conversation on how education can shift from compliance to culture change and ensure quality education for all students.

Beyond the Right Answer: Cultivating Creativity in Math Education [\(video\)](#)

U Madeline R. Ross, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta

Modern classrooms fail to teach math to students in a way that is fun and interesting, often resulting in students turning away from the subject entirely. When we utilize creativity and collaboration in mathematics, we are able to find the true art of math.

Fine Arts

Judges: Angela Burrus, Maryland Alpha; Kate Stewart, Arkansas Zeta

Linda Cowan, West Virginia Epsilon; Bruce Moser, North Carolina Zeta

Q&A Session B: Sat. 2:30-2:55 p.m. CT, Floor 4, Tables 7 & 8

I Am Io [\(video\)](#)

A **Laura Hand**, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta

Creative Writing (Original Fiction) - *I am Io* plunges you into a nightmarish odyssey of divine cruelty. Betrayed, hunted, and transformed into a beast, Io endures torment at the hands of vengeful gods. This haunting short story reimagines her myth as a visceral horror—where identity shatters and suffering echoes through eternity.

Reverie [\(video\)](#)

U **Savannah Joiner**, Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta

Creative Writing (Original Poetry) - Revel in the present moment instead of being consumed by the past or paralyzed by the future. This short collection explores how nature and creativity fuel hope in our stressful world and anxious minds.

Allure of Appalachia [\(video\)](#)

U **Emily Kledzik**, Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta

Creative Writing (Original Poetry) - From waking-moment hope in the sunrise over Appalachia to blessings for loved ones who have passed on in these mountains, these poems offer kernels of joy and experiences with Mother Nature that are full of power and love.

Poetry of Persons and Places [\(video\)](#)

G **Elaine M. Ragland**, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi

Creative Writing (Original Poetry) - Recent poetry in fixed and free form.

Greek Tragedy and Naturalism [\(video\)](#)

U **Izaiah Ruiz**, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta

Art Research - This presentation is a classical mind's exploration into the ideas of naturalism in performance and how those ideas are not entirely ideal, especially as we learn from the works of Aeschylus.

The Fusion of Indian Music and American Pop [\(video\)](#)

U **Tiffany Sites**, West Liberty University, West Virginia Epsilon

Music Research - You've heard of K-Pop, but what about Indian Music and American Pop? Watch my presentation to learn more!

Curating Climate Change: Audience Insights and Engagement Strategies in "Contemplating Glaciers" [\(video\)](#)

A **Jessica Elizabeth Turner**, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi

Art Research - How can climate change be communicated more effectively in informal learning environments? Museums are increasingly focusing on educating the public on climate change; however, a gap remains in understanding audience engagement. This presentation provides data-driven insights gathered from the exhibition "Contemplating Glaciers," offering a valuable contribution to the curatorial field.

Sunrise: A Composer's Reflection on Symbolism, Influence, and the Compositional Process [\(video\)](#)

U **Michaela Zimmerman**, Angelo State University, Texas Alpha Iota

Performing Arts - *Sunrise* is more than a composition - it is an exploration of symbolism, structure, and purpose in music. Drawing from the classical works that have shaped me, it creates a bridge between the past and something new. This presentation examines the compositional process, revealing how musical ideas take shape and meaning emerges through sound.

Literature

Judges: Marshall Johnston, California Zeta; Kip Wheeler, Tennessee Delta

Q&A Session B: Sat. 2:30-2:55 p.m. CT, Floor 4, Table 9

The Immortalization of a Mortal [\(video\)](#)

U **Arrey Ayukokata & Tyler Mitchell***, Texas College, Texas Beta Beta

World Literature - As computer scientists, we often look at how information is stored, how long it will be stored for, and what it will be used for. This is significant because this storing of information, which immortalizes us in history, is the closest we mere mortals have to being immortal. *Tyler Mitchell appearing at Q&A only.

"Beyond" a Kiss: False Salvation in the Realistic American Novel [\(video\)](#)

U **Destiny Forrest**, University of Arkansas at Monticello, Arkansas Zeta

American Literature - This paper compares and contrasts emotionally charged scenes from *The Damnation of Theron Ware* by Harold Frederic and *The House of Mirth* by Edith Wharton to examine how Realistic American novels subvert and comment upon established Romantic ideals of emotion and salvation.

'The Myth of Return Home' – A Diasporic Analysis of the Immigrant Community as Depicted in *Pachinko* [\(video\)](#)

A **Paola Guadalupe Gonzalez Mendez**, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta

World Literature - This presentation will delve into the on growing diasporic academic discourse and literature by analyzing key characters in the book *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Additionally, the presentation will explain how the novel intersects with the myth of return home.

A Convict Poetics: The Function of Prisoners in Romantic Literature [\(video\)](#)

U **Jasmine E. Sirvent**, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta

British Literature - Society has the unfortunate history of ignoring and stigmatizing convicts and criminals as a taboo topic of discussion. However, hope for reconciliation may lie between the lines of romantic poetry and the minds of sympathetic readers as a restorative means of reintegrating convicts back into the conversation.

Auðr Ketilsdóttir: The Legacy of Iceland's First Matriarch [\(video\)](#)

U **Kailley White**, University of Arkansas at Monticello, Arkansas Zeta

World Literature - Auðr Ketilsdóttir is one of only a few women to attract attention in Iceland's historical sagas. Auðr's story provides a glimpse of her life, authority, and influence as a woman in Iceland's male-dominated world in the Middle Ages.

Mathematics

Judges: Dennis Hall, Texas Alpha Iota; Karl Havlak, Texas Alpha Iota

Q&A Session A: Sat. 2:00-2:25 p.m. CT, Floor 3, Table 2

Can Math Determine the Mario Kart Winner? [\(video\)](#)

U **Alexa Bryan**, University of Tennessee Southern, Tennessee Xi

In this talk, I will discuss how to apply the mathematical modeling process to help players choose the most optimal character, kart, tire, and glider combination in the racing game *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe*. We consider assumptions, data collection, model creation, and potential improvements.

Biomechanical and Mathematical Modeling in Gymnastics [\(video\)](#)

U **Lia Whitman**, Mars Hill University, North Carolina Epsilon

Many people are familiar with gymnastics as a sport, but fewer understand its full effect on the body. By analyzing biomechanic forces and utilizing methods of mathematical modeling, this research seeks to identify optimal movement strategies and preventive measures against common gymnastics injuries.

Political Science and Economics

Judges: Linda Latimer, Connecticut Gamma; Carol Strong, Arkansas Zeta

Q&A Session A: Sat. 2:00-2:25 p.m. CT, Floor 3, Table 3

Extended Adolescence Within Incarcerated Youth and Perpetual Students: A Comparison with Michel Foucault [\(video\)](#)

U **Jan Bialecki**, Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta

Political Science - Have you, as a young academic, ever felt you were behind in the world? Chasing after higher education as your friends start to work and live their lives? How, in this regard, are you any different from incarcerated youths? This presentation will compare these two groups in extended adolescence.

S&P 500 Market Efficiency: A Measure of the Relationship Between the S&P 500 and Presidential Election Outcomes [\(video\)](#)

U **Leslie Osborne**, Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta

Economics - Can the stock market predict U.S. presidential election outcomes? My research analyzes S&P 500 price changes from 1960-2020 to determine if a statistically significant relationship exists between the S&P 500 and U.S. presidential election outcomes. Join me to determine whether market trends can serve as a reliable election predictor.

Politics, Pedagogy and Public Perception: The Loss of Liberalism in 21st Century America [\(video\)](#)

U **Jackson Trahant**, Harding University, Arkansas Eta

Political Science - After highlighting the classical traits of liberalism and their discontinuity with modern definitions, and using the results from a self-designed survey, I posit pedagogy as one of the potential remedies for the decline of healthy political discourse in America.

Psychology

Judges: Jeff Menzise, Ohio Iota; Lori Mills, Tennessee Nu

Q&A Session A: Sat. 2:00-2:25 p.m. CT, Floor 3, Table 5

Trapped in Contradiction: Cognitive Dissonance and the Psychology of Climate Inaction [\(video\)](#)

U **Saskia Fuchs**, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi

Why do people fail to act on climate change, even when they believe in its urgency? This presentation explores cognitive dissonance as a key psychological barrier to sustainability—and as a tool for change. Learn how psychology can help close the attitude-behavior gap and foster meaningful climate action.

Triggers and Implications of Professors' Teaching Anxiety for In-Person and Online Instruction [\(video\)](#)

U **Averi Holsted & Allaina Mace**, Missouri Western State University, Missouri Lambda

This research examines professors' teaching anxiety related to teaching formats (in-person, online), stemming from preparation, student-teacher interactions, and university support. Professors (N = 73) rated teaching anxiety for online and in-person classes. ANOVA results indicated higher teaching anxiety for online classes, and teaching anxiety reduced with teaching experience.

Speeding Towards Disaster: Participating in Advanced Coursework and Early Onset Burnout [\(video\)](#)

U **Faith Salamone**, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi

While we all strive for greatness, does the path we take lead to destruction? This research sought to discover the relationship between accelerated coursework and early onset burnout.

World History

Judges: Rebekah Crowe, Texas Alpha Eta; Pamela Johnston, California Zeta

Q&A Session B: Sat. 2:30-2:55 p.m. CT, Floor 4, Table 10

The Importance of Devaraja to the Success of the Angkor Empire [\(video\)](#)

U **Rebecca Luckey**, Huntington University, Indiana Beta

An in-depth look into the religious and social impact of the god-kings of ancient Cambodia and the importance they played in the success of one of the world's most advanced, yet unknown, ancient societies.

The History of the Bosnian Community in St. Louis [\(video\)](#)

U **Nemanja "Neno" Medan**, Lindenwood University, Missouri Pi

Have you ever thought about how the Bosnian community has made itself at home in St. Louis? Well, this presentation is for you! This is a historical presentation that focuses on many different elements that helped establish the Bosnian community in St. Louis.

Encouraging the Empire: How British Propaganda Posters of 1940-1943 Attempted to Encourage the Home Front [\(video\)](#)

U **James Noah Seip**, Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta

This presentation explores the use of propaganda posters in Great Britain during the early years of World War Two. It specifically explores the messages that propaganda posters conveyed in an attempt to encourage British citizens during the turmoil of the Second World War.

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