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Looking back, **2019** has been an awesome year for Mu State. **In April**, the 2019 State Convention in Booneville at Northeast MS Community College hosted by Eta and Gamma was enjoyed by all. **In June**, the KKI National Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, was an exciting time filled with great work moving our organization forward and with great friendships forged or renewed by Kappas all over the United States. **August** brought Mu State's Fall Workshop at Lake Tiak O'Khata in Louisville, MS, which was attended by representatives from ten chapters. Beautiful scenery and great food were enjoyed, and the long service of many Mu State Kappas was honored.

It's also been my pleasure to visit with several Mu State chapters in 2019: Tau, Upsilon, Alpha Delta, Iota, and Gamma. I've enjoyed very much getting to know everyone better, and I look forward to visiting all chapters very soon! You are the life of Kappa and the spark that lights the future for our children. Kappas truly do create a brighter tomorrow. I wish you and your families a wonderful new year filled with love, peace, and prosperity in **2020!**

2020 Upcoming Events:

- **The Mu State Executive Committee Spring meeting will be at Harvey's in Tupelo on Saturday, February 8, at 10:30.** A new slate of Mu State 2020-2021 officers will be proposed, and planning will continue for the state and national conventions.
- **Mu State Scholarship Applications and local chapter reports** will be due on April 1st in preparation for the State Convention. Check the calendar in the Mu State Roster or Chapter President's book for more information, or contact Andrea at andjerrben@gmail.com or 662-554-1310.



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Upcoming Events continued:

- **Mu State convention will be held April 24—April 25, 2020, in Brookhaven, MS.** Brookhaven is a jewel of a town with fabulous dining, shops, and history. Its location just off I55 makes it an easy drive. The Alpha Beta and Rho chapters are already making plans and working hard to host a great convention this spring. More information to come in the March issue of the *Mu State Muse*!



***Changes to the Mu State By-laws which were brought up and approved at Fall Workshop will be voted on at State convention. They are as follows:*

Article V- FISCAL YEAR, FEES, AND DUES

Section 1- Fiscal Year

Add to existing verbiage:

Before any disbursement from the Mu State business activities checking account of monies over \$1000, with the exception of payment of dues to the National office, the signature of both the Mu State Treasurer and a Mu State member in good standing shall be required. The Mu State Executive Committee shall appoint the aforementioned Mu State member in good standing.

Before making disbursements for non-budgeted items, the Mu State Treasurer will obtain both written and verbal authorization.

Article X- COMMITTEES

Section 2- Standing Committees

The new Communications Committee would be added to Section 2 and would read:

The following shall be standing committees:

Business, Bylaws, Campus Kappa, Communications, Empathy, History, Membership, Memorial, Music, Philanthropic, Professional Development, Scholarship, and Special Projects

Section 4- Duties

Duties will be listed for the Communications Committee as follows:

D. Communications

1. Provide a stronger visible presence of Mu State Kappa throughout the state of Mississippi and beyond through social media tools such as Mu State Website (www.mskappa.org), listserve, Facebook, etc. for Mu State meeting and/or events.

2. Request that official information for a statewide Communications/Public Relations calendar be sent by State President and local chapter Presidents to the Chair of the Communications Committee no later than July 31st for the upcoming year. The Chair of Communications Committee will coordinate the overall calendar of events with the other members of the Communications Committee with final approval by the State President.

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3. Receive any official correspondence by the State President to post on the designated social media tools as applicable. It is the responsibility of each state committee chair to correspond to its committee members as well as local chapter Presidents to its local chapter members. However, the Communications/Public Relations committee welcomes the opportunity to work with state chairs and local chapter Presidents to identify opportunities for media exposure.

4. Ensure that statewide activities, service projects, programs, and accomplishments attract positive Media attention and are placed in a timely manner on the social media tools.

If approved, the Duties originally listed from D. Empathy through L. Special Projects within Section 4 of Article X – Committees of the Mu State Bylaws will be changed to **D. Communications** and **E. Empathy through J. Special Projects**.



The 71st KKI National Convention is in MEMPHIS this year!

Mark **June 22 - 26** on your calendars and make plans to attend!

Mu State is excited to be hosting this national convention with Psi State/TN and Epsilon State/AR. The states of Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas are forever linked by their roles in the birth of music which is uniquely American: Blues, Soul, and Rock 'n' Roll.

Kappas and family members will be coming from all over the United States to attend this year's convention. There are several tours planned to explore the history, music, culture, and cuisine our region has to offer. There are also several interesting workshops planned for personal and professional advancement. A good convention is a huge undertaking which requires much work and funding to set up. *This is a convention not to be missed, so let's make plans to attend, support the convention, and show our Kappa sisters and brothers across the U.S. what our legendary hospitality is all about.*



National Executive Committee 2019-2020

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Website

Nationalkappakappaiota.org

National Theme:

Twist and Shout with Kappa



In an effort to avoid taking a loan from the National office so that we have a Working Cash fund to pay deposits for tours and bus rental, each host state is asking its entire membership to pay the Convention Registration fee whether the member plans to attend the convention or not. The \$50 amount from each member will take the place of any fund raising ventures and will secure your place should you chose to attend the Convention. It is going to be a great time!

Please complete the form below and return it with payment by **February 1, 2020**.

2020 National Convention in Memphis, TN

Pre-Registration Form

(Mu State - Mississippi)

(Please print)

Name _____

Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

E-mail _____

Local Chapter _____

Please check appropriate response to assist with planning for the convention.

____ Yes, I plan to attend the 2020 National Convention.

____ No, I do not plan to attend the 2020 National Convention at this time.

TOTAL \$50 REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____

Send form and payment **by February 1, 2020** to:

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