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FOREWORD

Greetings from Gamma Sigma Delta! The purpose of this Newsletter is to provide a written record of Gamma Sigma Delta activities during each academic year. This includes the actions of the International Executive Committee and reports from each Chapter. This is the 64th year for publication of this Newsletter which presents an official historical record of the Society's activities.

This edition of the Newsletter reports, among other items, the various international award winners for 2010. The recipients of those awards are: Outstanding Chapter Award; New Activity Award; Most Improved Chapter Award; the Foundation Scholarship Award Mr. Quentin Dudley; and the Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture. In addition, the newest categories of chapter recognition have been continued the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Chapter designations.

The International Officers would like to offer congratulations to all the chapters for their efforts during this year.

The minutes of the 2010 International Executive Committee meeting, held on LSU campus in Baton Rouge, June 16-18 are also included in this Newsletter.

Your International Officers are committed to helping you accomplish your Gamma Sigma Delta goals; please feel free to contact any of us for assistance. Each Chapter is highly encouraged to stay in touch with its assigned International Officer.

For more information on events, awards, and membership, please visit our web site at www.gammasigmadelta.org.

Dennis Brink
Editor and President-Elect
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INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS 2010-2012

The International Officers of Gamma Sigma Delta are volunteers who are elected at the Biennial Conclave of the Society. There are no paid staff members. The International Secretary's office serves as the contact point for the International Society and, together with the International Treasurer, coordinates the ordering of membership and award certificates, plaques, jewelry, and other items for the local chapters. The International Officers publish an annual newsletter; select the recipients of the Society's awards; review policies; encourage establishment of new chapters; work with existing chapters on program development; and plan and conduct the Biennial Conclave with chapter representatives.

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INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last June, the Louisiana State University chapter hosted the 52nd Biennial Gamma Sigma Delta Conclave in Baton Rouge. In addition to the business meeting, award presentations, and good discussion about our chapters, delegates enjoyed Louisiana hospitality and educational tours. I enjoyed the fish fry and had my first taste of alligator. It was a pleasure and honor to meet the delegates, and as always incredibly inspirational.

Looking back, this has been a year filled with accomplishments and challenges. There have been many opportunities to learn through experience and example and to develop ideas for moving Gamma Sigma Delta forward. As my predecessor stated in last year's newsletter, "Not many organizations survive, much less thrive, for more than 100 years". It is amazing, but not surprising when you recognize and appreciate the friendship, volunteering, and professional accomplishments that our chapters and international officers contribute.

Many chapters are doing outstanding things. However, some of our chapters are experiencing periods of decreased activity. One can only speculate about reasons why – is it budget cuts, generational overturn, over commitment? How can we help meet the goals of Gamma Sigma Delta and reinvigorate struggling chapters? Networking with other chapters through conclave and having conversations with the International Officers are a couple of ways to get new ideas. Later in this newsletter we summarize some of the chapter activities from this last year, and this is another way to look for new ideas. There are opportunities and rewards for development of new chapter activities. I encourage chapters to utilize the Chapter Enrichment Grants program and to share new activities in chapter reports. Please contact the international officers if you would like suggestions for how to reenergize your chapter.

No matter how much the world changes, society will always need food, fiber, natural resources, energy, etc. There are certainly new challenges to face in our second century as the Honor Society of Agriculture, but also exciting opportunities for new ways of meeting these challenges. Honor societies will live on as our history, traditions, and networks are foundations for a strong future. To ensure the betterment of society, we all must encourage and honor the next generation of leaders in Agriculture and related disciplines.

I am looking forward to the next Conclave in 2012 which will be hosted by the University of Tennessee chapter. I hope many of you will be able to attend. Please check our website for additional Conclave information: <http://gammasingmadelta.org/>

Charlene Wolf-Hall
International President
North Dakota State University

2009-2010 OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD Louisiana State University

Congratulations to the Louisiana State University Chapter for their selection as winner of the 2009-2010 Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Chapter Award by the International Executive Committee. The LSU chapter has been a consistently active and recognized chapter in Gamma Sigma Delta.

Ongoing chapter activities include fall and spring business meetings, executive committee meetings, initiation ceremony and reception, and an awards banquet. Other activities include College of Agriculture Teacher Merit Honor Roll (15th year), Science Fair awards (20th year), GSD Lecture Series (3rd year), Graduate Student Honor Roll and Outstanding M.S. and Ph.D. Student (4th year), GSD Scholarship fund (3rd year), upkeep of a display cases in high agricultural traffic areas on campus, FFA contest awards, social functions, luncheons, dinners, coffees, etc. New activities included an ice cream social and an undergraduate poster contest. Overall the chapter distributed 79 awards including certificates, cash and plaques.

More information about the chapter appears at

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/administration/about_us/professional_organizations/gamma_sigma_delta/

Congratulations to the officers and members of the LSU Chapter!



Recent Past President of Gamma Sigma Delta International, Steve Henning, presented the Outstanding Chapter Award at the LSU Chapter's Fall Initiation meeting. The award was accepted by Cathy Williams, Chapter President.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD

Previous Recipients

Year	Chapter(s)
2010	Louisiana
2009	Tennessee
2008	Louisiana
2007	Philippines at Los Baños
2006	Louisiana
2005	Kentucky & Louisiana
2004	Kentucky
2003	Kentucky & Louisiana
2002	Kentucky & Louisiana
2001	Kentucky
2000	Kentucky & Louisiana
1999	Kentucky
1998	Philippines
1997	Missouri
1996	Louisiana
1995	Louisiana
1994	Arkansas & Colorado
1993	Tennessee
1992	Louisiana
1991	Louisiana
1990	Philippines
1989	Louisiana
1988	Ohio
1987	Arkansas
1986	Ohio
1985	Maryland-National Capital
1984	Ohio
1983	Nebraska
1982	Louisiana
1981	Colorado
1980	Arkansas
1979	North Carolina State
1978	Ohio
1977	Kansas
1976	Alabama-Auburn

2009-2010 CHAPTER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Gold, Silver and Bronze Chapters

Friendly competition for International awards continues to increase each year as chapters become more active and send their annual reports to the International Secretary. The International Executive Committee voted in 2005 to expand the Chapter Recognition Program to reflect the accomplishments of many chapters instead of only a few. In addition to selecting the Outstanding Chapter and Most Improved Chapter, the Executive Committee also recognizes additional chapters at the Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels. For 2009-2010, those chapters are:

Gold Chapters

University of Arkansas, Penn State University, University of Kentucky, University of Tennessee, Tuskegee University

Silver Chapters

University of Nebraska, North Carolina A&T State University, Ohio State University, Texas A&M University, University of Wyoming

Bronze Chapters

Auburn University, New Mexico State University, North Dakota State University, Oregon State University, South Dakota State University

Congratulations to each of the officers and members of these chapters!



2009-2010 MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER AWARD
Texas A&M University

In 2005, the International Executive Committee voted to expand the chapter recognition program by selecting the Most Improved Chapter, based on year-to-year activities, as evaluated from the annual chapter reports submitted each May. Our recipient of this award for 2009-2010 is the Texas A&M University Chapter. The Texas A&M University Chapter is an active and growing member of the Gamma Sigma Delta family. They improved their ranking from Bronze Chapter in the 2008-2009 year to Silver Chapter in 2009-2010.

The Texas A&M University Chapter's activities included, but are not limited to: executive committee meetings, annual initiation and awards reception, sponsorship of annual College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Faculty Retreat, scholarships were awarded to juniors and seniors, and teaching awards were presented.

Congratulations to our Texas A&M University Chapter!

2009-2010 NEW ACTIVITY AWARD Tuskegee University

The Tuskegee University Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta was selected by the International Executive Committee as the recipient of the 2009-2010 New Activity Award. The Chapter's new activities included:

Four committees viz. Awards Committee, Seminar Committee, Membership Committee, and Fund Raising Committee were formed to involve the general membership in the chapter activities.

A webpage for the Gamma Sigma Delta Tuskegee Chapter has been developed and displayed at the Tuskegee University website to inform about the Gamma Sigma Delta and Chapter activities.

An e-newsletter is posted on the chapter's web page to inform about the chapter activities.

The Silver Jubilee Celebration culminated on April 22, 2010 to mark the 25th year of the inception of Tuskegee University Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta. The banquet and induction ceremony was well attended by the charter members, alumni, members and their spouses. This year alone 31 members were inducted from each category bringing the total to over 200 members since the inception of this chapter in 1985 in addition to other chapter members joining the university as new employees. Charter members, past presidents, faculty, and student members were recognized for their service and outstanding achievements in research and academia. They were presented with plaques and certificates at the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of the Chapter and the Gamma Sigma Delta Annual Banquet and Induction Ceremony on April 22, 2010. This event has energized the overall membership, especially the new members.

George Washington Carver Festival: Several members participated in the George Washington Carver Festival held on May 8, 2010 to celebrate and appreciate the tremendous contributions of George Washington Carver in Agriculture.

Congratulations to the officers and members of the
Tuskegee University Chapter!

NEW ACTIVITY AWARD
Previous Recipients

Year	Chapter(s)
2009	Honduras-Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
2008	Louisiana
2007	Philippines at Los Baños
2006	Colorado State
2005	Tuskegee
2004	Louisiana
2003	Langston
2002	Mississippi State
2001	Honduras
2000	Kentucky
1999	Arkansas
1998	Not presented
1997	Cornell
1996	Texas A&M-College Station
1995	Arkansas & Pennsylvania
1994	Not presented
1993	Tennessee
1992	Louisiana
1991	Tennessee
1990	University of California-Riverside
1989	Ohio

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

2010 International Foundation Scholarship Awarded

The 2009-2010 recipient of the Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Scholarship is Mr. Quentin Dudley, a senior in Biological Systems Engineering at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL). Quentin was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta in January 2010.

While excelling in the classroom, Quentin has also been an active participant in undergraduate research opportunities. In the 2008 he worked with Newport intern, learning a variety of lab animals and doing computer microbiology studies related to as the primary researcher on 2009 he was selected to participate Creative and Research program. That program funded engineering lab on campus and a on understanding the interactions and nonviral gene (DNA) transfer.



summers of 2006 and Laboratories as a research techniques, caring for lab analysis on several swine vaccines, and acting growth medium study. In in the UNL Undergraduate Experiences (UCARE) his study in a tissue research project focused between surface chemistry

Quentin has given back to the community in a number of ways. In 2009 he participated as a new Student Enrollment Orientation leader, helping incoming freshmen transition to university life. He is a member of a number of campus organizations, including FarmHouse Fraternity, the Cornhusker Marching Band, the Nebraska Human Resources Institute, and the UNL Biomedical Engineering Society. He has also been active in charitable activities at home and on campus.

University of Nebraska

Quentin was selected to participate in the Chancellor's leadership class in 2007. Most recently he was selected in Spring 2010 to the University of Nebraska Innocents Society. The Innocents Society inducts 13 new members each spring, with selection based on leadership, scholarship and service to the university and greater community. The Innocents Society was founded in 1903 to promote the spirit of the university and is the chancellor's senior honorary.

His past experiences as a research intern have contributed to his career interests in the biomedical field, particularly in tissue engineering. He is considering a number of options, including a joint MD/PhD degree from a medical school.

The International Foundation Scholarship Award was created in 2006 to recognize the academic accomplishments and leadership contributions of undergraduate student members of Gamma Sigma Delta. The \$500 scholarship is funded through the International Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation. A call for nominations for the 2011 scholarship will be sent to chapters in spring 2011.

2009-2010 CHAPTER ENRICHMENT GRANT

Gamma Sigma Delta sponsors a chapter enrichment grant program each year to encourage and promote the development of projects at the chapter level. Projects are generally for one year in duration, and a maximum of \$750 may be awarded to each chapter selected.

The 2009-2010 Chapter Enrichment Grant was a \$400 grant to the Penn State Chapter to hold a seminar on Excellence in Teaching, Research and Extension. The proposal included inviting their chapter faculty award winners from the previous spring to give a short talk (10-15 minutes each) on their philosophy of excellence in teaching, research or extension. The short talks would provide an opportunity for students, particularly graduate students to hear first hand about philosophies of excellence from faculty recognized as excellent from within the college. This series of short talks would be preceded by an ice cream social at which ice cream from the Penn State creamery would be served.

2009- 2010 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN AGRICULTURE AWARD

No award granted for this year

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN AGRICULTURE AWARD

Previous Recipients

2009	Dr. Curtis L. Kastner, Kansas State,	1980	Dr. Bruce J. Zobel, North Carolina, Forest Genetics
2008	Dr. Martin A. Massengale, Nebraska, Agronomy	1979	Dr. Oscar E. Olson, South Dakota, Biochemistry
2007	Dr. Stanley E. Gilliland, Oklahoma, Animal Science	1978	Dr. Reuben W. Engel, Virginia, Nutrition
2006	Dr. L. Dale VanVleck, Nebraska, Animal Science	1977	Dr. Charles O. Gardner, Nebraska, Agronomy
2005	Dr. Will Carpenter, Mississippi, Weed Science	1976	Dr. Tony J. Cunha, Cal-Pomona, Animal Science
2004	Dr. Charles Hess, California, Environmental Hort.	1975	Dr. Glen S. Pound, Wisconsin, Administration
2003	Dr. Gail L. Cramer, Louisiana, Agricultural Econ.	1974	Dr. Earl O. Heady, Iowa, Economics
2002	Dr. Donald C Thill, Idaho, Weed Science	1973	Dr. E. T. York, Jr. Florida, Administration
2001	Dr. Lowell Moser, Nebraska, Agronomy	1972	Dr. Glenn W. Burton, Georgia, Plant Breeding
2000	No Award	1971	Dr. Leo Dale Newson, Louisiana, Entomology
1999	Dr. R. Wayne Skaggs, North Carolina, Bio. & Ag. Engineering	1970	Dr. William J. Miller, Georgia, Dairy Science
1998	Dr. Chester L. Foy, Virginia, Plant Physiology	1969	Dr. John W. Schmidt, Nebraska, Agronomy Dr. Virgil A. Johnson, Nebraska, Agronomy
1997	Dr. Herbert W. Ockerman, Ohio, Animal Science	1968	Dr. Roy L. Lovvorn, North Carolina, Administration
1996	Dr. Fuller W. Bazer, Texas, Veterinary Medicine	1967	Dr. Raymond V. Olson, Kansas, Agronomy
1995	Dr. Dermot P. Coyne, Nebraska, Horticulture	1966	Dr. James D. Johnston, Louisiana, Dairy Science
1994	Dr. David G. Topel, Iowa, Administration	1965	Dr. Khem M. Shahani, Nebraska, Dairy Technology
1993	Dr. Daniel Y. C. Fung, Kansas, Food Science	1964	Dr. Bernardo G. Capó, Puerto Rico, Soil Chemistry
1992	Dr. Simón E. Malo, EAP, Administration	1963	Dr. John A. Johnson, Kansas, Cereal Chemistry
1991	Dr. Clarence Ammerman, Florida, Animal Science	1962	Dr. Ernest A. Fieger, Louisiana, Ag. Chemistry
1990	Dr. Gordon Dickerson, Nebraska, Animal Breeding/Genetics	1961	Dr. George A. Young, Nebraska, Veterinary Science
1989	Dr. Robert A. Godke, Louisiana, Animal Science	1960	Dr. Gertrude Cox, North Carolina, Statistics
1988	Dr. James N. Moore, Arkansas, Horticulture	1959	Dr. Reginald H. Painter, Kansas, Entomology
1987	Dr. Stanley A. Barber, Indiana, Soil Chemistry	1958	Dr. Ernest B. Sears, Missouri, Cytogenetics
1986	Dr. Robert H. Harms, Florida, Poultry Science	1957	Dr. William G. Murray, Iowa, Ag. Economics
1985	Dr. John R. Campbell, Illinois, Administration	1956	Dr. Paul H. Harvey, North Carolina, Plant Breeding
1984	Dr. John D. Axtell, Indiana, Sorghum Breeding	1955	Dr. Charles Willard, Ohio, Crop Science
1983	Dr. Willard L. Lindsay, Colorado, Soil Chemistry	1954	Dr. Clyde H. Bailey, Minnesota, Biochemistry
1982	Dr. Dudley D. Culley, Jr. Louisiana, Wildlife Manag.	1953	Dr. Samuel Brody, Missouri, Animal Physiology
1981	Dr. William P. Switzer, Iowa, Swine Diseases	1952	Dean H. H. Kildee, Iowa State, Administration
		1951	Dr. Elvin C. Stakeman, Minnesota, Plant Pathology

INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
JUNE 15-16, 2010
BATON ROUGE, LA

- 1. Call to Order.** International President Susan Campbell called the Gamma Sigma Delta International Executive Committee meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on June 15, 2010 in the Agriculture Dean's Conference Room on the campus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA. International Officers present were: President Susan Campbell, President Elect Charlene Wolf-Hall, Secretary John Riley, Treasurer Mike Brugger, Historian Navam Hettiarachy and Past President Steven Henning. Campbell reviewed the agenda for the meeting.
- 2. Minutes of 2009 Meeting.** Minutes of the 2009 Executive Committee meeting had been circulated for review and comment following the Lexington, KY Executive Committee meetings. MOTION: Brugger moved approval of the June 24-25, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. Hettiarachy seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- 3. Officer Reports.** Officer Reports are attached. Each officer's report was reviewed and discussed. MOTION: Brugger moved to accept the report of the treasurer to-date and that the report constitutes the audit of the treasurer for 2009-2010. Henning seconded the motion. Motion passed. Any additional actions taken as a result of the Officer Reports are reported elsewhere in these minutes.
- 4. Web Site.** The newly designed web site for Gamma Sigma Delta went live in January, 2010. Brugger and Riley had done extensive review of the test site version and continued to do testing of the live site. Revisions within the scope of the original contract with WestHost have been completed. Brugger will make the final payment to WestHost. The new web site cost \$6,065 which represented a significant reduction in fee as a result of the company taking about three years longer to complete the project than originally agreed upon.

There remain items such as update of email lists and a friendlier means of entering chapter information. Brugger and Riley will make a priority list of additional features desired on the web site and submit to WestHost for bid(s). Recommendations for action will be submitted to the Executive Committee.

Brugger indicated WestHost was changing direction in their services and was not sure the extent of continued relationships with the company. Further interaction with our WestHost contact during the Executive Committee meeting suggested that the company would be willing to maintain our site and make additional changes. Fees for the services have not been finalized.

- 5. Order Fees.** Henning moved that the Special Order Fee be increased from \$10 to \$20. This will better reflect the cost of additional postage for 'overnight orders'. Hettiarachy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. **Society Constitution and Bylaws.** Issues dealing with electronic mail, vote counts, printed matter, standing committees and chapter constitution review were raised with regard to the current Society's Constitution and Bylaws. Brugger and Henning will ask the Legislative Council for input on these issues as a means of determining needed change as well as a means of encouraging chapters to make sure that the local chapter's document is also updated. Brugger and Henning will also prepare for review at the 2011 Executive Committee meeting, recommendations for changes to the Society's Constitution and Bylaws.
7. **Nominating Committee.** Henning indicated that Dennis Brink of the Nebraska chapter had consented to being nominated for the 2010-2012 President Elect position. Henning shared a brief resume of Dr. Brink with the Executive Committee.
8. **Chapter Enrichment Grants.** Hettiarachchy presented reports from the 2009 grant recipients: North Dakota State, LSU and Nebraska (See Historian Report). A 2010 grant proposal was received from the Penn State chapter. Brugger moved that a \$400 Enrichment Grant be awarded Penn State. Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion passed. Hettiarachchy will notify the chapter.

Hettiarachchy indicated plans to give chapters better guidelines and cite examples of previous grants when the call for 2011 grants goes to the chapters. This effort will be to encourage more grant proposals. The 2011 grant program will continue under current award stipulations and Society support level.

9. **Chapter Concerns.** Brugger noted the large Accounts Receivables. Copies of unpaid bills will be sent to delinquent chapters in addition to notification of the amount of the unpaid orders. Some delinquencies are as much as two years old.

Officers will make an attempt to be in touch with their liaison chapters on at least a quarterly basis. Special effort will be made to contact those chapters who submitted 2009 Chapter Reports but did not submit a report for 2010.

The need for renewing inactive chapters was discussed.

10. **Liaison Chapters.** Officer liaison chapters were reviewed. Chapters liaisons will remain the same for 2010-2012 with the exceptions that Brink will assume the chapters currently held by Henning, South Dakota will be moved to Wolf-Hall, and Nebraska will be moved to Brink.
11. **Awards Selection.** Chapter reports were reviewed from 19 chapters. Brugger moved approval of the following awards. Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Outstanding Chapter	Louisiana State University
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Gold Chapters	Tuskegee University
	University of Tennessee
	University of Kentucky
	Penn State University
	University of Arkansas

Silver Chapters University of Nebraska
 North Carolina A&T State University
 Texas A&M University
 University of Wyoming
 Ohio State University

Bronze Chapters New Mexico State University
 Auburn University
 North Dakota State University
 South Dakota State University
 Oregon State University

Most Improved Chapter Texas A&M University

New Chapter Activity Tuskegee University

Brugger moved that no Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award be made for 2010. Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wolf-Hall will notify chapters of the awards received. Riley will order and send award plaques. Henning will arrange for the presentation of the Outstanding Chapter Award to LSU. Wolf-Hall will prepare write ups for the *Newsletter*. Wolf-Hall will also contact the chapters submitting DAA nominees.

12. 2010 Conclave. The agenda and committee assignments for the 2010 Conclave were reviewed.

At the 2009 Executive Committee meeting, it was decided to support official delegates attending the 2010 Conclave by paying the registration fee and two nights of lodging. Given the low number of delegates pre-registered and the amount budgeted for the Conclave, the Executive Committee by electronic communication in May decided to provide each delegate an additional \$250 for travel expenses in an attempt to increase chapter participation.

13. 2012 Conclave. The University of Tennessee and Kansas State University will be approached about hosting the 2012 Conclave. The host chapter being in close proximity to other chapters has seemed to increase conclave attendance.

14. 2011 Budget. Brugger presented a proposed 2011 budget. The need to replenish most supplies will create a deficit budget. Riley moved approval of the proposed budget. Henning seconded the motion. Motion approved. (See attached Treasurer's Report.)

15. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m., June 16, 2010.

**INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
JUNE 18, 2010
BATON ROUGE, LA**

1. **Call to Order.** International President Charlene Wolf-Hall called the 2010-2012 Gamma Sigma Delta International Executive Committee meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. on June 18, 2010 in the Cook Hotel on the campus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA. International Officers present were: President Charlene Wolf-Hall, Secretary John Riley, Treasurer Mike Brugger, Historian Navam Hettiarachchy, Past President Susan Campbell, and 2008-2010 Past President Steven Henning.

2. **International GSD Foundation.** By consensus, the International Society will pay the administrative costs of the International Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation. The will allow all contributions to be used for the scholarship program or other programs sponsored by the Foundation.

A PDF fundraising brochure will be developed for chapters to help solicit donations to the Foundation. Henning and Campbell will work on the brochure.

3. **Incorporation Papers.** Riley will check on the status of the Society's incorporation papers through the State of Ohio.

4. **2011 Executive Committee Meeting.** Wolf-Hall will try to arrange the 2011 International Executive Committee meeting the week of June 6, 2011. Location will also be determined by Wolf-Hall.

5. **Adjournment.** The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
INTERNATIONAL GAMMA SIGMA DELTA FOUNDATION
JUNE 16, 2010
BATON ROUGE, LA**

1. Call to Order. International President Susan Campbell called the International Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. on June 16, 2010 in the Agriculture Dean's Conference Room on the campus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA. International Officers present were: President Susan Campbell, President Elect Charlene Wolf-Hall, Secretary John Riley, Treasurer Mike Brugger, Historian Navam Hettiarachchy and Past President Steven Henning. Campbell reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

2. Minutes of the 2009 Meeting. Brugger moved approval of the minutes of the June 25, 2009 Foundation Board meeting. Wolf-Hall seconded the motion. Motion approved.

3. Financial Report. Brugger presented the financial report for the 2009-2010 period. Brugger moved approval of the report. Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion approved. (See attached Treasurer' Report).

One suggestion for raising money for the Foundation is to ask chapters to add a donation amount to the local chapter dues. No action was taken.

4. Scholarship Award. Ten scholarship nominations were reviewed. Brugger moved that the \$550 scholarship be awarded to Quentin Dudley, nominated by the University of Nebraska Chapter. Henning seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Campbell will notify the award recipient and chapter. Other nominees and chapters submitting those nominees will be contacted by Henning. Hettiarachchy will make suggestions for changes in the nomination form.

5. Adjournment. Henning moved adjournment of the Board meeting at 3:30 p.m. Hettiarachchy seconded the motion. Motion approved.

OFFICER REPORTS 2009-2010

SUSAN CAMPBELL International President

1. Contacted Presidents of liaison chapters.
2. Member of committee for re-development of International web site.
3. Presented Gold Chapter award to the University of Kentucky chapter at their banquet and initiation ceremony.
4. Notified the recipient of the Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award of his selection.
5. Prepared the following Newsletter articles: International President's message, Outstanding Chapter Award, Chapter Recognition Program Awards, New Activity Award, and Most Improved Chapter Award.
6. Sent certificates and letters of congratulations to the Outstanding Chapter recipient and those chapters selected for the Gold, Silver, and Bronze chapter recognition for 2009.
7. Contacted University of Kentucky Ag Development Office for suggestions in fund-raising for the International GSD Foundation
8. Contacted West Virginia chapter to make arrangements for receipt of the 50th anniversary plaque
9. Prepared list of chapter activities from Chapter Reports to be published in *Newsletter*.
10. Prepared the meeting agendas for the June 2010 International Executive Committee, Foundation Board, and Legislative Council meetings to be held in Baton Rouge, LA

CHARLENE WOLF-HALL President-Elect

1. Edited and prepared the Fall 2009 Newsletter. Made arrangements for printing and distribution. Provided copies to International Officers, Chapter Presidents and Secretaries.
2. Reviewed proposals for chapter enrichment grants.
3. Reviewed applications for scholarship program
4. Reviewed chapter reports
5. Reviewed applications for DAA

JOHN RILEY
Secretary

1. The major duty of the International Secretary during the academic year is to process the orders of the individual chapters for membership and award certificates and other supplies. Orders originate by means of an order form located on the Society's web site. In 2010, a new web site was unveiled in an effort to make the ordering process more user friendly for the chapters and for the International Secretary. The new site will also be more current with award winners and with documents used by the chapters (handbook, history, newsletter, Int'l. by-laws).
2. Orders particularly for new member certificates, are often on a rush basis. Chapters giving a 'heads up' about a rush order so plans can be made to handle it is appreciated. Chapters are generally doing a good job with their orders. Two issues: Make sure that names are spelled correctly when the order is submitted. Second, give the International Secretary a chance to get the chapter the real certificate for the local initiation ceremony instead of presenting a made up certificate, then sending in the order for membership certificates. At the same time, please give the Secretary time to print and return the order.
3. The count of new members to report to Conclave 2010 is less than the number reported at Conclave 2008 (Table 1). Of most concern is the fact that several of the major land grant universities have let their Gamma Sigma Delta chapters become dormant. In the last two years, there has been no activity reported by Arizona, California-Riverside, Florida A&M, Western Kentucky, Michigan State, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, Cornell, Oklahoma-Langston, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Clemson, Texas A&M-Kingsville, Washington State, and Wisconsin. Any assistance that active GSD chapters or chapter members can give in revitalizing these chapters would be most appreciated by the International Executive Committee.
4. The Society offers chapters a number of services. Table 2 shows the other orders processed for chapters. The honor cord has been very well received. Several chapters are including the cord as part of the initiation process. Recognition of the work of the Chapter President is encouraged by making available to chapters two sizes of plaques. Even if the chapter wants to create its own plaque or other award plaques, the use of the Gamma Sigma Delta key casting is encouraged. Society award certificates can be given as only the certificate, or framed or even slipped into a plaque by the local chapter. Most faculty members of the Society do not have any pin to publicly display their association with Gamma Sigma Delta. Active members can obtain key pins as well.
5. Each chapter has an International Officer as a liaison to the operations of the Society. Know who the chapter's liaison International Officer is and keep that person informed of the chapter's activities.
6. Although the Chapter President often gets credit for the success of the local chapter, it is frequently the Chapter Secretary who does much of the operational work of the chapter. Thanks to all who have done such a supper job in getting orders to the International Secretary and who have made the efforts to recognize the new member or award winner for his or her accomplishments.

SECRETARY'S STATISTICAL REPORT 2009-2010 AS OF JUNE 30, 2010 IS
PRESENTED IN TABLES 1 AND 2.

Table 1. Chapter initiates, GSD Award Certificates, Chapter Reports, DAA 2009-2010 Activity as of June 30, 2010										
Chapter	Student Initiates			Faculty Initiates		Alumni Initiates		Total	Award Cert	Chapter Reports DAA
	Jrs	Srs	Grad	Fac	Stf	Alm	Hon	Total	Total	
Alabama-Auburn		17	19					36	11	R
Alabama-Tuskegee	2	9	9	6	4	1	1	32	9	R/D
Arizona										
Arkansas	3	17	13	3				36		R
Arkansas-Pine Bluff										
California-Davis	5		5	6			3	19		
California-Pomona	6	47	2	3				58		
California-Riverside										
Colorado State										
Connecticut										
Florida	3	12	51	1	3			70		
Florida A&M										
Georgia				6				6	6	
Hawaii										R
Honduras (EAP)		30						30	4	
Idaho	4	6	22					32		
Illinois	10	2	26			1		39	7	
Indiana-Purdue	1		2					3		
Iowa State	17	25	31	2		2		77	8	
Kansas State	2	17	12		1			32	20	
Kentucky		4	14	2	5			25	6	R
Western Kentucky										
Louisiana State	3	7	26	3	3			42		R
Maryland-National Capital			6				1	7	14	
Michigan State										
Minnesota										
Mississippi State		19	26	6				51	3	
Missouri										

**Table 1. Chapter initiates, GSD Award Certificates, Chapter Reports, DAA 2009-2010
Activity as of June 30, 2010**

Chapter	Student Initiates			Faculty Initiates		Alumni Initiates		Total	Award Cert	Chapter Reports DAA
	Jrs	Srs	Grad	Fac	Stf	Alm	Hon	Total	Total	
Nebraska		4	11	4		3		22	5	R
Nevada										
New Mexico State		2	9	3	1			15		R
New York-Cornell										
North Carolina A&T	10	6	8					24	4	R
North Carolina State		12	35			2	1	50	1	
North Dakota State		3	11	4	4			22	3	R
Ohio State		13	30					43	7	R
Oklahoma-Langston										
Oklahoma State		8	16					24	12	
Oregon State			18	1				19	3	R
Penn State	17	26	26	9	1			79	6	R
Philippines										
Puerto Rico										
South Carolina-Clemson										
South Dakota State		4	14	1				19	5	R
Tennessee	5	14	20	5				44		R
Texas A&M	43	25	21	1	1			91		R
Texas A&M-Kingsville										
Texas Tech	9	13	16	4		1		43		
Virginia Tech	2		3					5	6	R/D
Washington State										
West Virginia		18		2				20	22	
Wisconsin										
Wyoming		11	20					31		R
TOTAL 2009-2010	142	371	522	72	23	10	6	1146	162	19R/2DAA
TOTAL 2008-2009	155	426	671	107	16	9	5	1389	198	21R/1DAA

**Table 2. Chapter Activity Report 2005-2010
2009-2010 As of June 30, 2010**

Item	2005-2006		2006-2007		2007-2008		2008-2009		2009-2010	
	No. Chap	No. Items	No. Chap	No. Items	No. Chap	No. Items	No. Chap	No. Items	No. Chap	No. Items
Student Initiates	39	1589	37	1352	36	1330	34	1252	32	1035
Faculty Initiates	27	133	26	93	23	110	25	107	20	72
Staff Initiates	11	22	10	22	8	31	9	16	9	23
Alumni Initiates	9	20	9	33	5	19	6	9	6	10
Honorary Initiates	2	2	3	3	1	1	4	5	4	6
Award Certificates	21	283	24	235	23	301	19	198	20	156
Replace Certificates	14	19	6	7	8	14	8	12	11	20
Past Pres. Plaque Large	24	25	19	21	17	18	13	13	12	12
Past Pres. Plaque Small	na	na	na	na	6	7	4	4	5	6
Key Pins-Boxed	4	11	4	34	4	20	4	8	1	5
Clasp Tie Tack/Lapel	2	7	2	3	2	7	1	7	1	4
Brochures-Paid	4	900	3	300	5	600	2	200	2	200
Brochures-Free ^a					17	2780	16	4000	15	3315
Honor Cords	14	367	13	279	16	321	12	253	13	241
Clip Art	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	10
Casting	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Name Tags	8	109	4	58	2	22	1	8	2	25

^aBrochures automatically mailed free prior to 2007. Mailed by requested deadline thereafter.

MICHAEL BRUGGER
Treasurer

1. Collected and deposited funds.
2. Work on collecting pass due accounts.
3. Paid bills.
4. Maintained the banking and financial records.
5. Filed the tax return.
6. Handled correspondence with chapters as needed.
7. Attended 2009 and 2010 Executive Committee meetings.
8. Worked with web site committee and designer on updating the web site. Handled communications with web site designer on issues with web site.
9. Handled the financial activities for the Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation
 - a. Received and deposited donation.
 - b. Sent checks for Scholarship Award winner and maintaining registration in Virginia.

Gamma Sigma Delta International
Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2010

	<u>Final</u> 2006	<u>Final</u> 2007	<u>Final</u> 2008	<u>Final</u> 2009	<u>Final</u> 2010
ASSETS					
Cash, Savings, and Investments	\$52,582.38	\$80,151.78	\$88,037.75	\$98,748.19	\$103,732.31
Checking Account	22,120.77	17,556.01	\$12,635.83	\$5,890.26	\$16,602.90
Savings Account			\$10,033.49	\$25,074.79	\$15,119.27
CD (AmSouth Bank)	30,239.86	0	0	0	0
National City 6383		10,253.55	\$10,700.07	\$11,130.66	\$11,632.94
National City 5919		25,870.82	\$27,070.63	\$28,235.12	\$29,158.35
National City 7496		5,136.47	\$5,326.41	\$5,452.85	\$5,526.32
National City 0141		21,334.93	\$22,271.32	\$22,964.51	\$23,255.03
Undeposited Checks	221.75	0	0	0	\$2437.50
Other Assets	\$6,227.24	\$14,075.93	\$14,615.88	\$7,128.76	\$8,877.50
Inventory	6,127.24	13,575.93	\$8,451.88	\$7,128.76	\$3,000.00
Accounts Receivable	100.00	500.00	\$6,164.00	\$550.00	\$5877.50
Total Assets	<u>\$58,809.62</u>	<u>\$94,227.71</u>	<u>\$102,653.63</u>	<u>\$107,641.38</u>	<u>\$112,609.81</u>
LIABILITIES					
Chapter Accounts Payable	0	0	0	0	0
Other Accounts Payable	8,033.71	30.00	3,500.00	\$30.00	\$16,000.00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$8,033.71</u>	<u>\$9,745.35</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$16,000.00</u>
NET ASSETS (Fund Balance)	<u>\$50,775.91</u>	<u>\$84,482.36</u>	<u>\$99,153.63</u>	<u>\$99,153.63</u>	<u>\$96,609.81</u>

Gamma Sigma Delta International	
Income and Expenses	
FY 2010	
Income	
Membership & Sales Income	
Chapter Income	\$19,355.67
Interest Income	
CD's and Savings Account	1,831.04
Total 47200 · Program	
Income	21,186.71
Expense	
60300 · Awards and Grants	
60310 · DAA Award plaque and cash	2,238.68
Total 60300 · Awards and Grants	
2,238.68	
62100 · Contract Services	
62110 · University support for Secretar	7,000.00
62150 · Outside Contract Services	3,565.00
Total 62100 · Contract Services	
10,565.00	
65000 · Operations	
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	1,939.06
65030 · Printing and Copying	385.25
65040 · Supplies	492.16
65060 · Web Site	203.40
65070 · Plaque purchases	1,068.00
65160 - Other Costs	27.99
Total 65000 · Operations	
4,115.86	
68300 · Travel and Meetings	
68320 · Travel	3,698.09
68330 · Conclave expenses	8,562.16
Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings	
12,260.25	
Total Expense	29,179.79
Income less Expenses	
(7,993.08)	

FY 2011 Budget	
<i>Gamma Sigma Delta International</i>	
Budget Year	2010 - 2011
Balance July 1, 2010	\$ 100,584.41
Membership and sales	\$20,000.00
Interest	\$2,000.00
Total Revenues	\$ 22,000.00
Expenses	
Secretary	\$ 3,500.00
Postage	\$ 1,000.00
Inventory purchases	\$ 15,000.00
Board meeting	\$ 4,000.00
Web site	\$ 2,500.00
Awards	\$ 5,300.00
DAA	\$ 2,000.00
Scholarship	\$ -
Enrichment	\$ 2,500.00
Award presentation Costs	\$800.00
Total Expenses	\$ 31,300.00
Revenues - Expenses	\$ (9,300.00)
Projected Balance June 30, 2011	\$ 91,284.41

Gamma Sigma Delta Foundation
FY 2010 Financial Report
June 30, 2010

Balance June 30, 2009	\$225.00	
Income	\$750.00	
Contributions		
Total Income		\$750.00
Expenses		
Va. Registration and Agent fees	\$175.00	
Total Expenses		\$175.00
Net Income less		\$575.00
Expenses		
Balance June 30, 2008	\$800.00	

NAVAM HETTIARACHCHY
International Historian

1. I presented the 2009 “Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award” to Dr. Curtis Kastner, Director of the Food Science Institute at Kansas State University on November 16, 2009. A copy of my presentation was distributed to the committee.
2. The call for submission of proposals for the 2009-2010 was emailed to all the Chapter presidents and secretaries in the fall of 2009 with a December 31, 2009 deadline. Penn State Chapter submitted a proposal titled, “A fall gathering to focus on excellence in teaching, research, and extension”.
3. Three Enrichment Grant reports (University of Nebraska, North Dakota State University, and Louisiana State University) were received.
4. The call for conclave poster was emailed to all the Chapter Presidents and secretaries in May of 2010. A total of two posters and two PowerPoint presentations were received.
5. I forwarded two copies of the fall 2008 and fall 2009 editions of the International Newsletter to the Gamma Sigma Delta Archives located at Ohio State University.

STEVEN A. HENNING
International Past President

1. Notified the recipients of the 2008 and 2009 Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Scholarship, Laura Sossamon and Kristen Schulte, of their selection by the Foundation. I also notified all Chapters nominating a student of the results.
2. Prepared an article for inclusion in the 2008 and 2009 Newsletter describing the International Foundation Scholarship and the accomplishments of the 2008 and 2009 recipients.
3. Revised the 2009 and 2010 Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation scholarship application and distributed the call for nominations to chapters. I coordinated the nomination process, prepared a scoring sheet of nominees and sent all materials to Foundation Board members for review at the 2009 and 2010 foundation committee meetings.
4. Worked with the Secretary and President to revise the Gamma Sigma Delta membership brochure.
5. Acted as the contact with the law firm handling the registration renewal of the Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation.
6. Prepared the brochure announcement for the 2008 and 2009 recipients of the Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award, Dr. Martin Massengale of the University of Nebraska and Dr Curtis Kastner of Kansas State University. Responsible for having the brochure printed and sent to the University of Nebraska and Kansas State University Chapters. I forwarded the brochure text and photo to the President Elect for inclusion in the 2008 and 2009 Newsletter.
7. Reviewed and participated in the selection of 2009 recipients of Chapter Enrichment Grants.
8. Presented the Outstanding Chapter and New Activity Awards to the LSU Chapter at their Fall 2008 Initiation Ceremony.
9. Contacted my liaison chapters (Connecticut, Purdue, Langston University, LSU, Michigan State, Oklahoma State, South Dakota State, and Washington State) prior to the annual report deadline each year to remind them to submit their reports and contact me of concerns they wish to pass along to the Executive Committee.
10. Began working with the officers of the LSU Chapter to plan for the 2010 Gamma Sigma Delta International Conclave, June 16-18, 2010, in Baton Rouge, LA.
11. Made necessary meeting arrangements for the 2010 Executive Committee Meeting in Baton Rouge, LA, June 15-16, 2010.
12. Fielded an inquiry from an undergraduate student at Humboldt University (California) about how to start a chapter.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES SUMMARY 2009-2010

These are examples of chapter activities during the year. These are shared to promote activity in chapters that have been less active. Chapter officers are encouraged to contact any of the international officers to discuss ways to reinvigorate their chapters.

Awards

Scholarships, undergraduate and graduate level
Teaching, Research, and Extension awards of merit
Distinguished Achievement
Outstanding Alumni
Outstanding Staff
Poster and oral research presentations
High school science fair
Research expo awards
FFA awards

Professional Development and College Support Programs for Faculty, Staff, and Students

Career workshop
Tutoring program
Educational speakers and seminars
Organized tours of agricultural interest in the state

Community Service Activities

Pumpkin Festival Pancake Breakfast
Community trash clean-up
Demonstration garden volunteers

Other Activities and Programs

Student/Faculty Mixer
Present graduating seniors with GSD honor cords for commencement exercises
Design and sell chapter t-shirts
Maintain chapter website
Publish chapter newsletter
Utilize committee structure to get more chapter members actively involved
Photography contest
Inclusion of student liaisons on chapter executive board
Display or bulletin board of chapter activities
Initiation of juniors as well as seniors to undergraduate membership
Utilizing student groups to cater events

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA CHAPTERS

Information about chapter officers and activities are linked through the International Gamma Sigma Delta website at www.gammasigmadelta.org. Chapter officers are reminded to update their chapter's information on the site. If chapter officers need assistance with updating this material, please contact the International Secretary, John Riley for directions. The 53 chapters of Gamma Sigma Delta include:

Chapter	Installation Date	Anniversary No. for 2010
University of the Philippines	1957-10-24	53
Honduras- Escuela Agrícola Panamericana	1989-10-28	21
Auburn University	1916-4	94
Alabama - Tuskegee University	1985-10-25	25
University of Arkansas	1954-5-17	56
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	2005-4-4	5
University of Arizona	1958-03-26	52
California Polytechnic State University - Pomona	1967-4-6	43
University of California, Riverside	1982-3-15	38
University of California - Davis	2000-11-16	10
Colorado State University	1963-06-20	47
University of Connecticut	1954-5-26	56
University of Florida	1955-4-29	55
Florida A&M University	1997-4-12	13
University of Georgia	1961-12-1	49
University of Hawaii at Manoa	1968-10-25	42
Iowa State University	1907-4-9	103
University of Idaho	1973-5-2	37
University of Illinois	1923-11-17	87
Purdue University	1972-4-11	38
Kansas State University	1914-6-25	96
University of Kentucky	1955-1-14	55
Western Kentucky University	2005-4-28	5
Louisiana State University	1961-8-3	49
University of Maryland-National Capital Area	1984-2-23	26
Michigan State University	1988-05-25	22
University of Minnesota	1917-6-4	93
University of Missouri	1908-11-23	102
Mississippi State University	1964-2-25	46
North Carolina State University	1955-4-28	55
North Carolina A&T State University	1974-11-22	36
North Dakota State University	2005-11-1	5
University of Nebraska	1918-5-25	92
New Mexico State University	1979-10-12	31
University of Nevada	1966-3-25	44

Chapter	Installation Date	Anniversary No. for 2009
Cornell University	1986-05-20	24
The Ohio State University	1928-11-12	87
Langston University	2002-4-23	8
Oklahoma State University	1984-5-15	26
Oregon State University	1981-10-22	29
The Pennsylvania State University	1922-10-10	88
University of Puerto Rico	1938-5-24	77
Clemson University	1957-05-16	53
South Dakota State University	1958-5-27	52
The University of Tennessee	1964-6-4	46
Texas A&M University - Kingsville	1984-05-11	26
Texas A&M University	1965-7-1	45
Texas Tech University	1972-6-15	38
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	1970-3-9	40
Washington State University	1987-06-16	23
University of Wisconsin	1967-05-9	43
West Virginia University	1959-5-8	51
University of Wyoming	1961-1-19	49

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA PLEDGE

In recognition of my responsibilities as a
member of the Honor
Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta,

**I PLEDGE MYSELF
TO UTILIZE MY ABILITIES,
IN MAINTAINING THE ESTEEM,
UPHOLDING THE HONOR,
AND ADVANCING AGRICULTURE,
RELATED SCIENCES AND
TECHNOLOGY.**

**I RECOGNIZE THAT MY
ADHERENCE
TO THE HIGHEST ETHICAL AND
MORAL
STANDARDS IS ESSENTIAL TO
OUR FOOD AND
AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY,
AND TO SOCIETY.**