

The National Agriculture Honor Society of Delta Tau Alpha
60th National Convention
Abilene Christian University
April 11-13, 2019

First General Session: Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:10:am

CALL TO ORDER

The first general session was called to order at 9:10 am by National President Dani Plank at Abilene Christian University.

National Council Present:

National President: Dani Plank (Missouri State University)
Eastern Region Vice President: Rachel Ledbetter (Tennessee Tech University)
Midwestern Region Vice President: Danni Hammtree (Missouri State University)
Southern Region Vice President: Kaitlyn Saucedo (Abilene Christina University)
National Secretary: Randa Morris (Eastern Kentucky University)
National Parliamentarian: Andrew Bell (Southeast Missouri State University)
National Advisor: Dr. Beth Walker (MSU)
National Executive Treasurer: Dr. Jim Baier (TTU)

Dani Plank, National President, welcomed DTA members to campus and introduced Dr. Gary McCaleb

Dr. Gary McCaleb welcomed DTA members to the campus and the city of Abilene.

ACU DTA Vice President gave a good morning and welcome from the chapter.

The 2018-2019 National Council was called to the stage at 9:20 and introduced.

President Dani Plank invited the chapter delegates to be seated. The introduction of the delegates and members was conducted.

Delegates and Chapters are present as follows:

Arkansas State University (ASU): Megan Bright
Missouri State University (MSU): Audrey Wilson
Tennessee Tech University (TSU): Grant Towns
Abilene Christian University (ACU): Ryan Cobb
University of Central Missouri (UCM): Shelby Mikulak
Southeast Missouri (SEMO): Belinda Strack
Eastern Kentucky University (EKU): Mackenzie Mahon
University of Louisiana- Monroe (ULM): Jacob Downing

National Advisor Dr. Beth Walker gave the charge to the delegates. She encouraged all the members to have a good time, learn new things, and initiate discussion. Reminded delegates

that they are the representatives of their chapters and that only they can make motions. They are the voting body of DTA.

Parliamentarian Andrew Bell reviewed Parliamentary Procedure with the delegates. Handouts were available at the tables for the delegates. Andrew encouraged discussion in an orderly fashion.

National Secretary Randa Morris read the minutes from the 2018 National Convention.

National President Dani Plank entertained a motion to accept the 2018 minutes as read. Audrey Wilson (MSU) moved to accept the 2018 minutes as read. Megan Bright (ASU) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Parliamentarian Andrew Bell brought a point of order: accepting the reading of the minutes should be a majority vote. The vote was retaken, the majority voted to accept the minutes, and the motion to accept the minutes passed.

National President Dani Plank gave committee assignments for the voting delegates.

Committees were assigned as follows:

Audit & Budget: Eastern Kentucky University, Southeast Missouri

Nominating (Dani): Abilene Christian University, Central Missouri, and Louisiana-Monroe

Social (Danni and Kaitlyn): All other members

Resolutions (Andrew and Rachel): Missouri State, Tennessee Tech, and Arkansas State

Dr. Kyle Lovercamp (UCM) reviewed the rules and regulations for the Agriculture Quiz Bowl.

President Dani Plank gave announcements on the mixer for non-voting delegates to stay in the auditorium.

President Dani Plank entertained a motion to adjourn the session. Grant Towns (TTU) moved to adjourn the first general session. Megan Bright (ACU) seconded the motion. The motion passed. Session adjourned at 9:39 am.

Second General Session: Thursday April 11, 2019

The second general session was called to order at 1:28 pm by National President Dani Plank at Abilene Christian University

President invited delegates to be seated and asked the secretary to perform roll call and noted 8 chapters and their delegates were present.

Delegates and Chapters are present as follows:

Arkansas State University (ASU): Megan Bright

Missouri State University (MSU): Audrey Wilson

Tennessee Tech University (TSU): Grant Towns

Abilene Christian University (ACU): Ryan Cobb
University of Central Missouri (UCM): Shelby Mikulak
Southeast Missouri (SEMO): Belinda Strack
Eastern Kentucky University (EKU): Mackenzie Mahon
University of Louisiana- Monroe (ULM): Jacob Downing
Parliamentarian Andrew Bell reviewed parliamentary procedure with the delegates.

The National Council members gave their end of year reports in the following order:

National President: Dani Plank (MSU)
Midwestern Region Vice President: Danni Hammontree (MSU)
Southern Region Vice President: Kaitlyn Saucedo (ACU)
Eastern Region Vice President: Rachel Ledbetter (TTU)
National Secretary: Randa Morris (EKU)
National Parliamentarian: Andrew Bell (SEMO)
National Advisor: Dr. Beth Walker

Dr. Beth Walker relayed greetings from NACTA.

President Dani Plank opened the floor for any unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Dani Plank welcomed Dr. Foy Mills (NACTA President) to the stage to address DTA members

Dr. Baier was invited to discuss granting membership to Judson College of Marion, Alabama.

President Dani Plank entertained a motion to take a 1-minute recess to discuss with chapters. Megan Bright (ASU) moved to have recess. Jacob Downing (ULM) seconded.

Recess taken at 1:55. Meeting called back to session at 1:56

National President Dani Plank entertained a motion to install Judson College from Marion, Alabama as a chapter member of National Delta Tau Alpha. Audrey Wilson (MSU) moved to install Judson College as a national DTA chapter. Shelby Mikulak (UCM) seconded the motion. A general vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Dr. Baier also discussed granting membership for University of Findlay. Paperwork was not completed in time due to issues with tax forms. Chapter membership to be discussed and voted on at the 2020 meeting.

President Dani Plank called for Committee Reports

The Advisors' report was given by Dr. Sarah Lancaster. The advisors from all present chapters, alongside a NACTA representative, met and called the meeting to order at 9:50 A.M. They discussed completing the chartering of Morningside, the application of Judson College, who would be Corpus judges, NSHS meeting on how to improve member participation, how to connect members with opportunities after graduation (networking with industry professionals, a DTA LinkedIn group, career fair, alumni mixer), future sites of convention (2020 at Morningside,

2021 and University of Central Missouri, and 2022 and Missouri State University), Change to Budget, the growth of 50 more due paying members nationally, updating list of current active chapters on NACTA site, adding meeting minutes to national website, creating scholarships for annual meeting and inviting alumni to judge applicants, establishing alumni board, offering National Council a choice of how they want to be honored when graduating, and who would read off quiz bowl questions.

The Audit Committee report was given by Mackenzie Mahon (EKU). There were no discrepancies in the ledger, DTA had two longtime outstanding checks, and all paperwork is accounted for and coincides with digital documents.

The Resolution Committee report was given by Grant Towns (TTU.) Discussed possible adjustments to ceremonies for new chapter member and new chapters that have been used since 1960 (discouraged since it is tradition), addition of National Historian position on the National Council (would require amendments to Articles 4, 10, and 11, and responsibilities would include managing social media and chronicling activities of chapters), and the idea of a scholarship to cover travel to national convention for chapters who usually don't attend (would require creation of a committee consisting of the National Treasurer and the three Regional Presidents, a rubric for judging to be created by November 1st of this year, and a final rubric sent out to all chapters to review in January of next year.)

Dani Plank entertained a motion for a 2-minute recess for delegates to discuss committee reports. Mackenzie Mahon (EKU) moved to take a two-minute recess. Jacob Downing (LMU) seconded.

Recess taken at 2:09. Session reconvened at 2:11 and President Dani Plank asked.

Dani Plank entertained a motion for discussion or a motion from the delegates to accept the committee reports as read. Audrey Wilson (MSU) moved to approve the minutes. Jacob Downing (LMU) seconded. A vote was taken, and the majority voted in favor.

Belinda Strack (SEMO) moved to further discuss the scholarship suggestion from the Resolutions Committee. (Point of Order. Adequate time was not given to discuss.)

Discussion on Scholarship

Belinda Strack (SEMO) asked is it fair to cover expenses of the member through a scholarship as if they are an officer if they didn't put serve on National Council.

Grant Towns (TTU) said that the committee for a scholarship was brought up as an idea, and that requirements can be specified later, and can include accolades and financial status along with chapter/ location.

Mackenzie Mahon (EKU) asked if this would encourage an entire chapter to come even if it just covers one. The delegate was asked to repeat her question.

Parliamentarian Andrew Bell mentioned that it was up to the committee whether it should cover active/ inactive chapters.

President Dani Plank reminded that details were not yet specified on scholarship, but the committee report only brought up creating a committee to create the guidelines and the rubric.

Grant Towns (TTU) mentioned that the scholarship should be for those in need and that it may encourage chapters far away from the host university, and that getting one more additional member to go that otherwise wouldn't is a good thing.

Midwestern VP Danni Hammontree asked if it was possible to amend the guidelines to make it a chapter scholarship, and let the school use the money as they wish to cover convention costs. Have a set scholarship fund, but it's up to the chapter was convention aspect they wish to put the funds towards. Could be in the form of reimbursement.

Megan Bright (ACU) asked if instead of a scholarship, could there be a "Chapter of the Year" award or some equivalent that gives funds to those chapters, and then have a separate need-based scholarship for individuals.

President Dani Plank mentioned that the previous suggestion would require the formation and approval of two rubrics.

President Dani Plank entertained a motion for a two-minute recess. Mackenzie Mahon (EKU) moved to take a two-minute recess. Shelby Mikulak (UCM) gave a second.

Recess taken at 2:22. Session reconvened at 2:24.

President Dani Plank reopened the floor for discussion.

Ryan Cobb (ACU) asked for motion being voted on the original discussion based around establishing the scholarship committee to be clarified.

Grant Towns (TTU) reread the statements previously brought up on the report by the Resolutions Committee.

Jacob Downing (LMU) asked for the motion to be reread.

Secretary Randa Morris reread the motion of accepting the minutes as read and the original discussion surrounding the scholarship.

Mackenzie Mahon (EKU) asked to clarify that the Resolutions Committee just suggested establishing a committee to form the guidelines and rubric for the scholarship.

President Dani Plank clarified that was the case and that is also established the deadlines for creating and finalizing the rubric.

National Advisor Dr. Walker confirmed that it would take 11 months to work on the documents, discuss, and vote on before next convention.

President Dani Plank asked if there was any further discussion.

Jacob Downing (LMU) moved to approve the minutes. The motion had already been moved, seconded, and voted on. The motion to accept the minutes passed.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Jacob Downing (LMU) and the following candidates were slated for the following offices:

National President: Randa Morris

National Eastern VP: Kasi Schneid

National Midwest VP: Taylor Ingham

National Southern VP: * No candidate had been slated since there was no candidate from the southern region running for office*

National Secretary: Claire Eggerman

National Parliamentarian: Brenna Cannon

President Dani Plank mentioned that nominations would later open for Southern VP entertained a motion to accept the Nominating Committee report as read. Shelby Mikulak (UCM) moved to accept the report as read. Mackenzie Mahon (EKU) seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Parliamentarian Andrew Bell reviewed the nomination procedures for the delegates to follow.

National President Dani Plank entertained a motion to recess for two minutes. Jacob Downing (ULM) moved to recess for two minutes. Belinda Strack (SEMO) seconded the motion. The motion passed. Session recessed at 2:34 pm.

Session reconvened at 2:36 pm.

Nominations for National Council were opened. No new nominations were made for National President, Eastern VP, or Parliamentarian. For the position of Midwestern VP, Megan Bright (ACU) nominated Brenna Cannon (ACU.) For the position of Southern VP, Jacob Downing (ULM) nominated Chris Jones (LMU). For the position of secretary, Mackenzie Mahon (EKU) nominated Lori Hall (EKU.)

National President Dani Plank dismissed the National Council for each candidate to give two to three-minute speeches.

Dr. Kyle Lovercamp (UCM) gave announcements and room assignments for the Agriculture Quiz Bowl. In room 261: EKU, TTU, UCM, and MSU. In room 265: ULM, ASU, SEMO, and ACU

The floor was opened for final remarks made by ACU Chapter President and National Southern VP Kaitlyn Saucedo for instructions on evening events. Dinner will be served at the ACU laboratory and a drawing will occur concluding session.

Dr. Ed Brokaw offered directions to the farm for the dinner.

National President Dani Plank entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Megan Bright (ACU) moved to adjourn. Grant Towns (TTU) seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

Third General Session: Saturday April 13, 2019

National President Dani Plank called the meeting to order at 8:13 at Abilene Christian University. She then invited the delegates to be seated and asked Secretary Randa Morris to perform roll call and noted that 8 chapters and their delegates were present.

Delegates and Chapters are present as follows:

Arkansas State University (ASU): Megan Bright
Missouri State University (MSU): Audrey Wilson
Tennessee Tech University (TTU): Grant Towns
Abilene Christian University (ACU): Ryan Cobb
University of Central Missouri (UCM): Shelby Mikulak
Southeast Missouri (SEMO): Belinda Strack
Eastern Kentucky University (EKU): Mackenzie Mahon
University of Louisiana- Monroe (ULM): Jacob Downing

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

National President Dani Plank entertained a bid for the 61st National Convention to take place at SEMO. Belinda Strack (SEMO) moved for South Eastern Missouri to host the 61st National Convention, Jacob Downing (ULM) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dr. Baier (TTU) gave the Cash Flow Summary for the treasures report. new initiates were added this year. Net Cash Flow was \$1,309.75.

National President Dani plank entertained a motion to accept the treasurers report as read. Megan Bright (ACU) moved to accept the treasures report as read, Audrey Wilson (MSU) seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Belinda Strack (SEMO) presented the budget report. The proposed budget for 2019-2020 included: Changing National Officer from \$1800 to \$2000, National Advisor from \$2000 to \$1800, National Treasurer from \$300-\$200, ACHS dues from \$380 to \$400, Plaques from \$350 to \$500, and Postage from \$150 to \$50. Dr. Baier also thank Belinda Strack (MSU) and Mackenzie Mahon (EKU) for their diligence as a part of this committee.

President Dani Plank entertained a motion to accept the budget report as read. Audrey Wilson (MSU) moved to accept the budget report as read. Shelby Mikulak (UCM) seconded. President Dani Plank opened the floor for discussion before proceeding to vote. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: 2019-2020 NATIONAL OFFICERS- CURRENT SLATE FOR EACH POSITION NAMED BEFORE NOMINATIONS

Nominations for President: Randa Morris (EKU) No new nominations. Audrey Wilson (MSU) moved to close nominations for president, Shelby Mikulak (UCM) seconded the motion. There was no discussion and a vote was taken. The motion passed.

One-minute speeches will be given by all candidates for all positions.

Jacob Downing (ULM) moved to recess for two minutes, Shelby Mikulak (UCM) seconded the motion. A general vote was taken, and the motion passed. Recess was taken at 8:30 and session reconvened at 8:32. President Dani Plank entertained a motion for a vote by acclamation. Mackenzie Mahon (EKU) moved for a vote by acclamation. Audrey Wilson (MSU) seconded. A general vote was taken, and the motion passed. Randa Morris will be the 2019-2020 National President.

Additional nominations for Midwestern Region Vice President opened. Mackenzie Mahon (EKU) nominated Claire Eggerman from MSU for Midwestern Vice-President. Audrey Wilson (MSU) moved to close nominations, Shelby Mikulak (UCM) seconded. Speeches were given by the two candidates: Taylor Ingham (SEMO), Brenna Cannon (ASU), and Claire Eggerman (MSU). Megan Bright (ASU) moved to recess for two minutes, seconded by seconded by Mackenzie Mahon, EKU. Voting by ballot took place. Brenna Cannon will be the 2019-2020 Midwestern Region Vice President.

Additional nominations opened for Southern Vice-President. Ryan Cobb (ACU) nominated Kendall Hydock (ACU). Grant Towns (TTU) motioned to close nominations, Shelby Mikulak

seconded the motion. A two-minute speech was given by the midwestern candidates: Chris Jones (ULM) and Kendall Hydock (ACU). Ryan Cobb (ACU) moved to take a two-minute recess, Jacob Downing (ULM) seconded. A general vote was taken, and the motion passed. Recess was taken at 8:50 and session reconvened at 8:52. Voting by ballot took place. Chris Jones (ULM) will be the 2019-2020 Southern Region Vice President.

Additional nominations opened for Eastern Region Vice President. No new nominations were. Nominations were closed by Audrey Wilson (MSU) and seconded by Jacob Downing (ULM). Candidate Kasi Schneid (EKU) gave a one-minute speech. Jacob Downing (ULM) moved to take a two-minute recess, and that was seconded by Grant Towns (TTU.) A general vote was taken, and recess was taken at 8:55. Session reconvened at 8:57. Audrey Wilson (MSU) moved to vote by acclamation and was seconded by Belinda Strack (SEMO). Kasi Schneid (EKU) will be the 2019-2020 National Eastern Region Vice President.

Additional nominations opened for Secretary. Belinda Strack (SEMO) nominated Taylor Ingham (SEMO). Audrey Wilson (MSU) close nominations seconded by Mackenzie Mahon (EKU). Speeches were given by candidates: Claire Eggerman (MSU) and Taylor Ingham (SEMO). Megan Bright (ASU) moved to recess for two minutes and seconded by Audrey Wilson (MSU). A general vote was taken, and the motion passed. Recess was taken at 9:03, and session reconvened at 9:05. Voting by ballot took place. Claire Eggerman will be 2019-2020 National Secretary.

Additional nominations opened for Parliamentarian. Grant Towns (TTU) nominated Kassie Christian (TTU.) Belinda Strack (SEMO) nominated Taylor Ingham (SEMO). Audrey Wilson (MSU) moved to close nominations, seconded by Mackenzie Mahon (EKU). Speeches by candidates were made: Kassie Christian (TTU) and Taylor Ingham (SEMO). Megan Bright (ASU) moved to recess for 2 minutes, seconded by Mackenzie Mahon (EKU). Recess was taken at 9:11 and session reconvened at 9:13. Voting by ballot took place. National Parliamentarian for 2019-2020 will be by Kassie Christian.

Dr. Walker gave the founders plaque and banner to Southeast Missouri for next convention. New officers for 2019-2020 were installed and each new officer presented the retiring officers with a plaque and gave them recognition. Past officers were dismissed to their chapters.

The newly elected officers preceded with the rest of the session with Randa Morris presiding as chairman.

National President Randa Morris entertained a motion to nominate Jim Baier as the National Executive Treasurer. Grant Towns (TTU) nominate Dr. Baier for National Executive Treasurer and was seconded by Jacob Downing (ULM.) And general vote was taken, and the motion passed. Jim Baier (TTU) is the 2019-2020 National Executive Treasurer.

Abilene Christian University Delta Tau Alpha chapter president Kaitlyn Saucedo gave closing remarks.

National President Randa Morris entertained a motion to adjourn the 60th National Convention. Grant Towns (TTU) moved to adjourn the 60th national convention, and Mackenzie Mahon

(EKU) seconded. The motion passed. The 2019 Delta Tau Alpha National Convention adjourned at 9:23 am.