

MINUTES OF THE OPENING GENERAL SESSION

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2004

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On behalf of the Phi Beta chapter, the 161st Psi Upsilon Convention was called to order by Christian Klein, Phi Beta '92 at 8:03 p.m. on Friday, June 18, 2004. Brother Klein welcomed the delegates to Williamsburg and presented a brief history of the Phi Beta chapter and the College of William & Mary. He then appointed the following temporary officers of the 161st Convention :

President: Richard A. Ramussen, Upsilon '72
Recorder: Mark A. Williams, Phi '76

President Rasmussen welcomed the delegates and guests to the Convention and explained plans for the 2004 Archons Academy, Leadership Institute and 161st Psi Upsilon Convention.

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

John E. Becker, Psi '61, Chairman
Benjamin Eichel, Phi '06, Vice Chairman

Pierce C. Perotti, Zeta '06
Justin Young, Upsilon '06
Jacques Ulvert, Omega '05
Andrew J. Aguirre, Pi '05
Eamonn Brown, Beta Beta '05
Blake M. Konrady, Theta Theta '06
Sean M. Caulfield, Gamma Tau '05
Matt Giacomazzo, Epsilon Iota '05

Thomas T. Hanford, Gamma '62
Kevin Klock, Chi Delta '01
Leonore Rossini, Epsilon Iota '00
Evan Terry, Epsilon Phi '93

Brother Benjamin Eichel, Phi '06 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 25 active and 4 inactive chapters. He then placed the following names in nomination for permanent Convention officers before the delegates:

President: Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72
Vice president: Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52 - Epsilon Iota
Recorder: Mark A. Williams, Phi '76

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 to summarize 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

Matthew J. Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04, Chairman
David E. Gosling, Upsilon '63, Vice Chairman

Neil Putnam, Zeta '06
Anthony Baldo, Upsilon '06
Brian D. Klein, Phi '07
Alban Gashi, Omega '05
Jason P. Ziglar, Chi Delta '05
Marie Oliver, Epsilon Iota '07
Benjamin R. Black, Phi Beta '07
Michael Rodriguez, Alpha Omicron '04

Matthew R. DalSanto, Omicron '03
Eldred A. Halsey, Jr., Delta '58
Henry B. Poor, Gamma '39

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT

James A. Swanke, Jr. Rho '80, Chairman
Watson M. McLeish, Beta Beta '05, Vice Chairman

Michael A. Sawyer, Theta '05
Alexander S. Plapinger, Gamma '06
Matthew D. Disney, Lambda '06
Andrew S. DeCastro, Psi '05
Jordan Estey, Upsilon '06
Mike L. Kennah, Zeta Zeta '05
Kate D'Anna, Epsilon Iota '06
Matthew J. Clark, Phi Delta '05
Terrence B. Allen, Lambda Sigma '07
Julius P. Fabros, Alpha Omicron '04

Lewis R. Finkelstein, Omicron '83
Christian A. Klein, Phi Beta '92
Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega '88

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS

Devon L. Trotter, Phi Beta '05, Chairman
Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83, Vice Chairman

Cameron W. Smith, Gamma '07
Matthew D. Brown, Pi '05
Justin S. Hall, Chi '06
Justin J. Director, Tau '05
Daniel N. Thorne, Omicron '06
Matt Harlow, Theta Theta '05
Sean Corbett, Zeta Zeta '05
Raymond Scott Fisher, Epsilon Nu '04
John Kelly, Epsilon Iota '05
Alexander Raubicheck, Phi Delta '05

David Carr, Epsilon Iota '04
Nicholas Y. Chang, Phi '03
Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '72
William N. Wishard III, Delta Delta '64

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Michael N. Barron , Phi Delta '06, Chairman
Thomas T. Allan IV, Theta Theta '89, Vice Chairman

W. Rawson Daniel, Zeta '05
Sean Carrigan, Psi '06
Justin Tese, Upsilon '05
Joshua K. Platt, Eta '05
Syed Ansar, Tau '06
Matthew H. Martinez, Omicron '07
Ryan Terrian, Theta Theta '06
David R. Carroll, Gamma Tau '05
Robert M. Goodman, Chi Delta '05
Joe Horton, Epsilon Iota '07

Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56
Robert L. Kaiser, Zeta '39
Charles A. Werner, Omega '55

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

Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52, Chairman

Thomas T. Allan IV, Theta Theta '89
Michael N. Barron, Phi Delta '06
Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83

John E. Becker, Psi '61
Matthew J. Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04
Benjamin Eichel, Phi '06
David E. Gosling, Upsilon '63
Watson M. McLeish, Beta Beta '05
James A. Swanke, Jr. Rho '80
Devon L. Trotter, Phi Beta '05

President Rasmussen recognized Brother Michael N. Barron, Phi Delta '06 who presented the following resolutions:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #1

RESOLVED: The 161st 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 161st Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of Michael N. Barron, Phi Delta '06 and Rei Torres, Alpha Omicron '04 as undergraduate members of the Executive Council during the past year.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #2

RESOLVED: That the 161st 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; 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 161st 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 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2004

AMPHITHEATER WILLIAMSBURG MARRIOTT WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

President Richard A. Rasumussen, Upsilon '72, called the closing session of the 161st Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 10:10 a.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 Weeks for the report for the **Rules Committee**. Brother Weeks 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:

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

The report was approved unanimously.

Members of the **Committee on Nominations and Credentials** were called upon to present the report of the committee. Ben Eichel, Phi '06 presented the following resolutions which were adopted unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #4

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

Whereas: The Zeta, Lambda, Psi, Iota, Phi, Beta Beta, Eta, Zeta Zeta, Epsilon Nu, Phi Delta and Lambda Sigma chapters, hereinafter referred to as "these chapters," are in arrears with the International Fraternity and are prohibited from voting at the 161st Psi Upsilon Convention pursuant to Article II Section II of the Constitution of Psi Upsilon Fraternity; therefore be it

Resolved: That these chapters be given full voting rights at the 161st Psi Upsilon Convention; and be it further

Resolved: That these chapters must be current on their 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 assessments by the 162nd Psi Upsilon Convention in order to vote at that Convention; and be it further

Resolved: That these chapters must engage the International Office and their respective alumni associations to develop the best practices to tackle their total debts; and be it further

Resolved: That the staff of the International Office must engage the chapters and assist them in developing ways to tackle the debt; and be it further

Resolved: That chapters consider highlighting a line item on their budgets of monies allocated to the International Fraternity; and be it further

Resolved: That the Executive Council make a progress report to the Nominating Committee during the 162nd Convention regarding these chapters' efforts.

GENERAL RESOLUTION #1

Whereas: Brothers Thomas T. Allan IV, Theta Theta '89, Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83, David E. Gosling, Upsilon'63, and Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72 have terms on the Executive Council that expire at this Convention; and

Whereas: Thomas T. Allan IV, Theta Theta '89, Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83, Charles A. Werner, Omega '55, and Rahsaan Burroughs, Phi Beta '96 expressed a desire to serve on the Executive Council as alumni term members; therefore be it

Resolved: That Brothers Thomas T. Allan IV, Theta Theta '89, Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83, Charles A. Werner, Omega '55, and Rahsaan Burroughs, Phi Beta '96 be elected to three-year terms ending in 2007.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #5

Resolved: That the 161st Convention gratefully acknowledges with sincere thanks the dedicated and loyal service of David E. Gosling, Upsilon '63, as an alumni term member of the Executive Council whose term expires at this Convention.

GENERAL RESOLUTION #2

Resolved: That the 161st Convention re-elects those presently serving on the Alumni Advisory Board and in addition elects Bret P. Coale, Omicron '01, Kevin Klock, Chi Delta '01, Lenore Rossini, Epsilon Iota '00 and Christian A. Klein, Phi Beta '92; and be it further

Resolved: That the 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 162nd Convention shall reassess the efficacy of the Alumni Advisory Board and its new leadership.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #6

Whereas: Brother Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72, has faithfully served as president of the Executive Council for the past 6 years; and

Whereas: Brother Rasmussen's term as president of the Executive Council ends at this Convention; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 161st Convention expresses its profound appreciation for the dedicated service and enormous contribution to the Fraternity of Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72 as president of the Executive Council.

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:

Daniel Thorne, Omicron '05
Scott Fisher, Epsilon Nu '04
Nick Barron, Phi Delta '06

A secret ballot was conducted and the following delegates were elected to serve as undergraduate members of the Executive Council for the 2004-05 year:

Daniel Thorne, Omicron '05
Nick Barron, Phi Delta '06
Scott Fisher, Epsilon Nu '04 (alternate)

Members of the **Committee on Budget & Development** were called up to present the report of the committee. Kate D'Anna, Epsilon Iota '06 presented the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION #1

Whereas: The Fraternity staff has made tremendous efforts in successfully managing the Fraternity's accounts receivable; therefore be it

Recommended: That we recognize and appreciate their tireless effort and dedication to the Fraternity.

Watson McLeish, Beta Beta '05 presented the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION #2

Whereas: The timely payment of receivables is critical to the day-to-day cash flow of the Fraternity; and

Whereas: Such timely payments relieves staff time and involvement in collection efforts and allows the Fraternity to timely pay its bills; therefore be it

Recommended: That individual chapters make extra efforts to ensure the timely payment of current receivables and give extra consideration to developing programs to extinguish prior year's debt.

Terrence Allen, Lambda Sigma '07 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

GENERAL RESOLUTION #3

Whereas: The Committee on Budget and Development has reviewed the financial statements for the 2003-04 fiscal year as of June 20, 2004; therefore be it

Resolved: That the accounts of the Fraternity for the 2003-04 fiscal year be accepted as presented.

Andrew DeCastro, Psi '05 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

GENERAL RESOLUTION #4

Whereas: The Committee on Budget and Development has examined the proposed budget with revenues of \$365,300.00 and expenses of \$347,175.00 for the 2004-05 fiscal year and has found it satisfactory; therefore be it

Resolved: That the proposed 2004-05 budget be accepted as presented.

Members of the **Committee on Unfinished Business** were called upon to present the report of the committee. Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #7

Whereas: The 160th Convention asked the 161st Convention to review the efficacy of the Alumni Advisory Board; and

Whereas: Brother Matthew R. DalSanto, Omicron '03 has made significant changes to improve the communication and effectiveness of the Alumni Advisory Board; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 161st Convention recognizes and thanks Brother Matthew R. DalSanto, Omicron '03 for his work as the chairman of the Alumni Advisory Board; and be it further

Resolved: That the 162nd Convention review these aforementioned changes and evaluate their effectiveness.

Nick Barron, Phi Delta '06, presented the following resolutions which were approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #8

Whereas: The 160th Convention adopted General Resolution #4 establishing a Psi Upsilon service week; and

Whereas: The one-week time frame of the resolution proved too restrictive; therefore be it

Resolved: That the first "resolved" clause of General Resolution #4 of the 160th Convention be changed to read, "That Psi Upsilon Fraternity shall endorse November as its official service month, during which every chapter is encouraged and expected to hold at least

one service or fund raising event; and be it further...”

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #9

Whereas: Several chapters have retired their outstanding debts since the last Convention; therefore be it

Resolved: That this Convention expresses its appreciation for the efforts of these chapters; and be it further

Resolved: That those few chapters still with outstanding debt fulfill their commitments to the brotherhood in a timely manner.

Members of the **Committee on New Business** were called upon to present the report of the committee. Alexander Raubichek, Phi Delta '05 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #10

Whereas: All but one active chapter was registered for the 161st Psi Upsilon Convention; therefore be it

Resolved: That honorable recognition is given to all chapter representatives present in Colonial Williamsburg; and be it further

Resolved: That a plethora of well deserved praise is extended to Brother Tom Fox, Omicron '00 and the entire International Office staff for all their time and effort which has made this official gathering not only possible, but most importantly, successful.

Justin Director, Tau '05 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #11

Whereas: Both the Tau chapter and Epsilon Nu chapter request to hold the 163rd Psi Upsilon Convention; and

Whereas: Whether one prefers the beautifully verdant Spartan country or the historic city of Quaker Philadelphia, both places would be exceptional locations; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Executive Council is authorized to award the 163rd Convention to be held in 2006, to either the Tau or Epsilon Nu chapter.

Scott Fisher, Epsilon Nu '04 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #12

Whereas: It is important for seniors to lead their chapters using their knowledge and skills; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Executive Council is directed to plan and propose an awards program intended to recognize the highest moral, intellectual, and social excellence among seniors and to recognize the senior in each chapter making the greatest contributions to Psi Upsilon; and be it further

Resolved: That this senior award program be reviewed by the 162nd Convention for possible adoption.

Dan Thorne, Omicron '05 presented the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION #3

Whereas: The Upsilon and Theta chapters will be celebrating their 150th and 175th anniversaries, respectively, in 2008;and

Whereas: The Omicron chapter will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2010; therefor be it

Recommended: That Rochester and Schenectady each be considered for the Psi Upsilon Convention in 2008; and be it further

Recommended: That Champaign-Urbana be considered for the location of the Psi Upsilon Convention to be held in 2010.

Dan Thorne, Omicron '05 presented the following Constitutional amendment which was approved unanimously:

GENERAL RESOLUTION #5

Whereas: Ten years of service to the Executive Council is an exceptional commitment to Psi Upsilon Fraternity; therefore be it

Resolved: That Article II Section 3 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution be amended to change “fifteen” to “ten” years

Members of the **Committee on Awards** were called upon to present the report of the committee. Matt Dal Santo, Omicron '00 presented the following resolution:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #13

Whereas: The Fraternity wishes to honor those undergraduates who strive for academic excellence; and

Whereas: Measuring a chapter’s academic success based on its overall grade point average ignores differences in grading standards from chapter to chapter; therefore be it

Resolved: That criteria for the “Garnet and Gold Award for Academic Excellence” now be defined as: “Any chapter, provisional chapter, or Owl Club which has achieved a chapter grade

point average in excess of the all-men's average (or all-campus average, as appropriate) for their respective schools, may be given an award of academic excellence.”

A motion to amend **Special Resolution #13**, duly seconded, to read as follows was approved by a vote of 33 in favor and 16 opposed:

Whereas: The Fraternity wishes to honor those undergraduates who strive for academic excellence; and

Whereas: Measuring a chapter's academic success based on its overall grade point average ignores differences in grading standards from chapter to chapter; therefore be it

Resolved: That criteria for the “Garnet and Gold Award for Academic Excellence” now be defined as:

Where the host institution provides all-men's (or all-campus, as appropriate) grade point average data, any chapter, provisional chapter, or Owl Club which has achieved a chapter grade point average in excess of the all-men's average (or all-campus average, as appropriate) for its respective schools, may be given an award of academic excellence.

Where the host institution does not provide all-men's (or all-campus, as appropriate) grade point average data, any chapter, provisional chapter, or Owl Club which has achieved a chapter grade point average of 3.0 or higher, in each semester for the prior year, may be given an award of academic excellence.

A motion to amend **Special Resolution #13**, duly seconded, to provide a minimum chapter grade point average of 3.0, without regard to whether the host institution provides all-men's (or all-campus, as appropriate) grade point average data was defeated.

Special Resolution #13, as amended, was approved by a vote of 36 in favor and 11 opposed.

Marie Oliver, Epsilon Iota '07 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #14

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

Whereas: The Phi, Beta Beta, Eta, Tau, Chi Delta, Epsilon Iota, Lambda Sigma, and Alpha Omicron chapters made such achievements; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Garnet and Gold Award for Academic Excellence shall be presented to the Phi, Beta Beta, Eta, Tau, Chi Delta, Epsilon Iota, Lambda Sigma, and Alpha Omicron chapters.

Mike Rodriguez, Alpha Omicron '04 presented the following resolution which was approved

unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #15

- Whereas: The Eta chapter achieved 3 consecutive terms of GPA improvement this past year; and
- Whereas: The Chi Delta chapter achieved a GPA of 3.5, the highest of all chapters this past year; and
- Whereas: The Epsilon Iota achieved a GPA of 3.45 and ranked first out of twenty-eight fraternities this past year; and
- Whereas: The Alpha Omicron ranked first out of sixteen fraternities this past year; therefore be it
- Resolved: That the Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance be presented to the Eta chapter, the Chi Delta chapter, the Epsilon Iota chapter, and the Alpha Omicron chapter.

Brian Klein, Phi '07 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #16

- Whereas: The Award of Distinction recognizes Psi Upsilon chapters when they perform in an extraordinary manner and
- Whereas: The Epsilon Nu chapter has excelled by winning Greek Week two years in a row, won the Michigan State "Greek Service Award" for the past year; and otherwise represented Psi Upsilon in a positive manner in light of hard times.
- Resolved: That the Award of Distinction be presented to the Epsilon Nu chapter.

Ben Black, Phi Beta '07 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #17

- Whereas: The Clasp'd Hand Award for Outstanding Philanthropy and Service is presented to those chapters which have devoted significant time and effort to philanthropic efforts and community service; and
- Whereas: The Tau, Omicron, Eta, Gamma Tau, Lambda Sigma, Psi, and Beta Beta chapters have made such efforts; therefore be it
- Resolved: The Clasp'd Hand for Outstanding Philanthropy and Service shall be presented to the Tau, Omicron, Eta, Gamma Tau, Lambda Sigma, Psi, and Beta Beta chapters.

Brian Klein, Phi '07 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #18

- Whereas: The Distinguished Alumni Award is to recognize those alumni whose service have brought honor to our fraternity; and
- Whereas: The delegates of the 161st Convention would like to recognize Alumni for their invaluable contributions; and
- Whereas: Brother David Brogan, Epsilon Nu '56, has dedicated his time, money, and energy into the Epsilon Nu for the last 49 years; therefore be it
- Resolved: That David Brogan, Epsilon Nu '56, be awarded the Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

Henry Poor, Gamma '39 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #19

- Whereas: Scores of Psi Upsilon alumni have contributed to the Fraternity with great generosity and selflessness; and
- Whereas: The financial condition of Psi Upsilon has been in critical jeopardy during recent years and a source of serious concern; therefore be it
- Resolved: That a Distinguished Alumni Service Award be granted post mortem to the late Arthur H. Bowman, Jr., Xi '31, a former Vice President of the Mellon Bank and a resident of Naples, Florida, for his extraordinary bequest to Psi Upsilon; and be it further
- Resolved: That the heartfelt gratitude of all at the 161st Psi Upsilon Convention be transmitted in appropriate form to the members of Arthur H. Bowman, Jr.'s family for his substantial financial support.

David Gosling, Upsilon '63 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #20

- Whereas: The Distinguished Alumni Award is to recognize those alumni whose service have brought honor to our fraternity; and
- Whereas: The delegates of the 161st Convention would like to recognize Alumni for their invaluable contributions; and
- Whereas: David A.B. Brown, Epsilon Phi '66, has given tirelessly to Psi Upsilon for almost 40 years in nearly capacities; therefore be it
- Resolved: That David A.B. Brown, Epsilon Phi '66 be awarded the Distinguished Alumni Service award.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the 161st Psi Upsilon Convention was adjourned sine die at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Williams, Phi '76
Recorder