



Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Province V

**Report of the Satrap
Midyear Meeting- Toledo, OH
October 12th - 13th, 2007**

Hello brothers, and welcome to Toledo, Ohio! It's been a very busy six months for all of us since we last met at the Spring Assembly in Lafayette, Indiana. I've attended meetings for Buffalo Grad, as well as those of Gamma Iota, but most notably, I was able to attend the 53rd Grand Council Convention in Boston, Massachusetts. It was a week of legislative business, workshops and CE's, historical tours, lots of seafood dinners, and most importantly, brotherhood! Over 440 people registered for the GCC, making it the highest attendance ever at a Kappa Psi national meeting, and I was thrilled to have brothers from 9 collegiate chapters and 9 graduate chapters from Province V present for the week. Province V had so much to be proud of at this GCC: Beta Upsilon was named the top collegiate chapter in Province V, Beta Lambda won the William R. Smith Most Improved Chapter Award, four of our graduate chapters (Buffalo, Columbus, Illinois, and Central Michigan) were among the top ten graduate chapters in 2007, two of our GCD's were named among the top five GCD's in 2007, and two of our Province V brothers were elected to the National Executive Committee. We will be having a workshop here at Midyear to discuss GCC: what you liked, what you didn't like, and suggestions for improvement that we will forward on the National Executive Committee. We want to encourage Province V brothers to attend GCC's in the future, and for that we will need your help. The National Executive Committee announced that the 54th Grand Council Convention will take place in Tampa, Florida, in 2009, and it's never too soon to start planning!

I am pleased to announce our Province Supervisors for the next two years! Dr. Eric Gupta, GCD of Epsilon Gamma chapter at Western University of Health Sciences, and Brian MacDonald, Collegiate Member-at-Large from Beta Epsilon chapter at the University of Rhode Island will serve as our Province V Assistant Supervisor. I am very excited to work with these two brothers to make Province V even stronger than it already is.

The Province V Executive Committee has been very busy since the Spring Assembly, and we have had two interim meetings online in May and September in preparation for this meeting. By utilizing the chat room on the national website, brothers from many different locations were able to meet and discuss Province business, which generally only occurred at the Province meetings twice a year. In addition to planning all the agenda items and workshops for Midyear, we decided to create the first Province V newsletter devoted to all aspects of brother and chapter development. Each officer contributed an article related to their office's responsibilities, in the hopes that this information would be useful to your chapters. This newsletter was posted online (for easier access to more brothers) in mid-September, and we hope that you enjoyed it. It's our goal to do this type of newsletter again, so if you have any suggestions for article topics, please let me know!

In the past, the Province has not conducted business at the Midyear meeting, and our standing committees never met. It was thought that since we weren't conducting official business, committee meetings weren't necessary. However, topics such as Philanthropy, Legislation, Province Development, and Graduate Relations are things that affect our chapters on a daily basis, and it is hard to cram in all this information in an hour meeting once a year. Therefore, the Executive Committee has decided that several committees will meet for informal discussions on pertinent topics so that we can come up with goals for the Spring Assembly. All of you traveled many miles to come to this



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meeting, and we want it to be worth your while! All committees will consist of brothers from many different chapters in the Province, so that we can get as many great ideas as possible.

Recently, the Central Office released the Fall Packet for 2007. This packet is no longer mailed to each chapter, instead, it is emailed to each chapter's Kappa Psi email address (ie, gammaiota@kappa-psi.org) and posted to the national website (www.kappapsi.org). We will be reviewing the important contents of this packet during the Midyear meeting, and it is very important to review its contents with the brothers of your chapter. Most notably, the Grand Council voted to increase the Collegiate Member Grand Council Dues to \$40.00 per year. While this will not go into effect until January 1, 2008, it is important to start planning for this dues increase.

One item of business that always needs emphasizing is the importance of risk management in all of your chapter's endeavors. Please take the time this semester to seriously review your chapter's risk management policy regarding alcohol, hazing, and sexual harassment. Violation of these policies can lead to consequences as serious as losing your chapter's charter. One clarification I would like to make involves your chapter's website. Any pictures depicting alcohol and substance abuse, sexual harassment, and hazing must be removed from your website effective immediately. Remember, we are a professional fraternity, and the trail you leave on the internet (including on sites like MySpace and Facebook) can haunt you for years to come. Do you really want your prospective employer to see those pictures of you intoxicated? Please respect your brothers and the fraternity by removing all pictures associated with these risky behaviors. The Province V Website, from this point forward, will not post any pictures containing alcohol, and we ask that your chapter website follow suit.

As always, I would like to encourage all brothers to join the Province V Yahoo Group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kappapsiprovince5>), as this is the main method of communication between Province chapters and the Executive Committee in between meetings. Please feel free to post your chapter's activities on this list, and who knows, you may have some out-of-town visitors show up to further foster your brotherhood. Please make sure that once your pledges are initiated, each of them is included in this Yahoo group, as well as any of your new chapter officers. In addition, I encourage you to join the National Google Group at <http://groups.google.com/group/kappapsifraternity>, where you will find information from brothers and chapters across the nation. We will have a short demonstration during this Midyear meeting about how to join each of these groups.

Finally, I'd like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Eric Geyer, Jordan Karr, and the brothers of Beta Lambda for planning this wonderful Midyear meeting. It was certainly a large undertaking, but they were always on the ball with whatever crazy requests and deadlines the Executive Committee gave them. I hope that you all have a great time here in Toledo, and take the time to get to know brothers outside of your chapter. I met many of my closest friends at Province meetings, and they remain dear to me after all these years.

Respectfully Submitted,

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