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MINUTES OF THE OPENING GENERAL SESSION

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008

INDIANAPOLIS BALLROOM HILTON INDIANAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The 165th Psi Upsilon Convention was called to order by James A. Swanke, Jr., Rho '80 at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 2008. On behalf of the Executive Council, Brother Swanke welcomed the delegates to Indianapolis and then appointed the following temporary officers of the 165th Convention:

President: Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83
Recorder: Mark A. Williams, Phi '76

President Bauer welcomed the delegates and guests to the 2008 Leadership Institute and 165th Psi Upsilon Convention.

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

Thomas T. Hanford, Gamma '62, Chairman
Elisabeth Gallant '08, Epsilon Iota, Vice Chairman

John J. Colligan, Phi Delta '10
Andrew Guindon, Eta '10
Hunter R. Judson Jr., Iota '09
Austin M. Klaus, Gamma Tau '08
Andrew Marshall, Omega '10
Jack Nichols, Epsilon Nu '10
Jonathan Pecor, Upsilon '09
Courtney Peterson, Chi Delta '10
Samuel Raich IV, Pi '09
Declan T. Richards, Theta Theta '09
Jerome A. Wallace, Psi '10

Matthew Carter, Tau '07
John E. Becker II, Psi '61
Charles A. Werner, Omega '55

Brother Gallant gave the initial report of the Committee on Nominations and Credentials. She reported that the Committee confirmed the credentials of delegates from 26 active chapters, 3 inactive chapters and 1 provisional chapter. She then placed the following names in nomination for permanent Convention officers:

President: Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83

Vice president: Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52 - Epsilon Iota
Recorders: Mark A. Williams, Phi '76

The resolution passed unanimously.

President Bauer called upon Timothy D. Zepp, Chi Delta '08, to discuss the role of the Undergraduate Advisory Board's representation on the Executive Council as well as the nomination and election process. Brother Mark Williams, Phi '76, then reviewed schedule and logistics for the Leadership Institute and 165th Convention.

President Bauer appointed Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52 - Epsilon Iota parliamentarian for the 165th Convention. The Convention Rules and *Roberts' Rules of Order* were summarized and the writing of resolutions described.

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

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

Thomas T. Allan, Theta Theta '89, Chairman
John J. Tamtelen, Eta '09, Vice Chairman

Matthew Affleck, Theta Theta '10
Jeff M. Bizinkauskas, Xi '10
John L. Brennan, Beta Beta '09
Luke S. Donahue, Phi '11
Kyle A. Mitchell, Zeta Zeta '10
Alex Navarro, Lambda Sigma '09
Anastasia Nienow, Gamma Tau '10
Kelly R. Nilsson, Delta Nu Provisional '10
Brandon R. Noia, Chi Delta '08
Carson Poole, Chi '09
Christopher Powers, Omega '09

Eldred A. Halsey, Delta '58
Henry B. Poor, Gamma '39
Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega '88

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT

James A. Swanke, Jr. Rho '80, Chairman
Matthew McCrea, Omega '09, Vice Chairman

Nicolas Blanchet, Tau '09
Michael Fitzpatrick, Chi '10

Christopher A. Horvath, Sigma Phi '09
Daniel Kauffman, Phi Delta '10
John J. Lalomio, Eta '10
John Lingos-Webb, Beta Beta '09
Steven P. Malinski, Epsilon Iota '09
Jonathan Maust, Theta Theta '08
Nathaniel J. Rauch, Pi '09
Phillip C. Woram, Zeta '10

J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84
Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56
Lewis R. Finkelstein, Omicron '83

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS

Ryan J. Cherniak, Upsilon '09, Chairman
Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '93, Vice Chairman

Hassan O. Abdelhalim, Phi Delta '10
Andrew C. Chapello, Omicron '10
Alexandra M. Coll, Delta Nu Provisional '09
Jared R. Cowan, Sigma Phi '11
Stefanos Kasselakis, Tau '09
Molly A. Malloy, Gamma '10
Mike Moody, Xi '10
Theodore Nielson, Omega '10
Victor Nilsson, Theta Theta '10
Daniel Wiedenhaupt, Omega '10

Jessica A. Frame, Gamma Tau '07
Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '72
Timothy D. Zepp, Chi Delta '08

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Michael Storey, Theta Theta '09, Chairman
Laura E. King, Chi Delta '04, Vice Chairman

Samuel S. Bach, Gamma '10
Benet R. Bartell, Lambda Sigma '11
Luke Grabowski, Epsilon Nu '09
Stefan K. Grundmann, Zeta '10
Michael Khadder, Iota '10
Brian J. O'Malley, Psi '10
Daniel P. Rubel, Omicron '09
Julian Sobkow, Zeta Zeta '10

Ryan D. Vernooy, Eta '09

Jesse J. Scherer, Gamma Tau '05

David Siebecker, Epsilon Iota '02

William N. Wishard III, Delta Delta '64

RULES COMMITTEE

Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52, Chairman

Eldred A. Halsey, Delta '58

Thomas T. Allan, Theta Theta '89

Matthew Carter, Tau '07

James A. Swanke, Jr. Rho '80

Thomas T. Hanford, Gamma '62

Charles A. Werner, Omega '55

Michael Storey, Theta Theta '09

Ryan J. Cherniak, Upsilon '09

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, ALL COMMITTEES

Mark Bauer, Omega '83

Mark Williams, Phi '76

President Bauer recognized Ryan J. Cherniak, Upsilon '09, which after being duly made and seconded, passed unanimously.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #1

Resolved: The 165th Convention extends warm fraternal greetings to Robert L. Kaiser, Zeta '39, Henry B. Poor, Gamma '39; Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56, and Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52 - Epsilon Honorary Life Members of the Executive Council out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #2

Resolved: That the 165th Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08 and Michael Durkheimer, Tau '09 as undergraduate members of the Executive Council during the past year.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #3

Resolved: That the 165th Convention extends its thanks to Matthew DalSanto, Omicron '03, for his service as chairman of the Alumni Advisory Board during the past year.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #4

Resolved: That the 165th Convention expresses its profound appreciation to Thomas T. Allan, IV, Theta Theta '89; Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83; John E. Becker II, Psi '61; J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84; Rahsaan A. Burroughs, Phi Beta '96; Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '72; Kevin A. Klock, Chi Delta '01; James A. Swanke Jr., Rho '80; Charles A. Werner, Omega '55 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 #5

Resolved: That the 165th Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of David A. B. Brown, Epsilon Phi '66; Charles M. Hall, Nu Alpha '71; and Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72; as Life Members of the Executive Council, out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #6

Resolved: That the 165th Convention extends its sincere appreciation to the directors of The Psi Upsilon Foundation, Thomas T. Hanford, Gamma '62; Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega '88; William N. Wishard, Delta Delta '64; Lewis R. Finkelstein, Omicron, '83; J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84; Mathew M. Carter, Tau '07; George L. Howell, Eta '55; Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72; Robert L. Kaiser, Zeta '39 and Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52 - Epsilon for their dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

At 8:22 p.m. President Bauer recessed the 165th Psi Upsilon Convention until Sunday, June 29, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2008

INDIANAPOLIS BALLROOM HILTON INDIANAPOLIS INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

President Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83, called the closing session of the 165th Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 9:56 a.m. After making other general comments, President Bauer asked Brother Williams to call the roll of the delegates. The roll was called and a quorum was declared to be present.

President Bauer 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 and Credentials	15 minutes
Awards	15 minutes
Budget & Development	15 minutes
New Business	15 minutes
Unfinished Business	10 minutes

The report was approved unanimously.

Elisabeth Gallant, Epsilon Iota '08 began the report of the **Committee on Nominations and Credentials** by presenting the following resolutions which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #7

Whereas: It is the spirit of the Convention that chapter participation be encouraged; and since each chapter indicated they had plans in place to work on and settle the debt, and

Whereas: The Psi, Upsilon, Iota, Phi, Gamma Tau, Chi Delta, and Phi Delta have made arrangements to pay outstanding debt; therefore be it

Resolved: That these chapters' voting rights are restored in full for the 165th Psi Upsilon Convention

General Resolution #1

Resolved: The following names were placed for nomination for Executive Council Alumni Term Members:

John E. Becker II, Psi '61 for 2 years
J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84 for 3 years

Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '93 for 3 years
Charles Hillis, Tau '76 for 1 year
Laura King, Chi Delta '04 for 1 year

Pursuant to Convention Rule XV the following undergraduates made presentations to the Convention:

Matthew McCrea, Omega '09
Stefanos Kasselakis, Tau '09
Courtney Peterson, Chi Delta 'Chi Delta '10

A vote by written ballot was conducted and the following individuals were elected to serve as undergraduates members of the Executive Council for the 2008-09 year:

Matthew McCrea, Omega '09
Stefanos Kasselakis, Tau'09

Tom Allan Theta Theta '89 discussed the work of the **Committee on Awards**. John Tamtelen, Eta '09 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #8

Whereas: The Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance recognizes those chapters whose academic excellence exceeds the requirements of the Garnet and Gold Award, and

Whereas: The Owl Award specifically recognizes chapters whose GPA well exceeds the All-Men's average and places in the top percentile of fraternities on campus, be it

Resolved: The Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance is given to the Zeta and Phi chapters.

Brandon Noia, Chi Delta '08 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #9

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

Whereas: The Xi, Zeta, Phi, Pi, Theta Theta, Chi Delta, Epsilon Iota, Lambda Sigma, and Sigma Phi chapters have demonstrated such achievement; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Garnet and Gold Award for Academic Excellence is presented to the Xi, Zeta, Phi, Pi, Theta Theta, Chi Delta, Epsilon Iota, Lambda Sigma, and Sigma Phi chapters.

Matthew Affleck, Theta Theta '10 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #10

Whereas: The Clasped Hand Award for Outstanding Philanthropy and Service is presented to those chapter that have devoted significant time and effort to philanthropy and community service relative to chapter size; and

Whereas: The Zeta, Xi, Psi, Beta Beta, Iota, Pi, and Upsilon have contributed an impressive amount of philanthropy and community service, going above and beyond expectations; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Clasped Hand Award for Outstanding Philanthropy and Service is presented to the Xi, Psi, Beta Beta, Iota, Pi, and Upsilon chapters.

Hiro Sato, Phi '09 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #11

Whereas: Hiroyuki Sato, Omega '11, has fulfilled the true spirit of Psi Upsilon through his participation in philanthropic activities; and

Whereas: Brother Sato took the entire 2007-08 school year off and volunteered full time for City Year Chicago, a non-profit organization whose members volunteer full time in low income urban areas; and

Whereas: Brother Sato tutored at a Chicago Public School on the South Side of Chicago and led an after school program; and

Whereas: Brother Sato led the Omega chapter to help him out during service days at his school and helping his students, therefore be it

Resolved: That the 165th Convention commends Hiroyuki Sato, Omega '11, for his individual sacrifice for the entire past year and his leadership in the Omega chapter.

Kelly Nillson, Delta Nu Provisional '10 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #12

Whereas: Psi Upsilon recognizes individual achievement in community service, and

Whereas: Shawn Lehman, Sigma Phi '09, raised enough money to fly to an orphanage in Honduras for an event known as “Hugs for Honduras”; and

Whereas: Brother Lehman spent 48 hours helping orphans make things such as soccer goals and painting buildings; and

Whereas: He raised money to support this trip during spring break; therefore be it

Resolved: That Brother Lehman is commended for his excellent performance in community service and helping those in need.

Jeff Bizinkauskas, Xi '10 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #13

Whereas: The Diamond Award for Exceptional Chapters recognizes chapters that exceed the Psi Upsilon Fraternity chapter standings; and

Whereas: The Beta Beta chapter has demonstrated profound leadership among Greek organizations on the Trinity College campus, worked toward reviving relationships with administration and community members, succeeded in actively involving brothers in philanthropic efforts, and demonstrated exemplary athletic and social participation on campus; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Diamond Award for Exceptional Chapters is presented to the Beta Beta Chapter.

John Brennan Beta Beta '09 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #14

Whereas: The Diamond Award recognizes exceptional chapters as rated by the school and the Psi Upsilon staff; and

Whereas: The Xi chapter has shown continued growth in member size, outstanding academic achievement, and superior leadership and involvement in its campus and community; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Diamond Award for Exceptional Chapters is presented to the Xi Chapter.

Anastasia Nienow, Gamma Tau '10 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #15

Whereas: The Award of Distinction is presented to chapters for accomplishments that merit special recognition; and

Whereas: The Chi Delta chapter has increased its interaction with its alumni through the republishing the Chi Delta Chronicle and its celebration of its 35th Anniversary; therefore be it

Resolved: The Award of Distinction is presented to the Chi Delta chapter.

Christopher Powers, Omega '09 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #16

Whereas: Charles Werner, Omega '55, has exhibited life-long dedication to Psi Upsilon Fraternity and the Omega chapter since his initiation both as a student and as an alumnus; and

Whereas: Brother Werner has been a noble supporter of the Omega chapter, serving as its alumni president encouraging its undergraduate members to maintain the upmost respect and pursue the highest moral, intellectual, academic, and social traditions; and

Whereas: Brother Werner has served the Psi Upsilon Fraternity faithfully and dutifully as an Executive Council Member and as an ardent supporter of all brothers of Psi Upsilon, past and current; and

Whereas: Along with the help of his wife, honorary Brother Lynn Werner, Brother Werner has sustained and promoted the livelihood of the Omega for more than five decades, therefore, be it

Resolved: That Charles A. Werner, Omega '55, is awarded the Psi Upsilon Distinguished Alumni Service Award due to his continuous and selfless support of Psi Upsilon with our deep thanks and respect.

Matt McCrea, Omega '09 reviewed the work of the **Committee on Budget and Development**. Phillip Woram, Zeta '10 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #17

Resolved: The 165th Convention has reviewed the 2007-08 financial statements and has found them acceptable.

John Maust, Theta Theta '08 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #18

Resolved: The 165th Convention has reviewed the budget for the fiscal year 2008-09 with projected revenues of \$483,799 and expenses of \$473,399 and has found it satisfactory.

Matt McCrea, Omega '09 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #19

- Whereas:** The complete and timely payment of chapter assessments is critical to the sustainability of the International Fraternity's finances; and
- Whereas:** The 165th Convention is appreciative of those chapters that not only made complete payments for 2007-08, but also to those that have shown continual trends of excellence in regard to financial management and responsibility through their support of the Psi Upsilon brotherhood; therefore be it
- Resolved:** That the 165th Convention expresses its sincere thanks to the following chapters: Delta, Gamma, Zeta, Xi, Phi, Omega, Pi, Rho, Tau, Omicron, Theta Theta, Zeta Zeta, Epsilon Nu, Epsilon Iota, Lambda Sigma, Sigma Phi, and Chi Delta, all of which have paid their assessments in full; and further be it
- Resolved:** That the 165th Convention expresses its appreciation to the following chapter that have made continuing efforts to eliminate their past debts to the Fraternity: Theta, Lambda, Psi, Upsilon, Iota, Chi, Gamma Tau, Phi Delta, and Alpha Omicron.

Daniel Kauffman, Phi Delta '10 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #20

- Whereas:** The financial management of Psi Upsilon Fraternity involves a complex balancing and juggling procedure to balance limited financial resources against unlimited financial needs; and
- Whereas:** Actually accomplishing this act requires a great degree of skill and dedication; therefore be it
- Resolved:** The 165th Convention wishes to express its appreciation, admiration, and gratitude to Brother Mark A Williams, Phi '76, Brother Tom Fox, Omicron '00, and Mariann Williams, Alpha Delta Pi '78 for their dedication and skill in dealing with the daily challenges of maintaining the financial health of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

Daniel Kauffman, Phi Delta '10 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #1

- Whereas:** Some chapters do an effective job of financial management to meet their obligations; and

Whereas: It would be beneficial to the treasurers of all chapters to meet together online periodically regarding budgeting, debt collection, and fund raising; therefore be it

Recommended: The International Office arrange periodic fraternity-wide webcasts for the treasurers of all chapters to collectively discuss proper budgeting, debt collection techniques, and fundraising ideas for the purpose of assisting chapters in properly allocating available financial resources in the most effective manner.

John Lalomio, Eta '10 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #2

Whereas: Psi Upsilon chapters could not function or exist without the support and guidance of the International Fraternity; and

Whereas: The International Fraternity's budget is incredibly limited; therefore be it

Recommended: That the undergraduates attending the Convention should educate the other undergraduates of their chapters about the purpose and benefits of the International Fraternity and the critical need for undergraduate and alumni financial support; and be it further

Recommended: That all undergraduates participate in the 1833 Club, which is an easy way to become accustomed to annual giving, and chapters should aim for 100% participation.

Stefanos Kasselakis, Tau '09 presented the following resolution which was approved by a majority vote.

Special Resolution #21

Whereas: The Psi Upsilon Constitution Article II Section 3 requires two undergraduate members and one alumni member to attend the Convention as official delegates; be it

Resolved: That a chapter which is not sending at least a full delegation must submit a letter to the International Office 30 days before the start of the Convention detailing both the reason for the partial or full absence and plan for rectifying it for the following year, to be approved by the Nominations and Credentials Committee; and be it further

Resolved: That a chapter whose proposal is denied by the Nominations and Credentials Committee for two consecutive Conventions, or fails to send at least a full delegation without notification will be notified by the International Office that

any further absence will forward the matter to the Executive Council for further action including the possible suspension of its charter; and be it further

Resolved: That this resolution take effect immediately prior to the 166th Convention.

Stefanos Kasselakis, Tau '09 presented the following Recommendation:

Recommendation #3

Whereas: The Psi Upsilon Constitution Article II Section 3 requires two undergraduate and one alumni members to attend convention as official delegates; be it

Recommended: That in the case that a chapter submits a letter to the Convention setting forth the reasons for the Chapter's failure to provide a full delegation to the Convention, the International Office shall try to assist the Chapter in attending future Conventions.

Molly Malloy, Gamma '10 presented the following Recommendation:

Recommendation #4

Whereas: No site has been selected for the 168th Convention in 2011, be it

Recommended: That the Executive Council shall explore the possibility of holding the 168th Convention in the Washington, D.C. area, hosted by the Phi Delta Chapter, or in the Ann Arbor, MI area, hosted by the Phi Chapter.

Theodore Nielson, Omega '10 presented the following Recommendation:

Recommendation #5

Whereas: Concerns have been raised about the smoking of tobacco products in chapter houses, be it

Recommended: That the undergraduate brothers and the alumni association of each chapter shall discuss or consider a policy on smoking with regard to public areas and private rooms and report back to the International Office prior to the 166th Convention in 2009

Michael Storey, Theta Theta '09 discussed the work of the **Committee on Unfinished Business**.
Sam Bauch, Gamma '10 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #22

Whereas: Mental health being a vitally important aspect of personal general well-being; and

Whereas: Mental well-being is generally not discussed sufficiently on college campuses; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Executive Council continue to research mental health programs, e.g. Mental Health Edu; and be it further

Resolved: That chapters should actively seek available mental health educational resources.

Stefan Grundmann, Zeta '10 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #23

Whereas: The role of the undergraduate delegate is vital to the work of the convention, and

Whereas: The role of the undergraduate is not sufficiently defined in advance of the Convention, therefore be it

Resolved: That the Executive Council create and provide guidance on the responsibilities and requirements of the undergraduate delegate in advance of the Convention and notify all of the active undergraduate chapters.

Laura King, Chi Delta '04 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #6

Whereas: There has been a tremendous increase in commitment and distinction in the areas of philanthropy and community service among chapters; and

Whereas: Many chapters have found their philanthropy and service experiences cultivate positive relationships both within the community and within the chapter, therefore be it

Recommended: That the Psi Upsilon staff restructure the current chapter service report forms to include successes, failures, and possible strategies in order to better assist all chapters in developing and implementing community service and philanthropic events.

Michael Storey, Theta Theta '09, presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #24

Whereas: The committee on unfinished business has reviewed the Executive Council minutes for the 2007-08 year; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 165th Convention has reviewed the actions of the Executive Council taken since the 164th Convention, ratifies those actions, and thanks the Executive

Council for its service and attention to the business of the fraternity during that time.

Eldred A. Halsey, Delta '56 encouraged the chapters to participate in the Challenges and Choices program.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously the 165th Psi Upsilon Convention was adjourned sine die at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Williams, Phi '76
Recorder