

Grand Council 2017 Preparation Summary

Objective: to gain information and insight about other Chapters and provide an opportunity for collaboration, communication and feedback.

Chapter Delegate: Each chapter is required to send 2 delegates to Grand Council to maintain active chapter status. Name and contact phone number of each delegate should be emailed to hosting Chapter. Chapter delegates will present Chapter Presentation at Grand Council at the delegate's meeting Saturday morning (time and place determined by hosting Chapter).

Chapter Report: Written report emailed to paws4ann@aol.com or placed in Google Documents no later than October 10, 2017. Report should contain the following information:

1. Summary Chapter Report: Example attached
2. *Stewart Howe Chapter Roster: Excel spreadsheet attached
4. John C. Gordon Award Nominees: Information Attached
5. List of current officer's and their contact information (in Excel format)
6. Grand Council 2018 Proposal (if applicable, please contact for separate packet). I will also include this in the Google Drive under Hosting.

**Stewart Howe information used by Nationals to communicate with alumni (newsletter, support, etc.)*

Chapter Presentation: Presented by delegates at Grand Council delegates meeting Saturday morning (time and place determined by hosting Chapter).

Outline for your Chapter presentation: Please limit presentation to a maximum of 5 slides and 5 minutes, allowing 2-3 minutes for question and answer.

1. Current Chapter Membership and Pledging status
2. Key Community Service Activities
3. Key Chapter Activities
4. Chapter Challenges
5. Chapter Goals for the coming Year

Chapter presentations have been insightful, well prepared and even humorous. The time provision is to allow delegates to have a roundtable forum of open discussion, problem solving and constructive interaction.

Come prepared to the delegates meeting having reviewed the John C. Gordon nominees and Chapter reports that will be forwarded to you by email and collected in the OTS Google documents/drive folder as they are received.

Contact: If you have any questions or require additional forms or templates, please do not hesitate to contact me at paws4ann@aol.com or at 614/209-3900 (text ok).

Fraternally Yours,
Ann D. Walther, D.V.M.
OTS National Secretary

Grand Council Awards

Chapter Awards Descriptions

***T. C. Fitzgerald Memorial Progress Award - Most improved chapter**

-In memory of the late devoted, longtime advisor of Zeta Chapter

-To the chapter that has made the greatest strides in improving its chapter facilities, increasing its membership, inducting honorary members and contributing the greatest on the whole to the advancement of the Veterinary profession.

2008: Omicron

2012: Pi

2009: Kappa

2013: Omicron

2010: Theta

2014: Theta

2011: Eta

2015: Pi/Iota

***John P Donahoe Award - Sustained excellence**

-In memory of past president of Grand Council and long-time supporter of OTS

-To the chapter that demonstrates sustained excellence

2008: Gamma

2012: Beta

2009: Beta

2013: Beta

2010: Beta

2014: Beta

2011: Beta

2015: Gamma

***Vesper Award – Community service**

-In memory of Dr. Robert Vesper, past president of Grand Council

-Has provided the most service support activities to its college, university and surrounding community

2008: Kappa

2012: Pi

2009: Lambda and Theta

2013: Lambda

2010: Kappa

2014: Lambda/Pi

2011: Pi

2015:

**The recipients of these awards are selected by majority vote of the Delegates*

Attendance award

-To the chapter with the most members in attendance (other than the host chapter)

2010: Theta (13 members)

2012: Delta

2011:

2013:

2014: Omicron

2015:

Gonzo Olympics

-Each host chapter can add their own fun Gonzo awards

-Some of the traditional awards are for the clothesline game, overall award for chapter winning the most events, best cheaters

2010: Pi

2012: Theta and Gamma

2011: Theta

2013:

2014: Omicron

2015:

**Omega Tau Sigma
John C. Gordon Award of Excellence Nomination Form**

The John C. Gordon Award of Excellence is designed to acknowledge superior OTS members at a national level. Two to four \$500 awards will be given annually from the OTS national charitable fund to selected OTS active members. Please limit response to the front of this page and return to your delegate by the date determined by your delegate. Chapter executive boards and delegates are responsible for limiting the number of nominations per chapter to one. Delegates will bring the nomination from their chapter to the Grand Council meeting. **Award winners must be enrolled in veterinary school and be present at the GC to accept their award at Grand Council.**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Chapter:

Graduation year:

Years attended Grand Council:

How has applicant contributed to the local OTS chapter?

How has applicant contributed to the community through OTS?

What new suggestions and ideas does applicant have to improve OTS locally and/or nationally?

Name, email, address, phone, and position of person submitting recommendation for applicant:

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Past Award Recipients**

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Past Award Winners:

2015 John C. Gordon Award of Excellence Winners:

Joe Cacioppo- Theta Chapter 2018: Recognized for creating the Educational Committee in 2013 that has become widely successful and includes an anatomy and histological review session, a passion of Joe's as a veterinary and PhD student. Joe oversees the seven chapter committees and is imperative to the success of many of the Chapter's philanthropic endeavors. Joe is credited with the increase of chapter membership by 43%, raising the OTS presence in the Veterinary School to 25%. Joe's focus beyond veterinary school is increasing networking opportunities and alumni contacts for externships and employment. For now, Joe and his chapter are looking ahead to their hosting of the 2016 Grand Council. Congratulations Joe!

Shawn Warrey- Gamma Chapter 2017: Credited with optimizing Chapter operations through his reorganization and budget consolidation efforts. Shawn also serves as the SAVMA delegate and will take on the role of SAVMA National Treasurer in 2016. While he is identified as a person with great ideas, he was

recognized by his Chapter for his execution, leadership and implementation of those ideas, qualities that Gamma felt set him apart as a key member of their chapter. Congratulations Shawn!

Brittany Feldhaeusser-Eta Chapter 2017: As a prior second delegate to Grand Council, Brittany identified both the networking and fellowship Grand Council has to offer. She is credited with bringing not only enthusiasm but members to Grand Council as she set up fundraisers, solicited donations and spread information about Grand Council to her fellow Chapter members. Eta Chapter recognizes Brittany as the active who raised \$5000.00 by hosting an Open House at the Veterinary School. Noted as a win-win event, the money raised paid for the Chapters Veterinary Board exams and provided many children with an inside look at our profession. Brittany was also identified as fundamental in her tri-professional collaborative effort of 'Two Hearts One Health' 5K run. All in all, the most hardworking and OTS passionate member her Chapter has ever know. Congratulations Brittany!

Christian "Molly" Pleasant; Pi Chapter 2017: Described as an enthusiastic, helpful, and thoughtful member of Pi Chapter, Molly has served both formally and informally in multiple chapter roles. She is being recognized for stepping up to a role of Pledge Master, in addition to her role as Vice President, and for her interaction with her community. Notably, she strives to set the Chapter apart from other organizations by striving to be a role model to the youth of Tuskegee. Her most current endeavor goal is creating a large fundraiser to raise money for army dogs and soldiers serving overseas. Molly is recognized a going the extra mile, always lending a helping hand and having an amazing attitude for her chapter and for OTS. Congratulations Molly!