

# HISTORY



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## FOREWORD

An organization's history is a record of its past, inclusive of its beginnings, early development, formalization and settling into a mature pattern, and later developments. A history is a useful document to give prospective members familiarity with the organization they are joining, to build chapter and member pride and to increase support. Historical facts need to be kept in an orderly manner, valued and cherished.

This short history of The Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta, contains information concerning its founding and early years, membership, chapters, conclaves, awards, publications, officers, and other facts. Various projects and activities have been discussed, tracing their developments. Individuals have not always been mentioned, but credit is given to those who have given of their time, talents, and dedication to perform in leadership roles.

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## FOUNDING AND THE EARLY YEARS

The Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta began as a professional agricultural fraternity called Delta Theta Sigma at Ohio State University on December 1, 1905. Its founders were the dean of the college, several faculty members, and a number of undergraduate students in the College of Agriculture of that institution.

While the group's original intention was for the organization to be strictly honorary, it developed into a social fraternity and maintained living quarters for some of its members. Later the fraternity acquired a chapter house. On April 6, 1907, an agricultural fraternity bearing the name of Delta Theta Sigma and located at Ohio State University was incorporated in the State of Ohio ". . . for the purpose of promoting agriculture in all its branches, to secure a high degree of scholarship, to foster the spirit of brotherhood and to insure social culture."

Three days after this incorporation, on April 9, 1907, a chapter of Delta Theta Sigma was installed at Iowa State College. On March 30, 1908, a chapter was installed at Pennsylvania State College. The fourth chapter was installed at the University of Missouri on Nov. 23, 1908, the fifth chapter at Utah Agricultural College on March 30, 1909, and the sixth chapter at Oregon State College on April 13, 1909.

When the Iowa State Chapter was installed it was with the idea that the fraternity would be purely honorary in character and that no chapter houses would be maintained. The Iowa State chapter was joined in this objective by the chapters at Pennsylvania, Missouri, Utah, and Oregon. The Ohio State chapter, however, insisted on keeping a chapter house even though the Constitution which they had adopted forbade it.

When revisions of the Constitution were being discussed in 1910, the Ohio group asked for the privilege of maintaining a chapter house. This was not granted but the Constitution was changed to read "Each chapter may adopt such constitution and by-laws as it chooses to meet local conditions not covered by the Constitution." Ohio State interpreted this to mean that the chapter could maintain a chapter house and one was acquired soon after, in April 1910.

At a meeting scheduled for April 7 and 8, 1911, at Columbus, Ohio, the Iowa State delegate moved that the High Council revoke the charter of the Ohio State chapter. The delegate from the Pennsylvania chapter stated that it had joined the fraternity with the understanding that Delta Theta Sigma was strictly honorary. Although the Ohio State delegate agreed that the Ohio chapter would take immediate steps to make it purely honorary and to give up the chapter house, it did not do so.

Legal counsel was secured and the National Officers were advised that since the first chapter of Delta Theta Sigma was incorporated in the State of Ohio and the name was registered there, it would be better for the five other chapters to withdraw from Delta Theta Sigma and form a new honor society with a new name. On January 19, 1913, alumni of Delta Theta Sigma met in Washington, DC, for the purpose of acquainting all with the condition of the fraternity. After much discussion the following resolution was passed: "That it be the sense of the alumni present that we recommend to the Executive Council of Delta Theta Sigma fraternity that there be a complete reorganization of the national fraternity under a new name but with the same ideals and purposes."

At the conclave later that year, a member of the Missouri chapter was designated to search through Greek mythology and present a number of Greek letters that might be used in a new name. His proposal, which was accepted, was the letters Gamma, Sigma, and Delta. GAMMA (γ) was used from Gaea, worshipped by the Greeks as the Goddess of Earth, original mother of all, the all-producing and all-nourishing mother. SIGMA (Σ) came from Syndesmos, the Greek word for bind or band together, hence symbolic of the strength of unity of purpose and interest, sympathy and understanding, and therefore the brotherhood of man. DELTA (Δ) was from Demeter, the Grecian goddess of agriculture and fruitfulness and rural life. She presided over every operation of the practice of farming and was therefore the essence of life to a pastoral people. She was further regarded as the patroness of all those arts and

practices which are more or less intimately connected with agriculture and which man first learned from her, therefore she lifted men from the lower grades of hunters and shepherds and subjected their former rude and barbarous practices to law and order.

Thus, the Greek meaning of our name is: The binding together of earth, the mother of all, and the practice of agriculture and the arts related thereto, for the welfare of mankind. It is of interest that two of the Greek letters in the new name of the Society, Sigma and Delta, were in the old name.

On April 19, 1914, the dean of the College of Agriculture in Kansas wrote to the Grand Scribe of Gamma Sigma Delta recommending that a chapter be approved for the Kansas State campus. The chapter was installed on June 25, 1914. Thus the Kansas State chapter was the first new chapter installed under the name of Gamma Sigma Delta.

Meanwhile, in the fall of 1915 a group of students in the College of Agriculture at the University of Minnesota discussed among themselves the formation of a strictly honorary society which could occupy in the College of Agriculture the position taken by Phi Beta Kappa in Colleges of Arts and Sciences.

In November a petition requesting such action was sent to the dean of the College of Agriculture, who appointed a committee made up of the chiefs of the various divisions in the college to promote the organization of an honorary agricultural fraternity. This committee decided that there was a place for a strictly honorary society of agriculture and that it should be a national organization with chapters at the various land-grant colleges. On March 10, 1916, the constitution for the new organization was adopted, and it was named The Agricultural Honor Society of America.

In June 1916, representatives of this society and of Gamma Sigma Delta met at the University of Minnesota to determine whether it would be possible to consolidate the two organizations. It was unanimously agreed that the purposes, aims, and ideals of the two organizations were practically identical, and a motion was made and passed that the two societies be consolidated under the name "The Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta."

At a meeting on May 11, 1917, at Iowa State College, a newly drafted Constitution for the combined society was adopted. The preamble stated: "The object of this society is to encourage high standards of scholarship in all branches of agricultural science and education and a high degree of excellence in the practice of agricultural pursuits, by the election to membership of those students of the graduating and post graduate classes in agricultural colleges who have shown exceptional ability during their undergraduate or graduate work, and of those alumni and faculty members who have rendered signal service to the cause of agricultural development. Since the purpose of the society is to confer membership as an honor upon those who have shown themselves to be worthy, all the laws, rules, and regulations of the national society and its local chapters shall be in harmony with this purpose and shall be so framed as to emphasize and promote the honorary character of the society."

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

From the beginning it was agreed that membership in any chapter would constitute membership in the national organization. At the same time the primary requisite for membership was to be scholarship, with candidates for active membership chosen from the upper two-fifths of the junior and senior classes of agricultural courses. Provision was made for honorary membership to be conferred on members of the faculty and experimental staffs who had shown an active spirit of investigation in agriculture.

Requirements for membership have been modified from time to time in the various revisions of the Constitution. The 1980 revision provided for four classes of membership -- graduating seniors; graduate students; teachers, investigators, and administrators; and alumni -- and specified requirements for each class. This has been changed, and now the first category is undergraduate students. To adjust to local conditions a chapter may vote to include junior and senior students but the requirement of no more than 15 percent of the graduating class must be maintained. All members, regardless of class, are entitled to vote in chapter affairs.

Although early versions of the Constitution refer only to agriculture, this was later modified to agriculture and related fields. In 1976 the wording was adopted ". . . agriculture in its broadest interpretation including forestry, wildlife conservation, veterinary medicine, and home economics." Since then it has been enlarged from time to time to give a clearer definition of related fields.

## CHAPTERS

The chapters are the core of Gamma Sigma Delta. They select and initiate the members, honor outstanding people in agriculture and related fields, and carry on worthwhile programs.

Originally the chapters were to be established only at land-grant institutions, but that interpretation was widened in 1956 to include other institutions that had programs in agriculture and related areas. According to the present Constitution, chapters may be established at universities and colleges offering degrees in agriculture and approved by the International Executive Committee of the Society. Approval is based on the institution's program of teaching, extension, and research, all of which must be of high quality.

Establishment of new chapters has continued since 1907, and now there are 53. Each chapter may establish its own requirements and guidelines, provided that these requirements are as stringent as those of the International Constitution. This means that chapters vary in classes of membership, in the honors they choose to bestow, and in the programs they carry on to further the Society's goals.

In 1955 the International Officers decided that when a new chapter was organized the name of the state or of the institution at which the chapter existed would be used in the official name.

Over the years the question of who would be charter members of a chapter was discussed. In 1954 the policy was established that any or all Gamma Sigma Delta members located at an institution where a new chapter was being formed could be charter members, depending on the desires of the local committee in charge of establishing the new chapter. Under this provision an individual may be a charter member of more than one chapter; in fact, Dr. Dale W. Bohmont had the distinction of being a charter member of the chapters at the University of Wyoming, Colorado State University, and the University of Nevada.

Following is a list of the chapters, with their date of installation, and installing officer(s).

<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Installation Dates</u>	<u>Installing Officers</u>
Began as Delta Theta Sigma Chapters.		
Ohio State	Dec. 1, 1905	Installed by founders
Iowa State	April 9, 1907	Samuel N. Kerr, OH
Penn State <sup>1</sup>	March 30, 1908	Evan L. Morris, IA
Missouri	Nov. 23, 1908	J. W. Davis, PA
Utah State <sup>1</sup>	March 30, 1909	J. W. Davis, PA
Oregon State <sup>1</sup>	April 13, 1909	J. W. Davis, PA
Installed as Gamma Sigma Delta Chapters.		
Kansas State	June 25, 1914	Karl L. Overholser, MO
Alabama (Auburn)	April, 1916	P. M. Brandt, MO
Minnesota	June 4, 1917	From merger of αE) and The Agricultural Honor Society of America; met for first time under new name on this date
Nebraska	May 25, 1918	J. G. Rankin, IA
Penn State	Oct. 10, 1922	E. D. Ball, USDA
Illinois	Nov, 17, 1923	E. D. Ball, USDA

<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Installation Dates</u>	<u>Installing Officers</u>
Washington, DC alumni <sup>2</sup>	Nov. 11, 1924	E. D. Ball, USDA
Ohio State	Nov. 12, 1928	C. R. Ball, USDA
Puerto Rico	May 24, 1938	
Arkansas	May 17, 1954	H. J. L'Hote, MO
Connecticut	May 26, 1954	C. S. Hutchinson, OH
Kentucky	Jan. 14, 1955	L. E. Kunkle, OH
No. Carolina St.	April 28, 1955	H. J. L'Hote, MO
Florida	April 29, 1955	H. J. L'Hote, MO
Clemson (SC)	May 16, 1957	Roy L. Lovvorn, NC
Philippines	Oct. 24, 1957	R. B. Dickerson, PA
Arizona	March 26, 1958	Roger C. Smith, KS
South Dakota	May 27, 1958	Louis Thompson, IA
West Virginia	May 8, 1959	R. L. Lovvorn, NC; D. M. Hall, IL; J. A. Johnson, KS; H. J. L'Hote, MO; L. E. Kunkle, OH
Wyoming	Jan 19, 1961	H. J. L'Hote, MO
Louisiana State	Aug. 3, 1961	D. M. Hall, IL; E. G. Rodgers, FL; R. B. Dickerson, PA; H. J. L'Hote, MO; L. E. Kunkle, OH
Georgia	Dec. 1, 1961	Earl G. Rodgers, FL
Colorado	June 20, 1963	E. G. Rodgers, FL; D. W. Bohmont, CO; R. B. Dickerson, PA; H. J. L'Hote, MO; L. E. Kunkle, OH
Mississippi State	Feb. 25, 1964	Earl G. Rodgers, FL
Tennessee	June 4, 1964	L. E. Kunkle, OH
Texas A & M	July 1, 1965	D. W. Bohmont, CO; J. A. Johnson, KS; R. B. Dickerson, PA; H. J. L'Hote, MO; L. R. Kunkle, OH
Nevada	March 25, 1966	J. A. Johnson, KS
Calif. - Pomona	April 6, 1967	J. A. Johnson, KS
Wisconsin	May 9, 1967	J. A. Johnson, KS; R. B. Dickerson, PA; H. J. L'Hote, MO; C. E. Scarsbrook, AL; L. E. Kunkle, OH
Hawaii	Oct. 25, 1968	C. E. Scarsbrook, AL
VPI & SU	March 9, 1970	C. E. Scarsbrook, AL
Purdue (IN)	April 11, 1972	H. J. L'Hote, MO; L. E. Kunkle, OH; Ted Freeman, KY
Texas Tech	June 15, 1972	Arden Baltensperger, NM
Idaho	May 2, 1973	H. J. L'Hote, MO
No. Carolina A&T	Oct. 22, 1974	D. Acker, NE; D. A. Holt, Purdue; K. R. Keller, NC; H. J. L'Hote, MO; W. T. Bjoraker, WI
New Mexico	Oct. 12, 1979	C. B. Ammerman, FL; H. D. Brown, TX A&M; L. A. Nelson, NC; H. J. L'Hote, MO; M. L. Lavallard, AR
Oregon State	Oct. 22, 1981	H. J. L'Hote, MO
Calif. - Riverside	March 15, 1982	C. B. Ammerman, FL
Maryland -	Feb. 23, 1984	K. A. Holleman, USDA; L. A. Nelson, NC; G. H. Fechner, CO
National Capital		
Texas A&I	May 11, 1984	H. D. Brown, TX; M. L. Lavallard, AR
Oklahoma State	May 15, 1984	H. D. Brown, TX; R. I. Carter, IA
Tuskegee (AL)	Oct. 25, 1985	L. A. Nelson, NC; G. H. Fechner, CO; M. L. Lavallard, AR

<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Installation Dates</u>	<u>Installing Officers</u>
Cornell (NY)	May 20, 1986	L. A. Nelson, NC; L. E. Moser, NE;
Washington State	June 16, 1987	G. H. Fechner, CO; M. L. Lavallard, AR
Michigan State	May 25, 1988	L. E. Moser, NE; R. Miller, OH;
Honduras (Escuela Agrícola Panamericana)	October 28, 1989	C. J. Makela, CO; R. I. Carter, IA;
Florida A&M	April 12, 1997	M. L. Lavallard, AR
Univ. of Calif.-Davis	November 16, 2000	L. E. Moser, NE; R. Miller, OH
Langston Univ.	April 23, 2002	R. Miller, OH; C. J. Makela, CO;
Univ. of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	April 4, 2005	M. L. Lavallard, AR
Western Kentucky University	April 28, 2005	J. Mortensen, PA; J. Kotrlik, LA;
North Dakota State University	November 2, 2005	J. Riley, TN; M. Warnock, AR
		R. Bull, UI; J. Kotrlik, LA; J. Riley, TN
		R. Bull, UI; J. Riley, TN
		T. Rost, UCD; C. Boyle, MS
		J. Hillison, VA; M. Marchant, KY
		T. Rost, UCD; S. Henning, LSU

<sup>1</sup>Chapter later disbanded.

<sup>2</sup>Establishment of this chapter was approved Dec. 27, 1923 with 16 members present. There is no further reference to this chapter in minutes of any Biennial Conclave.

#### CHAPTERS IN OTHER COUNTRIES

The question of whether to establish chapters in other countries, and thus become a truly international organization, has come up again and again.

The chapter at the University of the Philippines came about because of the interest expressed by Gamma Sigma Delta members at Pennsylvania State University, who had working relations with the University at Los Baños. The first letter of inquiry about such a chapter was written on Sept. 27, 1954, at a time when the National Constitution limited chapters to land-grant institutions. By Oct. 30, 1956, the National Officers had agreed that the program at the University of the Philippines was strong enough that establishment of a chapter there would be in order. Application for chapter establishment was initiated and on Oct. 24, 1957, the chapter was installed. By 1970, however, the chapter was having difficulties collecting the \$4 membership fees for transmission to International headquarters and they asked that the fee be reduced. This request was denied, and instead the matter was eventually decided by allowing the chapter to operate independently, collecting its own membership fees and printing its own certificates. As voted by the Executive Committee in 2000, the Philippines Chapter pays dues per new initiate up to a maximum amount with this policy reviewed every four years. The chapter has all rights of a chapter except eligibility for enrichment grants.

Committees have been appointed from time to time to look into the possibility of organizing chapters in other countries. Universities have been contacted in Canada, England, other countries in Europe, and elsewhere. In 1989, a new chapter was installed at the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana in Honduras. In 1993 contact with a university in Costa Rica was made by the International Past President. The chief stumbling blocks are making sure that the institution's program satisfies the demands of the Constitution and in working out details for handling membership fees, lists of members, recognition, etc.

#### CONCLAVES

The business of the Society is conducted at the Conclave. The first national Conclave took place at Iowa State College in 1910, although one result of the meeting was the recognition that at the time no national organization as such was operating.

Following the 1916 conclave, when the decision was made to merge the organization Gamma Sigma Delta with The Honor Society of Agriculture into one group, it was decided that the Legislative Council should hold a stated meeting at least once every two years, the time and place to be selected by the Executive Council.

The early meetings, or Conclaves, were held at such places as Chicago and Boston, usually in conjunction with some other meeting such as that of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 1928 the suggestion was made that the Legislative Council meet in conjunction with some other organization such as the Association of Land Grant Colleges or the International Livestock Exposition. It was also agreed that the travel expenses of International Officers to such meetings be paid, provided they were not already in attendance at the meeting of the other organization. However, quite often holding the meeting at such a time and place did not provide enough time for transacting the business of Gamma Sigma Delta, and attendance was not always high.

The Executive Council, made up of the National Officers, tried to meet more often. Its 1951 meeting, in St. Louis, was the first time the International Officers met as a group between Conclaves.

The 1952 Conclave was the first chapter-sponsored Conclave, the Ohio State University chapter having been selected by the National officers to host this meeting. Since then all Conclaves have been on the campus of, or sponsored by, a chapter. Included in the programs of all these Conclaves have been reports from delegates on the operation of their chapters.

Starting in 1964, in order to make Conclaves more than just business meetings, the International Officers decided to have a theme program at each Conclave. The theme "Learning Through Teaching" was selected for the 1964 meeting. After that, part of each Conclave was devoted to development of the theme, with the host chapter organizing this part of the program, along with a formal business meeting. The host chapter also was made responsible for publishing proceedings for the Conclave, and furnishing five copies to each chapter and 100 to the International Officers for their use. Costs for arranging and conducting the meeting and publishing the proceedings were borne by the local chapter, except that the international treasury provided support in an amount decided on by the international officers.

In 1988 the chapters voted to drop the idea of a theme for the Conclave and to eliminate the printed Conclave proceedings. Instead, more time of the Conclave will be devoted to operational activities and chapter reports, and a report on the highlights of the Conclave will be included in the News Notes and Newsletter sent to chapters in the fall following the meeting.

As an added feature to the 1994 Conclave (Kansas State University), chapters were requested to display poster presentations representing their chapter's activities. This was such a successful event that the first competitive poster display was held at the 1996 Conclave, University of Idaho. Eight chapters participated in this event with the LSU chapter declared the winner. The Illinois chapter won the competition at the 1998 Conclave, University of Illinois. In 2000, at the New York-Cornell University Chapter sponsored conclave, the Kansas State Eta Chapter won the \$100 stipend for having won the poster competition. In 2004, at the University of Arkansas sponsored Conclave, North Carolina A&T won.

The following is as complete a listing as possible of dates, locations, and themes of conclaves.

1910	Iowa State University
1911	Ohio State University
1913	University of Missouri
1915	Berkeley, California
1917	
1919	Iowa State University
1920	University of Chicago
1922	Boston, MA
1924	Chicago, IL
1926	Chicago, IL
1928	Chicago, IL

1930	St. Louis, MO	
1932	Chicago, IL	
1934	Chicago, IL	
1936	Chicago, IL	
1938	Chicago, IL	
1940	Chicago, IL	
1942	Chicago, IL	
1944	Chicago, IL	
1946	Chicago, IL	
1948	Chicago, IL	
1950	Washington, DC	
1952	Ohio State University	
1954	University of Missouri	
1956	Iowa State University	
1958	University of Illinois	
1960	North Carolina State University	
1962	Pennsylvania State University	
1964	Kansas State University	Learning Through Teaching
1966	Auburn University	Building for Quality in Graduate Study
1968	University of Arizona	Innovations in Higher Education
1970	University of Minnesota	Communicating Agriculture to the Non-agricultural Public
1972	University of Georgia	Revitalizing Rural America
1974	South Dakota State University	Agriculture in the Modern World
1976	Purdue University	Contemporary Agriculture
1978	University of Tennessee	Energy, Ecology, and Esthetics
1980	University of Florida	Water
1982	University of Nebraska	The Agricultural Brain Drain
1984	Colorado State University	International Agriculture
1986	Louisiana State University	Excellence in Agriculture
1988	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University	
1990	Iowa State University	
1992	Ohio State University	
1994	Kansas State University	
1996	University of Idaho	
1998	University of Illinois	
2000	Cornell University	
2002	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	
2004	University of Arkansas	
2006	Ohio State University	
2008	Scheduled at University of Kentucky	

#### THE INTERNATIONAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO AGRICULTURE AWARD

The idea of such an award was first proposed in 1945. The matter was brought up at the 1948 Conclave and accepted. At the 1950 Conclave the design of a suitable medal was agreed upon and the National Officers were instructed to set up details for making such an annual award. Later a plaque was presented in place of the medal. At the 1968 Conclave the decision was made to present a \$500 cash award to the recipient, along with the plaque. This was agreed on by the chapters, and the first cash award was made in 1969. Effective 1993, the award stipend was increased to \$1,000. At the 1994 Conclave the name of the International Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award was changed to the Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award. In 2002, the Award was increased to \$2,000 based on \$10,000 contribution by an anonymous donor.

Each year each chapter is encouraged to select an individual it wishes to honor and submit information on that individual to the Executive Committee. Criteria include significant contributions to

agricultural and related sciences in the areas of teaching, research, and extension within the five years previous to the submission of the nomination. In 2007, the Constitution was changed to permit consideration of life time achievement in the selection process as well. Selection is made by the International Officers at their annual meeting. The recipient is informed of the honor by the International President, after which the selection is made public. The award is conferred by an International Officer (usually the one located closest to the home chapter of the recipient) at an event of the local chapter, at a time and place agreed upon. The local chapter is responsible for publicizing the event.

Recipients of the award have been:

1951	Dr. Elvin C. Stakeman	Minnesota	Plant Pathology
1952	Dean H. H. Kildee	Iowa State	Administration
1953	Dr. Samuel Brody	Missouri	Animal Physiology
1954	Dr. Clyde H. Bailey	Minnesota	Biochemistry
1955	Dr. Charles Willard	Ohio	Crop Science
1956	Dr. Paul H. Harvey	North Carolina	Plant Breeding
1957	Dr. William G. Murray	Iowa	Ag. Economics
1958	Dr. Ernest B. Sears	Missouri	Cytogenetics
1959	Dr. Reginald H. Painter	Kansas	Entomology
1960	Dr. Gertrude Cox	North Carolina	Statistics
1961	Dr. George A. Young	Nebraska	Veterinary Science
1962	Dr. Ernest A. Fieger	Louisiana	Ag. Chemistry
1963	Dr. John A. Johnson	Kansas	Cereal Chemistry
1964	Dr. Bernardo G. Capó	Puerto Rico	Soil Chemistry
1965	Dr. Khem M. Shahani	Nebraska	Dairy Technology
1966	Dr. James D. Johnston	Louisiana	Dairy Science
1967	Dr. Raymond V. Olson	Kansas	Agronomy
1968	Dr. Roy L. Lovvorn	North Carolina	Administration
1969	Dr. John W. Schmidt	Nebraska	Agronomy
	Dr. Virgil A. Johnson	Nebraska	Agronomy
1970	Dr. William J. Miller	Georgia	Dairy Science
1971	Dr. Leo Dale Newson	Louisiana	Entomology
1972	Dr. Glenn W. Burton	Georgia	Plant Breeding
1973	Dr. E. T. York, Jr.	Florida	Administration
1974	Dr. Earl O. Heady	Iowa	Economics
1975	Dr. Glen S. Pound	Wisconsin	Administration
1976	Dr. Tony J. Cunha	Cal. Poly-Pomona	Animal Science
1977	Dr. Charles O. Gardner	Nebraska	Agronomy
1978	Dr. Reuben W. Engel	Virginia	Nutrition
1979	Dr. Oscar E. Olson	South Dakota	Biochemistry
1980	Dr. Bruce J. Zobel	North Carolina	Forest Genetics
1981	Dr. William P. Switzer	Iowa	Swine Diseases
1982	Dr. Dudley D. Culley, Jr.	Louisiana	Wildlife Management
1983	Dr. Willard L. Lindsay	Colorado	Soil Chemistry
1984	Dr. John D. Axtell	Indiana	Sorghum Breeding
1985	Dr. John R. Campbell	Illinois	Administration
1986	Dr. Robert H. Harms	Florida	Poultry Science
1987	Dr. Stanley A. Barber	Indiana	Soil Chemistry
1988	Dr. James N. Moore	Arkansas	Horticulture
1989	Dr. Robert A. Godke	Louisiana	Animal Science
1990	Dr. Gordon Dickerson	Nebraska	Animal Breeding/Genetics
1991	Dr. Clarence Ammerman	Florida	Animal Science
1992	Dr. Simón E. Malo	EAP	Administration
1993	Dr. Daniel Y. C. Fung	Kansas	Food Science
1994	Dr. David G. Topel	Iowa	Administration
1995	Dr. Dermot P. Coyne	Nebraska	Horticulture
1996	Dr. Fuller W. Bazer	Texas A&M- College Station	Veterinary Medicine

1997	Dr. Herbert W. Ockerman	Ohio	Animal Science
1998	Dr. Chester L. Foy	Virginia Tech	Plant Physiology/Weed Science
1999	Dr. R. Wayne Skaggs	North Carolina	Biol. and Agr. Engineering
2000	No award		
2001	Dr. Lowell Moser	Nebraska	Agronomy and Horticulture
2002	Dr. Donald Thill	Idaho	Plant, Soil, and Entomological Sciences
2003	Dr. Gail L. Cramer	Louisiana	Ag. Economics & Agribusiness
2004	Dr. Charles E. Hess	UC Davis	Environmental Horticulture
2005	Dr. Will D. Carpenter	Mississippi State	Agricultural Biotechnology
2006	Dr. L. Dale Van Vleck	Nebraska	Animal Science
2007	Dr. Stanley E. Gilliland	Oklahoma State	Animal Science

#### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD

At the 1975 meeting of the International Officers it was suggested that special recognition be given to the chapter with the best program of activities, as a way of stimulating more interest in the Society at the chapter level. The motion was passed that, beginning in 1976, the chapter with the best program of activities (to include the percentage of acceptance of invitations to membership as one criterion) be given an award of \$50.

At their meeting in connection with the 1976 Conclave the Officers voted that instead of the \$50 cash award, a plaque be given the winning chapter; this would provide the chapter with something to hang in a prominent place at the institution and thereby generate pride in and publicity for Gamma Sigma Delta activities. Presentation of the plaque usually is made by the International Officer located closest to the winning chapter, at a formal chapter event.

Awards have been as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Outstanding Chapter</u>	<u>Honorable Mention</u>
1976	Alabama-Auburn	
1977	Kansas	
1978	Ohio	
1979	North Carolina State	
1980	Arkansas	
1981	Colorado State	
1982	Louisiana State	
1983	Nebraska	
1985	Maryland-National Capital	
1986	Ohio	Idaho, Pennsylvania
1984	Ohio	
1987	Arkansas	Kansas
1988	Ohio	Louisiana
1989	Louisiana	Ohio, Maryland
1990	Philippines	Florida, Louisiana
1991	Louisiana State	Arkansas, Tennessee
1992	Louisiana State	North Carolina A&T, Hawaii
1993	Tennessee	Philippines, Louisiana
1994	Louisiana State	Ohio, Cornell
1995	Arkansas	Hawaii
	Colorado State	
1996	Louisiana State	Hawaii Kentucky
1997	Missouri	
1998	Philippines	
1999	Kentucky	
2000	Kentucky	Arkansas
	Louisiana State	

2001	Kentucky	Florida Louisiana State
2002	Kentucky Louisiana State	
2003	Kentucky Louisiana State	Mississippi State No. Carolina A&T Philippines
2004	Kentucky	Louisiana State No. Carolina A&T Philippines
2005	Kentucky Louisiana State	Philippines
2006	Louisiana State	Gold: Philippines, West Virginia, North Carolina A&T State, Florida, Iowa State Silver: Kentucky, Purdue, Penn State, North Carolina State, Wyoming Bronze: Georgia, Arkansas, Virginia Tech, North Dakota State, Kansas State
2007	Philippines	Gold: North Carolina A&T State, Kentucky, Louisiana State Tennessee, California-Davis Silver: Iowa State, Mississippi State, Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Nebraska, Arkansas Bronze: Penn State, North Carolina State, West Virginia, Kansas State, Florida

At the 1985 Executive Committee meeting the International Officers decided to base the selection of the outstanding chapter on the chapter activity report submitted annually by each chapter. Therefore, chapters no longer needed to submit a separate entry for the award, but instead would make their activity reports reflect accomplishments of the preceding year. While the outstanding program is not solely related to chapter membership acceptance, the criterion of how many of those offered membership in Gamma Sigma Delta accept the invitation is given consideration in the selection of the outstanding chapter. Since Chapter Activity Reports are due in the office of the International Secretary on or before May 15th, chapters submitting their report after that date are not considered for the Outstanding Chapter Award.

At the 2005 Executive Committee meeting, in an effort to give more chapters recognition for their efforts, the International Officers decided upon a new ranking system to go into effect in 2006 and to be reevaluated in 2008. Under this new evaluation system, a single chapter would receive the outstanding chapter award. The following five highest ranking chapters would be designated Gold Award chapters; the following five, Silver Award chapters; and the following five, Bronze award chapters.

#### MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER AWARD

The Executive Committee approved an award for the Most Improved Chapter, which would first be given for the 2006-2007 award year. The award is based on the most improved score on the chapter annual report.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
2007	California - Davis

#### NEW CHAPTER ACTIVITY AWARD

A special committee was appointed at the 1988 Conclave to consider a program designed to recognize chapters for conducting a "new" activity. The committee's recommendations were unanimously adopted by the delegates. Selection of the award recipient is based on originality and innovativeness of the activity, accomplishment of objectives, and membership involvement.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Honorable Mention</u>
1989	Ohio	
1990	University of California, Riverside	
1991	Tennessee	Illinois, Louisiana
1992	Louisiana	
1993	Tennessee	
1994	Not presented	
1995	Arkansas Pennsylvania	
1996	Texas A&M - College Station	
1997	Cornell	Purdue
1998	Not presented	
1999	Arkansas	
2000	Kentucky	
2001	Honduras	
2002	Mississippi State	
2003	Langston Univ.	
2004	Louisiana	
2005	Tuskegee	
2006	Colorado State	
2007	Philippines	

#### CHAPTER ENRICHMENT GRANT PROGRAM

As a result of discussions at the 1994 Conclave (Kansas State University), a committee was appointed by James H. Mortensen, International President, to explore ways the International Society could support the local chapters. This committee consisted of Earl Ellington, Chair - NE (International Treasurer); Blannie Bowen - PA; Roger Shanks - IL. Two items evolved from this committee: (1) "Building a Top Chapter" workshop presented during the 1996 Conclave (University of Idaho); (2) Initiation in 1996 of the first request for proposals for the Chapter Enrichment Grant Program.

The goal of this program is to encourage and promote the development of enrichment projects at the chapter level by providing a competitive grant program at the international level. These projects are to be consistent with objectives as stated in the Mission Statement in the Gamma Sigma Delta Constitution. The amount of the award is up to \$800 with preference given to those projects that have secured matching funds from other sources. The Executive Committee selects one recipient per year whose project is for one year. In 1998, the Executive Committee voted to offer as many grants as possible with a total allocation of \$1,500. This increased chapter participation. In 1999, this total was increased to \$2,500, with a \$750 maximum award for individual chapters and the total number of awards to be determined by the Executive Committee. Recipients include the following chapters:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
1997	Cornell
1998	South Dakota
1999	Arkansas, Kentucky and California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
2000	Arkansas, Arizona, Michigan, and Nebraska
2001	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Colorado State Virginia Tech
2002	Mississippi State North Carolina A&T
2003	Langston University

	Louisiana State University
	University of Tennessee
2004	Penn State
	University of Tennessee
2005	No Award
2006	Colorado State,
	Kentucky
	Nebraska
	North Carolina A&T
	North Dakota State
	Philippines
	Wyoming
2007	No Awards

#### OTHER AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Various certificates, such as for the Sophomore and Senior Scholarship Awards of Merit, local Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award, etc., are available for chapter use. Each chapter can set up the awards it feels most desirable, first establishing guidelines, and then securing certificates from the International Secretary.

At the 1955 annual meeting of the Executive Committee a motion was made that an appropriate certificate be prepared to present to outgoing National Officers of Gamma Sigma Delta. This in turn was changed to a plaque.

At the 1970 Executive Committee meeting it was proposed, and passed, that a Past President's Plaque be provided from Society funds for each chapter president who served in 1970 or in the following years, with the provision that this project be dropped in future years if funds were not available. The first such plaques were awarded in 1971.

At the 1981 annual meeting the International Officers discussed the burden placed on the Treasury by the increased cost of these plaques. It was voted that from 1982 on chapters would pay \$15 for these plaques, with the International Treasury covering the remaining cost. In 1984 the price the chapter would pay was raised to \$20. In 1989 the price was raised to \$30. A \$40 cost for the plaque was established in 1993.

The Executive Committee, at the 1993 Executive Committee Meeting, voted to give a special recognition plaque to chapters as they celebrate their 50th, 75th, and 100th anniversary. The Society will use the chapter's years of continuous operation in determining anniversary year. The Nebraska chapter received the first such plaque in 1993 for celebration of their 75th anniversary.

#### GAMMA SIGMA DELTA PUBLICATIONS

##### BROCHURE

The need for a publication or brochure setting forth the purpose of Gamma Sigma Delta, its operations, and its membership requirements was expressed for the first time in 1948 in a letter from the President to the other National Officers. Nothing came of the idea until 1954 when the President appointed a committee to investigate the needs for preparing such a brochure and making recommendations on what should be included and how it should be published and subsidized. In February 1955, copies of this first official brochure were distributed to chapters and officers. For the first issue, the National Officers decided to furnish these at no cost to chapters, but in future years chapters would be expected to pay for copies at the cost of printing. Since that year the brochure has been revised and reprinted a number of times. Editions coming out in 1984 and subsequent years are in the Society's official colors of sand and forest green. In 2002, based on an invitation from the International officers, Drs. Deborah Witham and Linda Millercox (University of Kentucky chapter) revamped the international brochure, highlighting reasons for nominees to become members. The 2002-2004 brochure, and its subsequent updates were distributed by the International Secretary. In 2006, the International Officers voted to offer the brochure free to chapters who ordered their supply each fall.

## NEWSLETTER

At the 1951 Conclave the decision was made to publish an annual Gamma Sigma Delta Newsletter. Such a Newsletter was to contain a message from the President, a short summary of each chapter's activities, and other matters. The Secretary was to arrange for the details of publication, and the Treasurer was to pay costs.

In 1958 the annual Newsletter was discussed by the National Officers and the decision was made to report national activities, special recognition of members, and dates of installation of each chapter in each issue. It was also decided that responsibility for compiling and editing the Newsletter should reside with the office of Vice President.

Newsletters have been issued in each year since 1958, and preparing and publishing remain the responsibility of the Vice President (now President Elect). Each chapter receives, free of charge, one copy for each of the chapter's initiates during the preceding year. Additional copies can be obtained at a cost that is determined by the International Officers, based on the cost of printing. Beginning in 2004, the number of Newsletters distributed was reduced to one copy to each respective chapter president and secretary, and a total of 25 copies distributed among the International officers. In 2004, the International Officers also decided that the Newsletter shall be posted on the web site.

## SECRETARY'S MANUAL-HANDBOOK

At the annual meeting in 1963 the Officers agreed there was need for a manual of procedures to assist the chapters in meeting deadlines and ordering materials. The International Secretary and Treasurer were assigned responsibility for developing such a manual. In 1966 the idea was again brought up and responsibility was assigned to the Treasurer. At the 1975 meeting the Treasurer was commissioned to prepare a handbook to be furnished to chapter officers to assist them in carrying out duties of their offices.

Finally, in 1976, a draft of such a handbook was sent to each member of the Executive Committee. It included 21 sections, assembled in loose-leaf cover so that additions and revisions could be inserted to keep the Handbook current.

At the business section of the 1976 Conclave, two copies of this Handbook were presented to each chapter (one for the president and one for the secretary). In the early years of the Handbook changes made in operating procedures were sent to these officers annually for insertion in the Handbook so that all chapters had current guidelines to follow.

Since the late 1980s, new Handbooks are provided annually. At the 1994 Executive Committee meeting the decision was made to send up to four revised Handbooks annually to the chapters for use by the President, President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Beginning in 2002, the handbook will be on the Gamma Sigma Delta website. Additionally, one hard copy will be mailed to each chapter secretary and to the International Officers.

## WEB SITE ([www.gammasigmadelta.org](http://www.gammasigmadelta.org))

At the 1999 Executive Committee meeting, Past-President Richard Bull was authorized to develop a GSD web site and to load the Handbook, and order forms for certificates, jewelry and supplies onto the site. In 2000, the Constitution and By-laws and History were added to this list of intended items. The site became fully operational in 2002, when the site was moved to the University of Tennessee. In 2004, the International Officers decided that the Newsletter shall also be posted on the web site. In 2006, the International Officers began the process of revising the web site to protect its integrity and to make it more user friendly.

## OPERATING GUIDELINES

According to the 1994 Conclave Minutes, the Operating Guidelines were to serve as a handbook for international officers so that they could more effectively carry out their individual and collective responsibilities. The intent was to have relevant background and actions of the Society readily available without having to search the records or rely on memory. The Guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the current Handbook including Constitution and Bylaws and abridged History. The Executive Committee voted in 1999 to add the updating of the Guidelines to the responsibilities of the Historian.

## NEWS NOTES

Beginning in 1986 a new mailing called News Notes was begun. It is sent to the chapters several times during the year. News Notes, prepared by the International Secretary, includes reports from the International Officers which keep chapter officers current on events and operational highlights of the Society. Three issues are mailed annually. News Notes were discontinued in 2003, as electronic communication between the International Secretary and the chapters was used via chapter officer list-servs through the database on the GSD website.

## ARCHIVES

At the 1990 Conclave the Society voted to establish its official archives at The Ohio State University, location of the first chapter. It was agreed the task of compiling the archives (from materials supplied by Homer L'Hote and from the Secretary's and Historian's files) would be assigned to the International Historian and that keeping the records current in the future would be the responsibility of the Historian.

In 1992 such records were officially placed in the Archives at The Ohio State University. They are recorded as #25933924 on OCLC. They include: correspondence of the Society, especially in the early years; minutes of Conclaves and of Executive Committee meetings; Constitution and By-laws, with revision; membership lists; files concerning the various chapters; all histories of the Society, Newsletters and News Notes; files on the Distinguished Service to Agriculture (now Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture), Outstanding Chapter and New Activity awards, photos; and financial records.

## OTHER EFFORTS

### PINS, HONOR CORDS

Beginning in 2003, each new initiate received a GSD key pin. This key pin is to replace all other forms of jewelry offered by the Society as supplies are exhausted. In 2004, at the request of several chapters, an honor cord was introduced and made available for purchase. The cord is in the colors of the Society.

### OFFICIAL COLORS

At the 1982 Conclave a committee appointed by the International President recommended that the Society adopt sand and forest green as its official colors. This idea was accepted, and the Secretary was instructed to have the official stationery made up in these colors; also, all chapters were asked to use the colors whenever possible.

### OFFICIAL BANNER

At the same 1982 Conclave the Secretary was instructed to look into having an official banner made, using the official colors. In 1983 the International Treasurer circulated two designs for such a banner to the other International Officers; one of these was accepted. It was agreed that for the first year chapters could purchase a banner bearing the name and seal of the Society and the name of the chapter for a reduced cost; after that the cost to the chapters would cover the actual cost of having the banner

made. An official banner for the Society also was ordered. It was used for the first time at the 1984 Conclave. By that time, 18 chapters had banners.

## POSTERS

Another decision taken at the 1982 meeting of the Executive Committee was to order 500 posters, 11 by 17 inches in size, bearing the name and official seal of the Society in official colors. These were designed so that chapters could attach in the lower half the chapter name and notice of a meeting or other event, or any other notice desired. These were made available to chapters at a cost of 10 cents each. In 1986 the posters were discontinued, and remaining copies were distributed to chapters at no cost.

## LISTING OF MEMBERS

A directory of members of Gamma Sigma Delta had been issued in 1930.

At the 1952 Conclave a motion was made and passed that the National Secretary, with the aid of the local chapters, prepare a list of Gamma Sigma Delta members. This was issued in the latter part of 1953. At that time it was decided that the National Officers should ask the chapters for corrections.

At the 1976 Conclave it was suggested that the Society consider updating the current addresses of all its members. Members had been listed by chapter of initiation only until then. The International Secretary stated that time and finances would not permit undertaking such a monumental task. The Conclave did pass a motion that the alphabetized listing of all members be updated through June 30, 1976, and copies be made available to all chapters, with the idea of printing such an update about every five years. A computer printout was distributed to chapters in 1986 with a 1986-90 addendum in 1990.

Most recently the International Secretary took on the responsibility of updating the membership list through June 30, 1993. One copy of this membership list was mailed to each chapter secretary and International Officer during October, 1993 and 1995. An update of the membership list was last done for 1996-1997. A listing of the 1998 initiates has been completed. All members will be listed on the official Website.

## AFFILIATIONS

In 1958, after having been affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the officers received a request to assist with the special program on "Water and Agriculture" that Section O, Agriculture, was putting on at the annual meeting with the support of the Soil Conservation Society of America. The officers agreed it was a worthwhile program, and gave it their endorsement, but did not feel the Society should give active support. The Society discontinued its affiliation with the AAAS in 1987.

In 1967, a request was received for affiliation with the American Association of College Honor Societies, but the International Officers voted not to affiliate with the group at that time.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

The first Constitution of Delta Theta Sigma called for an Executive Council composed of a High Chancellor, High Vice-Chancellor, and High Scribe-Treasurer. When the organization became Gamma Sigma Delta, the Executive Officers became Grand Chancellor, Grand Vice-Chancellor, Grand Scribe-Treasurer, Grand Historian, and Grand Editor; these individuals were to constitute the Executive Council.

The titles of the officers were changed in 1918 and again later, but the Society still has an Executive Committee. Now it is composed of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and Immediate Past-President.

In 1956 for the first time, a nominating committee was appointed by the National Officers to come up with a list of individuals for each national office, to be presented at the Biennial Conclave. Nominating committees have been used since that time.

In 1957 at their annual meeting the National Officers adopted the policy of not being responsible for travel expenses of a National Officer to speak at chapter functions. National Officers receive many such requests and if travel expenses were paid from the National Treasury, it would soon be depleted.

The listing of officers since 1910 follows:

Delta Theta Sigma

April 2, 1910	High Chancellor High Vice-Chancellor High Scribe-Treasurer Editor At large	M. E. Corotis, OH Louis W. Arny, PA Erastus Peterson, UT Howard Vaughn, IA George S. Templeton, MO
April 8, 1911	High Chancellor High Vice-Chancellor High Scribe-Treasurer Editor At large	W. F. Cooper, IA Bryce Alder, UT Hobart F. Williams, MO W. P. Little <sup>3</sup> , PA O. M. Johnson, OH

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May 3, 1913	Grand Chancellor Grand Vice-Chancellor Grand Scribe-Treasurer Grand Historian Grand Editor	Howard Vaughn, IA Alfred S. Lynn, OR Hobart F. Williams <sup>4</sup> , MO Walter B. Nissley, PA C. C. Wiggins, MO
May 10, 1915	Grand Chancellor Grand Vice-Chancellor Grand Scribe-Treasurer	D. C. Howard, MO Harry Wetzel, OR Roy M. Green, MO

<sup>3</sup>Elected; actually Howard Vaughn, IA, continued in this office for one year and Walter B. Nissley, PA served during the second year.

<sup>4</sup>Resigned Sept. 22, 1914; Cleo C. Wiggins, MO was elected to complete the term. After a few months he was replaced by Roy M. Green, MO.

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June 3, 1916	Chancellor Vice-Chancellor Scribe-Treasurer Editor	A. V. Storm, MN E. D. Ball, IA L. H. Pammel, IA J. G. Rankin, IA
May 11, 1917	Grand President Grand Vice-President Grand Secretary Grand Treasurer Grand Historian	A. V. Storm, MN E. D. Ball, IA L. H. Pammel, IA C. H. Eckles, MO J. G. Rankin, IA

The following lists International Officers who have served since 1917.

	<u>President</u>	<u>President-Elect</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Historian</u>	<u>Past-President</u>
1918-20	C. H. Eckles, MO	E. Melchers, KS	L. H. Pammel, IA	E. D. Ball, USDA	H. C. Filley, NE	
1920-22	E. D. Ball, USDA	H. P. Barss, OR	C. H. Bailey, MN	C. R. Moulton, IL	H. C. Filley, NE	
1922-24	A. F. Woods, MD	H. P. Barss, OR	J. O. Rankin, NE	C. R. Moulton, IL	H. C. Filley, NE	
1924-26	C. Warburton, USDA	A. V. Storm, MN	T. J. Talbert, MO	R. H. Bray, IL	J. O. Rankin, NE	
1926-28	W. E. Grimes, KS	C. R. Ball, USDA	C. A. Iverson, IA	R. H. Bray, IL	J. O. Rankin, NE	
1928-30	C. H. Eckles, MN	C. R. Ball, USDA	R. R. Snapp, IL	J. I. Falconer, OH	J. O. Rankin, NE	
1930-32	C. R. Ball, CA	F. E. Guyton, AL	R. R. Snapp, IL	J. I. Falconer, OH	C. C. Minteer, NE	
1932-34	F. E. Guyton, AL	F. F. McKenzie, MO	R. R. Snapp, IL	J. I. Falconer, OH	C. C. Minteer, NE	
1934-36	F. F. McKenzie, MO	F. J. Doan, PA	L. M. Winters, MN	J. I. Falconer, MN	W. J. Loeffel, NE	
1936-38	R. M. Green, USDA	R. R. Snapp, IL	L. M. Winters, MN	F. E. Guyton, AL	W. J. Loeffel, NE	
1938-40	E. M. Freeman, MN	L. E. Call, KS	L. M. Winters, MN	H. C. Ramsower, OH	W. J. Loeffel, NE	
1940-42	E. M. Freeman, MN	L. E. Call, KS	C. H. Bailey, MN	L. E. Jackson, SD	W. J. Loeffel, NE	
1942-44	E. M. Freeman, MN	H. H. Kildee, IA	F. R. Immer, MN	L. E. Jackson, SD	W. J. Loeffel, NE	
1944-46	H. H. Kildee, IA	H. Schmitz, MN	C. S. Hutchinson, OH	H. J. L'Hote, MO	H. C. Ramsower, OH	
1946-48	H. Schmitz, MN	F. F. Liniger, PA	C. S. Hutchinson, OH	H. J. L'Hote, MO	H. C. Ramsower, OH	
1948-50	F. F. Liniger, PA	S. B. Shirky, MO	C. S. Hutchinson, OH	H. J. L'Hote, MO	H. C. Ramsower, OH	
1950-52	S. B. Shirky, MO	C. S. Hutchinson, OH	J. A. Johnson, KS	H. J. L'Hote, MO	H. C. Ramsower, OH	
1952-54	C. S. Hutchinson, OH	W. V. Lambert, NE	J. A. Johnson, KS	H. J. L'Hote, MO	H. C. Ramsower, OH	
1954-56	W. V. Lambert, NE	L. M. Thompson, IA	J. A. Johnson, KS	H. J. L'Hote, MO	R. C. Smith, KS	
1956-58	L. M. Thompson, IA	R. L. Lovvorn, NC	J. A. Johnson, KS	H. J. L'Hote, MO	R. C. Smith, KS	
1958-60	R. L. Lovvorn, NC	D. M. Hall, IL	J. A. Johnson, KS	H. J. L'Hote, MO	L. E. Kunkle, OH	
1960-62	D. M. Hall, IL	E. G. Rodgers, FL	R. B. Dickerson, PA	H. J. L'Hote, MO	L. E. Kunkle, OH	
1962-64	E. G. Rodgers, FL	D. W. Bohmont, NV	R. B. Dickerson, PA	H. J. L'Hote, MO	L. E. Kunkle, OH	
1964-66	D. W. Bohmont, NV	J. A. Johnson, KS	R. D. Dickerson, PA	H. J. L'Hote, MO	L. E. Kunkle, OH	
1966-68	J. A. Johnson, KS	R. B. Dickerson, PA	C. E. Scarsbrook, AL	H. J. L'Hote, MO	L. E. Kunkle, OH	
1968-70	C. E. Scarsbrook, AL	L. E. Kunkle, OH	A. Baltensperger, NM	H. J. L'Hote, MO	T. R. Freeman, KY	
1970-72	L. E. Kunkle, OH	A. Baltensperger, NM	K. R. Keller, NC	H. J. L'Hote, MO	T. R. Freeman, KY	
1972-74	A. Baltensperger, NM	D. Acker, SD	K. R. Keller, NC	H. J. L'Hote, MO	W. T. Bjoraker, WI	
1974-76	D. Acker, NE	D. A. Holt, Purdue	K. R. Keller, NC	H. J. L'Hote, MO	W. T. Bjoraker, WI	
1976-78	D. A. Holt, Purdue	C. B. Ammerman, FL	K. R. Keller, NC	H. J. L'Hote, MO	M. L. Lavallard, AR	
1978-80	C. B. Ammerman, FL	H. D. Brown, TX A&M	L. A. Nelson, NC	H. J. L'Hote, MO	M. L. Lavallard, AR	
1980-82	H. D. Brown, TX A&M	K. A. Holleman, NC	L. A. Nelson, NC	H. J. L'Hote, MO	M. L. Lavallard, AR	
1982-84	K. A. Holleman, USDA	L. A. Nelson, NC	G. H. Fechner, CO	R. I. Carter, IA	M. L. Lavallard, AR	C. B. Ammerman, FL
1984-86	L. A. Nelson, NC	L. E. Moser, NE	G. H. Fechner, CO	R. I. Carter, IA	M. L. Lavallard, AR	H. D. Brown, TX A&M
1986-88	L. E. Moser, NE	R. Miller, OH	C. J. Makela, CO	R. I. Carter, IA	M. L. Lavallard, AR	K. Holleman, USDA
1988-90	R. Miller, OH	R. I. Carter, IA	C. J. Makela, CO	J. Mortensen, PA	M. L. Lavallard, AR	L. A. Nelson, NC
1990-92	R. I. Carter, IA	C. J. Makela, CO	J. B. Riley, KS	J. Mortensen, PA	M. L. Lavallard, AR	L. E. Moser, NE
1992-94	C. J. Makela, CO	J. H. Mortensen, PA	J. B. Riley, KS	E. F. Ellington, NE	M. M. Warnock, AR	R. Miller, OH
1994-96	J. H. Mortensen, PA	J. Kotrlik, LA	J. B. Riley, KS	E. F. Ellington, NE	M. M. Warnock, AR	R. Carter, IA
1996-98	J. Kotrlik, LA	J. B. Riley, TN	R. C. Bull, ID	C. R. Boyle, MS	M. M. Warnock, AR	C. J. Makela, CO
1998-00	J. B. Riley, TN	R. C. Bull, ID	H. Manbeck, PA	C. R. Boyle, MS	M. M. Warnock, AR	J. H. Mortensen, PA
2000-02	R. C. Bull, ID	J. Hillison, VA	H. Manbeck, PA	C. R. Boyle, MS	M. Marchant, KY	J. Kotrlik, LA
2002-04	J. Hillison, VA	T. Rost, UC Davis	J. B. Riley, TN	C. R. Boyle, MS	M. Marchant, KY	J. B. Riley, TN
2004-06	T. Rost, UC Davis	S. Henning, LSU	J. B. Riley, TN	C. R. Boyle, MS	M. Marchant, KY	R. C. Bull, ID
2006-08	S. Henning, LSU	S. Campbell, KY	J. B. Riley, TN	M. Brugger, OH	N. Hettiarachachy, AR	J. Hillison, VA
						T. Rost, CA