

## MINUTES OF THE OPENING GENERAL SESSION

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2003

### RIO VISTA BALLROOM SALONS A-C SAN DIEGO MARRIOTT MISSION VALLEY SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

On behalf of the Executive Council, the opening general meeting of the 160<sup>th</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention was called to order by Mark A. Williams, Phi '76 at 8:07 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 2003. The following temporary officers of the 160<sup>th</sup> Convention were then appointed:

President: Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72  
Recorder: Vernon Jones III, Phi Beta '89

President Rasmussen welcomed the delegates and guests to the Convention and explained plans for the 2003 Archons Academy, Leadership Institute and 160<sup>th</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention.

President Rasmussen then appointed the **Committee on Nominations and Credentials:**

John E. Becker, Psi '61, Chairman  
Justin Kuehlthau, Omicron '03, Vice Chairman

Timothy Millikin, Zeta '05  
Mark Ratner, Lambda '04  
Chris Johnston, Upsilon '04  
Doug Sokolik, Chi '05  
Greg Brown, Eta '05  
Sam Rosendahl, Theta Theta '06  
Jennifer Roper, Gamma Tau '03  
Tyghe Trimble, Phi Beta '04  
Michael Barron, Phi Delta '06

Eldred A. Halsey, Delta '58  
James S. Muhr, Epsilon Iota '85

Brother Kuehlthau was called to give the initial report of the Committee on Nominations and Credentials. He reported that the Committee confirmed the credentials of delegates from 24 active chapters. He then placed the following names in nomination for permanent Convention officers before the delegates:

President: Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72  
Vice president: Mark A. Williams, Phi '76  
Recorder: Vernon Jones III, Phi Beta '89

The resolution passed unanimously.

The roll of the delegates was called and a quorum declared to be present. President Rasmussen appointed Mark A. Williams, Phi '76 as Convention Parliamentarian. He introduced Brother

Williams who summarized the Convention Rules, *Roberts' Rules of Order* and described the writing of resolutions.

President Rasmussen then presented the highlights of the Annual Communication of the Executive Council to the Convention. President Rasmussen appointed the following standing committees to consider the business to be brought before the Convention:

***COMMITTEE ON AWARDS***

Elyssa Mason, Epsilon Iota '04, Chairman  
David E. Gosling, Upsilon '63, Vice Chairman

William Crispin, Zeta '05  
Matthew Gabler, Upsilon '05  
Benjamin Eichel, Phi '06  
Doug Sokolik, Chi '05  
Adam Sindelar, Theta Theta '06  
Mike Kennah, Zeta Zeta '06  
Michael Powell, Gamma Tau '03  
Justin Butner, Chi Delta '04  
Devon Trotter, Phi Beta '05

Charles A. Werner, Omega '55  
Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52  
William N. Wishard III, Delta Delta '64

***COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT***

Lewis F. Finkelstein, Omicron '83 Chairman  
Derek Hrzek, Phi '05, Vice Chairman

Jonathan Wakelin, Zeta '04  
Alex Linton, Psi '06  
Michael Lisk, Upsilon '05  
Kenneth Merber, Omega '04  
Watson McLeish, Beta Beta '05  
Anthony Mozer, Tau '05  
Lucas Rau, Theta Theta '06  
Raymond Fisher, Epsilon Nu '04  
Jason Johnson, Lambda Sigma '04

Thomas G. Hanford, Gamma '62  
Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56  
Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega '88

***COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS***

Henry Rau, Theta Theta '04, Chairman  
Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83, Vice Chairman

Peter Calloway, Gamma '05  
Robert Gifis, Psi '04  
Craig Lewis, Chi '04  
Dave Huoppi, Beta Beta '04  
DanThorne, Omicron '06  
Stephen Hawkshaw, Zeta Zeta '04  
Sean Caulfield, Gamma Tau '04  
Michael Bernal, Phi Delta '04  
Matthew Chidley, Lambda Sigma '04  
Noah Howard, Alpha Omicron '03

Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '93  
Vernon Jones III, Phi Beta '89  
Nick Jones, Theta Theta '03

***COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

Rei Torres, Alpha Omicron '04, Chairman  
Thomas T. Allan IV, Theta Theta '89, Vice Chairman

Brett Beach-Kimball, Xi '05  
Frank Lesczinski, Upsilon '05  
Christopher Markiewicz, Omega '04  
Michael Markman, Pi '05  
Lawrence Marshall, Eta '04  
Nicholas Sanders, Tau '05  
Jimmy Dang, Theta Theta '03  
Laura King, Chi Delta '04  
Michael Henson, Epsilon Iota '04  
Noah Sanders, Phi Delta '04

Henry B. Poor, Gamma '39  
Matthew R. DalSanto, Omicron '03  
Robert A. Corell, Epsilon Iota '82

President Rasmussen then appointed the following as the **RULES COMMITTEE**:

Mark A. Williams, Phi '76 Chairman

Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56  
Elyssa Mason, Epsilon Iota '04  
Henry Rau, Theta Theta '04  
Rei Torres, Alpha Omicron '04  
Lewis F. Finkelstein, Omicron '83  
Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '93  
John E. Becker, Psi '61  
Vernon Jones III, Phi Beta '89

President Rasmussen recognized Brother Williams who presented the following resolutions:

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #1**

**RESOLVED:** The 160<sup>th</sup> Convention extends warm fraternal greetings to Robert L. Kaiser, Zeta '39 and Henry B. Poor, Gamma '39, Honorary Life Members of the Executive Council, out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the 160<sup>th</sup> Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of Matthew R. DalSanto, Omicron '03 and Jeff Hamilton, Lambda Sigma '03 as undergraduate members of the Executive Council during the past year.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #2**

**RESOLVED:** That the 160<sup>th</sup> Convention expresses its profound appreciation to Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72; Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56; James A. Swanke Jr., Rho '80; Thomas T. Allan, IV, Theta Theta '89; Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83; John E. Becker II, Psi '61; Robert A. Corell, Epsilon Iota '82; David E. Gosling, Upsilon '63; Vernon Jones III, Phi Beta '89; Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52 - Epsilon Iota; and William N. Wishard III, Delta Delta '64, for their enormous contributions to the Fraternity as alumni term members of the Executive Council.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #3**

**RESOLVED:** That the 160<sup>th</sup> Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of David A. B. Brown, Epsilon Phi '66; and Charles M. Hall, Nu Alpha '71 as Life Members of the Executive Council, out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

After being duly moved and seconded , the resolutions passed unanimously.

At 8:40 p.m. President Rasmussen recessed the Convention until Sunday, June 29, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

## MINUTES OF THE CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2003

### RIO VISTA BALLROOM SALONS F-G SAN DIEGO MARRIOTT MISSION VALLEY SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

President Richard A. Rasumussen, Upsilon '72, called the closing session of the 160<sup>th</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 2:05 p.m. After making some general comments, President Rasmussen asked Brother Williams to call the roll of the delegates. The roll was called and a quorum was declared to be present.

President Rasmussen called upon Brother Williams for the report for the **Rules Committee**. Brother Williams indicated that after reviewing the work of all the committees, they would be called in the following order and allowed the following times to present their reports and resolutions:

New Business	3 minutes
Nominations & Credentials	15 minutes
Budget & Development	10 minutes
Unfinished Business	5 minutes
Awards	5 minutes

The report was adopted unanimously.

Members of the **Committee on New Business** were called upon to present the report of the committee.

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION #4**

Whereas: The Omega and Omicron chapters have requested to host the 162<sup>nd</sup> Convention in 2005; and

Whereas: A strong Psi Upsilon presence will have a positive impact on the imminent reactivation of the Epsilon Omega chapter; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 162<sup>nd</sup> Convention be held in Chicago in 2005.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

#### **RECOMMENDATION #1**

Whereas: Las Vegas, Nevada, is a popular resort location that will attract both alumni and undergraduates; and

Whereas: Attractions, airfare, and accommodations are relatively inexpensive in Las Vegas; and

Whereas: There are no other recommendations from either chapters or alumni organizations for a location for the 163<sup>rd</sup> Convention to be held in 2006; therefore be it

Recommended: That the 163<sup>rd</sup> Convention be held in Las Vegas, Nevada in lieu of a recommendation or consideration from a chapter or alumni organization.

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION #5**

Whereas: The Convention is only possible through the participation of Psi Upsilon's various undergraduate chapters; and

Whereas: Attendance at the Convention often requires considerable sacrifices, both financial and otherwise, to be made by delegates; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Convention formally expresses appreciation and gratitude to all chapters represented at the 160<sup>th</sup> Convention for making those sacrifices; and be it further

Resolved : That the Convention expresses its disappointment that the we were unable to achieve our goal 100% chapter participation due to the noticeable absence of the Theta, Xi, Iota and Beta Kappa chapters.

The resolution was passed upon a voice vote of the delegates.

Members of the **Committee on Nominations and Credentials** were called upon to present the report of the committee.

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION #6**

Whereas: It is in the spirit of the Convention that chapter participation be encouraged; and

Whereas: Various chapters have failed to make timely payments of their financial obligations to the Fraternity and are therefore prohibited from voting at the Convention pursuant to Article II, Section II of the Constitution of Psi Upsilon Fraternity; and

Whereas: Said chapters are desirous of having their voting privileges restored but are unable to make immediate, on the spot or otherwise prompt payment; now therefore be it

Resolved: The Zeta, Lambda, Psi, Beta Beta, Epsilon Nu and the Lambda Sigma chapters be restored to full voting rights.

The resolution was passed upon a voice vote of the delegates.

#### **GENERAL RESOLUTION #1**

Whereas: Brothers Robert A. Corell, Epsilon Iota '82, Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56, James A. Swanke, Jr., Rho '80, and William N. Wishard III, Delta Delta '64 have terms on the Executive Council that expire at this Convention, and

Whereas: Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56, James A. Swanke, Jr., Rho '80 and William N. Wishard III, Delta Delta '64 expressed a desire to serve on the Executive Council as alumni term members, therefore be it

Resolved: That Brother Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56 be elected to serve as an alumni term member of the Executive Council for a two-year term ending in 2005, and be it further

Resolved: That Brothers James A. Swanke, Jr., Rho '80 and William N. Wishard III, Delta Delta '64 be elected to serve as alumni term members of the Executive Council for three-year terms ending in 2006.

The resolution passed unanimously.

### **GENERAL RESOLUTION #2**

Resolved: That the 160<sup>th</sup> Convention re-elects those presently serving on the Alumni Advisory Board and in addition elects Nick Jones, Theta Theta '02, Andrew E. Haning, Omicron '00, and Matthew R. Dal Santo, Omicron '03 and be it further

Resolved: That committee has considered the viability of the Alumni Advisory Board and believes that it should continue to exist; and be it further

Resolved: That the 161<sup>st</sup> Convention shall reassess the efficacy of the Alumni Advisory Board and its new leadership.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

During its deliberations the Committee on Nominations & Credentials heard presentations from delegates desiring to represent the Undergraduate Advisory Board as undergraduate members of the Executive Council. Pursuant to Convention Rule XV the following undergraduates made presentations to the Convention:

Laura King, Chi Delta '04  
Elyssa Mason, Epsilon Iota '04  
Nick Barron, Phi Delta '06  
Matthew Duffy Chidley, Lambda Sigma '04  
Rei Torres, Alpha Omicron '04

A secret ballot was conducted and the following delegates were elected to serve as undergraduate members of the Executive Council for the 2003-04 year:

Nick Barron, Phi Delta '06  
Rei Torres, Alpha Omicron '04  
Laura King, Chi Delta '04 (alternate)

Members of the **Committee on Budget & Development** were called up to present the report of the committee.

### **GENERAL RESOLUTION #3**

Whereas: The Committee on Budget and Development has reviewed the financial statements for the 2002-03 fiscal year as of June 24, 2003, there for be it

Resolved: That the accounts of the Fraternity for the 2002-03 fiscal year be accepted as presented.

The resolution passed unanimously.

### **GENERAL RESOLUTION #4**

Whereas: The Committee on Budget and Development has examined the proposed balanced budget of revenues of \$376,150 and expenses of \$376,150 for the 2003-04 fiscal year and has found it satisfactory, therefore be it

Resolved: The proposed 2003-04 budget be accepted as presented.

The resolution passed upon a voice vote of the delegates.

Members of the **Committee on Unfinished Business** were called upon to present the report of the committee.

### **RECOMMENDATION #2**

Whereas: Several chapters continue to be delinquent in their payment of membership fees, taxes, and Convention assessments; and

Whereas: Through careful planning and cooperation with outside financial management companies and the Psi Upsilon Fraternity staff, chapters with outstanding debt could improve the chapters' financial situations; therefore be it

Recommended: That chapters seriously consider seeking assistance of outside financial organizations, which can be used to help write and maintain effective budgets, collect dues, and make payments; and be it further

Recommended: That those chapters work closely with the financial services organizations and the Psi Upsilon staff and that reports of any individual delinquent debt be reported to both the chapter and the Psi Upsilon staff and together they shall meet and decide on a further course of action for collecting that debt.

### **RECOMMENDATION #3**

Whereas: Prompt payment of membership fees and taxes is essential to the orderly functioning and survival of the International Fraternity, and

Whereas: Clear communication of financial expectations will aid chapter treasurers in their annual bill payment process, be it



Recommended: That the Executive Council distribute an annual calendar of payment due dates and a schedule of per member charges to the chapters prior to the start each school year.

#### **GENERAL RESOLUTION #4**

Whereas: A spirit of service and commitment to fraternity, college, and community is a part of the Psi Upsilon mission statement; and

Whereas: Community service and fund raising events are an integral part of this commitment; and

Whereas: Community service and fund raising can be used to improve a chapter's image on campus, to encourage alumni support of the chapter, to recruit new members, and also helps to make a more complete and whole brother; and

Whereas: Psi Upsilon Fraternity currently has no fraternity-wide service or fund raising event, therefore be it

Resolved: That Psi Upsilon Fraternity shall endorse an official service week every fall and spring, beginning with November 2-8, 2003, during which every chapter is encouraged an expected to hold at least one service or fund raising event; and be it further

Resolved: That the Executive Council and UAB shall contact the appropriate chapter representatives to announce the event and encourage participation and be it further

Resolved: That each chapter's activity for the week will be accounted for with an online report that includes pictures, hours worked, money raised, as well as a description of its activities for the week; and be it further

Resolved: That the results for the week will be published on the Psi Upsilon web site and appropriate publicity through press releases and other media shall be created; and be it further

Resolved: That the 161<sup>st</sup> Convention review the effectiveness of this resolution and propose changes if appropriate.

The resolution passed upon a voice vote of the delegates.

Members of the **Committee on Awards** were called upon to present the report of the committee.

#### **GENERAL RESOLUTION #5**

Whereas: The brothers of Psi Upsilon have devoted much time and effort to activities of philanthropy and service; and

Whereas: The delegates of the 160<sup>th</sup> Convention would like to recognize chapters for their exemplary contributions to philanthropy and service, therefore be it

Resolved: That the Clapsed Hand Award for Outstanding Philanthropy and Service be created; and be it further

Resolved: That the candidates will be considered based on the information in the annual chapter reports regarding philanthropy and service.

The resolution passed unanimously.

#### **GENERAL RESOLUTION #6**

Whereas: The Epsilon Iota chapter maintained a grade point average above 3.5 and ranked first out of thirty fraternities this past year; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance be presented to the Epsilon Iota chapter.

The resolution passed unanimously.

#### **GENERAL RESOLUTION #7**

Whereas: The Garnet and Gold Award of Academic Excellence is presented to the those chapters which have made substantial academic achievements including a grade point average of 3.0 and a strong standing among their peers at their respective universities; and

Whereas: The Upsilon, Phi, Gamma Tau, Epsilon Iota and Lambda Sigma chapters made such achievements; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Garnet and Gold Award for Academic Excellence shall be presented to the Upsilon, Phi, Gamma Tau, Epsilon Iota and Lambda Sigma chapters.

A motion duly made and seconded to amend General Resolution #7 to include the Zeta and Theta Theta chapters was passed by a vote of 29 in favor and 27 opposed. General Resolution #7 was then passed as amended by a voice vote of the delegates.

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION #7**

Whereas: Henry B. Poor, Gamma '39 is known to countless generations of Psi Upsilon brothers as the embodiment of all that is good in Psi Upsilon; and

Whereas: Brother Poor is known throughout the interfraternal world as a tireless ambassador for the fraternity movement; and

Whereas: Brother Poor served as Executive Vice President of Psi Upsilon Fraternity for almost 14 years and served 4 years as Executive Director of The Psi Upsilon Foundation, therefore be it

Resolved: Henry B. Poor, Gamma '39 shall be granted the honorary title of Executive Vice President Emeritus of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

The 160<sup>th</sup> Convention adopted Special Resolution #7 by acclamation.

Brothers Eldred Halsey, Delta '58, Andrew Kerstein, Delta '76 and Henry Poor, Gamma '39 then made a presentation to the Convention concerning the Challenges and Choices Program.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the 160<sup>th</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention adjourned sine die at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon Jones III, Phi Beta '89  
Recorder