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**171ST PSI UPSILON CONVENTION
MINUTES OF THE OPENING GENERAL SESSION
FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014**

**MURAL BALLROOM
HOTEL BETHLEHEM
BETHLEHEM, PA**

William Mistretta, Eta '11 called the 171st Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 4:15 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 2014. On behalf of the Eta chapter, Brother Mistretta welcomed the delegates to Bethlehem, discussed the history of the Eta chapter, its prior chapter houses and its place in the Bethlehem community and then appointed the following temporary officers of the 171st Convention:

President: Thomas T. Allan, IV Theta Theta '89
Recorder: Mark A. Williams, Phi '76

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

Sarah Mayo, Chi Delta '15 Chairman
Brad Corner, Omicron '72 Vice-Chairman

Felipe Bomfim, Upsilon '15
Daniel Cabrera, Delta '17
Tim Carlon, Pi '16
Jared Gollhardt, Epsilon Iota '15
Alison Howard, Delta Nu '15
Jai R Lakhanpal, Zeta '16
Will Nolan, Theta Theta '17
Kevin O'Grady, Alpha Omicron '17
Daniel Raad, Epsilon Nu '15
Tiger Smith, Chi '17
Evan Srnka, Gamma Tau '14
Luke Vaughn, Phi Nu '16

Christian Brydges, Nu '95
Brent Fattore, Theta Theta '01
Christopher Kizer, Chi Delta '12
Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89
Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08
John Schoenfelder, Eta '64
Charles Werner, Omega '55

Brother Corner gave the initial report of the Committee on Nominations and Credentials. He reported that the committee confirmed the credentials of delegates from 27 active chapters, four

inactive chapters, one provisional chapter and two colonies. He then placed the following names in nomination for permanent officers of the Convention:

President: Thomas T. Allan, IV, Theta Theta '89
Vice President: Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '71
Recorder: Mark A. Williams, Phi '76

The resolution passed unanimously.

President Allan called upon Recorder Mark Williams, Phi '76 who called the roll of delegates and reported the presence of a quorum.

Executive Director Thomas Fox, Omicron '00 then reviewed the schedule and logistics for the 2014 Leadership Institute and 171st Convention. He reported that the chapters performed 12,513 hours of community service and raised \$88,154 for various philanthropies. He also discussed the role of the undergraduate representatives on the Executive Council as well as the nomination and election process.

President Allan 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

Alex Senchak, Eta '06, Chairman
Ryan Dickey, Upsilon '15, Vice Chairman

Matthew Beebe, Lambda Sigma '16
Aaron Bisla, Theta Theta '17
Fernando Bomfim, Delta '17
David Cook, Zeta '16
McKenzie Culberson, Theta Pi Provisional '14
Patrick Devens, Phi Nu '17
Robert Kirk, Psi '16
Alyssa Nichols, Delta Nu '15
Blake Romero, San Diego State Colony '15
John Stathis, Chi Delta '17
Gabriel Steinberg, Clemson Colony '17

Barry Brett, Delta '85
Lisa Gutermuth, Chi Delta '12
Jeremy Hulse, Eta '09
Paul Peria, Alpha Omicron '11
Gregory Rupp, Phi '81

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT

Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '94

James Zago, Zeta Zeta '15, Vice Chairman

William Appleman, Phi Delta '16
Michael Gould, San Diego State Colony '15
Adam Halbert, Lambda '15
James Harrington, Theta '15
Ashley King, Epsilon Iota '15
Aaron Kirsch, Sigma Phi '16
Kevin Lannon, Omicron '16
Jack Sherrer III, Lambda Sigma '15
Jarnickae Wilson, Omega '17
Daniel Wittenberg, Xi '16

Matthew Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04
Joshua McWaters, Eta '09
Robert Petersen, Omicron '68
Philip Ross, Eta '07
Matt Shufelt, Zeta Zeta '12
Evan Terry, Epsilon Phi '93

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS

Jimmy Montelongo, Omicron '16, Chairman
Mark Bauer, Omega '83 Chairman

Adam Conolly, Rho '17
Rahul Das Biswas, Zeta Zeta '16
Seth Deal, Eta '16
Cesar DeLara, Xi '15
Nick Flora, Psi '16
Niklas Gahm, Chi Delta '15
Charles Hancock, Gamma Tau '15
Connor Hess, Upsilon '17
Tyler Murray, Phi Delta '17
Rafeh Saigol, Tau '17
Samuel Shelhoss, Clemson Colony '17

J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84
Robert McIntire, Omicron '68
William Mistretta, Eta '11
Devin Powers, Eta '09
Daniella Schocken, Chi Delta '12
Jon Szykowski, Epsilon Nu '06

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Patrick Gilrane, Psi '83, Chairman
John Tummino, Pi '15, Vice Chairman

Quinn Baker-Drummond, Alpha Omicron '15

Jackson Bierfeldt, Omega '17
David Danaher, Rho '16
Corey Dean, Chi '17
Jake Eaton, Epsilon Nu '15
Spencer Esty, Beta Beta '15
Luis Ferre, Tau '17
Gavin Kann, Theta '15
Brent Lorraine, Eta '16
Brandyn Price, Sigma Phi '17
Max Vaillancourt, Theta Pi Provisional '14

Joseph Buono-Brody, Alpha Omicron '12
Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56
Eldred Halsey, Delta '58
Matthew Hamielec, Omicron '14
David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11
Walter Sieglen, Eta '69

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, ALL COMMITTEES

Thomas Allan IV, Theta Theta '89, Thomas Fox, Omicron '00, Mark Williams, Phi '76

RULES COMMITTEE

Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72, Chairman

Mark Bauer, Omega '83
J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84
Brad Corner, Omicron '72
Patrick Gilrane, Psi '83
Sarah Mayo, Chi Delta '15
Jimmy Montelongo, Omicron '16
Alex Senchak, Eta '06
Samuel Tinaglia, Omega '88

President Allan appointed Richard A. Rasmussen as parliamentarian of the 171st Convention. He then recognized several individuals to present special resolutions.

Kevin O'Grady, Alpha Omicron '17 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #1

Resolved: That the 171st Convention extends warm fraternal greetings to John E. Becker II, Psi '61; Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56; Charles S. P. Hodge, Gamma '68; and William N. Wishard III, Delta Delta '64, Honorary Life Members of the Executive Council out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

Matt Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04 presented the following resolution which after being duly

seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #2

Resolved: That the 171st Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of Daniel Prospect, Eta '15 and James Zago, Zeta Zeta '15 as undergraduate members of the Executive Council during the past year.

Jackson Bierfeldt, Omega '17 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #3

Resolved: That the 171st Convention expresses its profound appreciation to Thomas T. Allan, IV, Theta Theta '89; Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '72; Matthew J. Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04; Lewis R. Finkelstein, Omicron '83; Patrick Gilrane, Psi '82; Laura E. King, Chi Delta '04; Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08; Gregory P. Rupp, Phi '81; Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '93; and Charles A. Werner, Omega '55, for their enormous contributions to the Fraternity as alumni term members of the Executive Council.

Sam Shelhoss, Clemson University Colony '17 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #4

Resolved: That the 171st Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83; David A. B. Brown, Epsilon Phi '66; Charles M. Hall, Nu Alpha '71; Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72; and James A Swanke, Rho '80 as past presidents and Life Members of the Executive Council, out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

Ali Howard, Delta Nu '15 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #5

Resolved: That the 171st Convention extends its sincere appreciation to the directors of The Psi Upsilon Foundation, Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega '88; J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84; Timothy D. Zepp, Chi Delta '08; Jessica Frame, Gamma Tau '07; Patrick Gilrane, Psi '82; Robert S. Petersen, Omicron '68; and Alexander C. Senchak, Eta '06 for their dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

At 5:00 p.m. President Allan recessed the 171st Psi Upsilon Convention until Sunday, June 29, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

**171ST PSI UPSILON CONVENTION
MINUTES OF THE CLOSING GENERAL SESSION
SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2014**

**GRAND BALLROOM
HOTEL BETHLEHEM
BETHLEHEM, PA**

President Thomas T. Allan IV, Theta Theta '89 called the closing session of the 171st Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, June 29, 2014. On behalf of the entire Convention President Allan extended his appreciation to the Eta undergraduates and alumni for hosting the cookout at the chapter house. He also expressed his appreciation to the delegates for the exceptional community service performed at the Fountain Hill Elementary School and thanked Alex Senchak, Eta '06 for his leadership on the project. President Allan then asked Brother Williams to call the roll of delegates. The roll was called and a quorum was declared to be present.

President Allan called upon Brother Rasmussen to review the parliamentary rules by which the Convention conducts its business. Brother Rasmussen then presented the report of the Rules Committee. He 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	10 minutes
Budget & Development	5 minutes
New Business	15 minutes
Unfinished Business	10 minutes

The report of the rules committee was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND CREDENTIALS

Special Resolution #7

Alison Howard, Delta Nu '15 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas: The assumption of accrued debt can prove detrimental to our organization;

Whereas: Several chapters have sums of receivables outstanding and have made arrangements for payment to the Fraternity; therefore be it

Resolved: That the voting rights at the 171st Convention be restored in full to the Upsilon, Eta, Omicron, Zeta Zeta, Phi Delta, and Sigma Phi chapters.

General Resolution #1

Kevin O'Grady, Alpha Omicron '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Resolved: That the Committee on Nominations and Credentials places in nomination the for following brothers election as Executive Council term members for three year terms: Matthew J. Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04, Patrick J. Gilrane, Psi '82, Gregory P. Rupp, Phi '81, and Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '93.

Special Resolution #8

Luke Vaughn, Phi Nu '16 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas: The Theta chapter has neglected to honor its financial obligations to the Fraternity; and

Whereas: The Theta chapter sent a delegate to the 171st Convention to speak on the financial situation of the chapter; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Theta chapter is urged to continue to make efforts to be an active part of the larger Psi Upsilon body and make plans to meet the financial obligations of its brotherhood.

Special Resolution #9

Wil Nolan, Theta Theta '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas: The assumption of accrued debt proves detrimental to an organization; and,

Whereas: The Lambda chapter has accumulated excessive sums of receivables over the past several years; and,

Whereas: In recent years, the Lambda chapter has often neglected to send delegates to the Convention, engendering a sense of withdrawal by the Lambda chapter from the Psi Upsilon family; and

Whereas: The Lambda chapter has made an effort to pay the majority of its financial obligations in the 2013-2014 year; therefore be it

Resolved: That one vote be restored to the Lambda Chapter at the 171st Convention.

The Committee on Nominations and Credentials then placed in nomination the following brothers for election as Executive Council undergraduate term members:

Rahul Biswas, Zeta Zeta '16

Jake Eaton, Epsilon Nu '15
Alison Howard, Delta Nu '15
Sarah Mayo, Chi Delta '15
Jack Sherer, Lambda Sigma '15

After each candidate addressed the Convention, the Convention elected Brothers Eaton and Sherer as undergraduate members of the Executive Council for one-year terms by written ballot. Brother Howard shall serve as the alternate member.

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

Special Resolution #10

McKenzie Culberson, Theta Pi '14 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas: The Garnet and Gold Award for 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 Zeta, Pi, Chi, Tau, Theta Theta, Chi Delta, and Epsilon Iota chapters have demonstrated such achievement; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Garnet and Gold Award for Academic Excellence be presented to the Zeta, Pi, Chi, Tau, Theta Theta, Chi Delta, and Epsilon Iota chapters.

Special Resolution #11

Paul Peria, Alpha Omicron '11 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas: The Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance is presented to those chapters, provisional chapters, or owl clubs that have demonstrated truly significant academic achievements; and

Whereas: The Zeta, Theta Theta, and Rho chapters have demonstrated such achievement; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance be presented to the Zeta, Theta Theta, and Rho chapters.

Special Resolution #12

Patrick Devens, Phi Nu '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.
Clasped Hands

Whereas: The Clasped Hand Award is presented to chapters that have devoted significant time and effort to philanthropic efforts and community service; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Clasped Hand Award be presented to the Phi Delta, Lambda Sigma, Epsilon Nu, and Zeta chapters.

Special Resolution #13

Gabriel Steinberg, Clemson University Colony '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas: The Award of Distinction is presented to a chapter which has performed a significant event that demands special recognition; and

Whereas: Both the Epsilon Nu and Lambda Sigma chapters hosted outstanding philanthropic events; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Award of Distinction be given to the Epsilon Nu and Lambda Sigma chapters.

Special Resolution #14

Blake Romero, San Diego State University Colony '15 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas: The Diamond Award for Exceptional Chapters is presented to chapters that distinguish themselves by exceeding the Psi Upsilon Fraternity chapter standards; and

Whereas: The Zeta and Tau chapters have demonstrated unparalleled academic excellence, service, athletic achievement, and leadership; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Diamond Award for Exceptional Chapters is presented to the Zeta and Tau chapters.

Special Resolution #15

Alyssa Nichols, Delta Nu '15 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas: The Psi Upsilon alumni have contributed to this fraternity with great generosity and selflessness; and

Whereas: The delegates of the 171st Convention would like to recognize alumni for their invaluable contributions; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Distinguished Alumni Service Award be presented to Richard Rasmussen, Upsilon '72 and Philip Timon Tau, '86.

Special Resolution #16

Lisa Gutermuth, Chi Delta '12 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas: The 171st Convention recognizes those chapters that contributed to the Psi Upsilon philanthropy, the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation, in the academic year 2013-2014; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Convention gives special recognition to the Eta, Chi Delta, Lambda Sigma, and Delta Nu chapters.

Special Resolution #17

John Stathos, Chi Delta '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas: Charles Royer, Phi '72, William McPherson V, Phi '71, Edwin Leonard, Phi '72, Charles Greening, Phi '80, and Charles S. Lee, Phi '83 all served a lengthy tenure as directors of the Phi Alumni Corporation and have led the chapter with a steady and confident hand through thick and thin for over three decades; and

Whereas: They all provided oversight and personal guidance helping lead the Phi during a recent trying period; and

Whereas: The Phi would not be in a position where it could return to campus and to its former glory without their leadership; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 171st Psi Upsilon Convention express thanks in recognition of the outstanding contributions of Charles Royer, Phi '72, William McPherson V, Phi '71, Edwin Leonard, Phi '72, Charles Greening, Phi '80, and Charles S. Lee, Phi '83 to the Phi chapter and Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

Special Resolution #18

Aaron Bisla, Theta Theta '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas: Psi Upsilon strives to acknowledge and commend the generosity and accommodation of the local community to further our values of service and brotherhood; and

Whereas: Psi Upsilon Leadership Institute has benefitted from the valuable service learning experience at Fountain Hill Elementary; therefore be it

Resolved: That the delegates in Convention hereby express their profound appreciation for the efforts of the Kellyn Foundation and Fountain Hill Elementary School in allowing for a seamless and successful 171st Convention.

Ryan Dickey, Upsilon '15 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #19

Whereas: The Psi Upsilon Foundation has benefitted from the devoted leadership and exceptional investment counsel of Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega '88; and

Whereas: The Foundation is concluding a successful capital campaign to which much effort was needed; therefore be it

Resolved: The 171st Convention recognizes Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega '88, for his outstanding service and leadership of the Foundation as chairman for the past six years.

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT

Recommendation #1

Aaron Kirsch, Sigma Phi '16 presented the following recommendation.

Whereas: The 171st Convention has reviewed the budget for the fiscal year 2014-15 with projected revenues of \$626,000 and projected expenses of \$601,085, therefore be it

Recommended: That the Executive Council keep the projected budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year as presented.

Special Resolution #20

Michael Gould, San Diego State University Colony '15 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Resolved: That the 171st Convention has reviewed the financial statements for the 2013-14 fiscal year and found them acceptable.

Recommendation #2

Jack Sherrer, Lambda Sigma '15 presented the following recommendation.

Whereas: Minimization of risk ought to be encouraged, and

Whereas: Examples of incidents resulting in claims made against our liability insurance policy can be used to educate our fraternity about minimization of future risk; therefore be it

Recommended: That, on an annual basis, the Executive Council obtain case studies from the Fraternity's insurance carrier regarding claims made against the carrier's policyholders, and be it further

Recommended: That the Executive Council develop a program to use the case studies so provided to further educate the Fraternity's membership.

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS

Charles Hancock, Gamma Tau '15 presented the following Constitutional amendment which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #2

Whereas: Both the ritual and private symbols of our fraternity have already been removed from the Constitution; and

Whereas: It is desirable that the high and noble principles of our fraternity be shared publicly, and many colleges require copies of our constitution in order to recognize our chapters; therefore be it

Resolved: That Article I Section 4 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution is amended as follows:

The formal meeting of the chapters of Psi Upsilon shall be attended only by members of our fraternity. The minutes of such meetings shall be available only to members. The data prescribed in Article XI, Section 2, of this Constitution shall be known only to members of Psi Upsilon. The motto, the symbols, and the grip of Psi Upsilon shall never be disclosed to persons outside our fraternity membership. Informal meetings may be attended by pledges, with full voting privileges, at which the agenda is limited to subjects affecting them directly.

Adam Connolly, Rho '17 presented the following Constitutional amendment, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #3

Whereas: The duties of the epistolographos have evolved since the Psi Upsilon Constitution was first drafted; therefore be it

Resolved: That in recognition of the modern responsibilities of the epistolographos, Article 7 Sections 1 and 2 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution are amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Each chapter shall have for its officers an archon, a grammateus, a thesauristes and one or more angeloi and epistolographoi, whose general duties shall be those of a president, recording secretary, treasurer, vice president, corresponding secretary and alumni relations secretary respectively, to whom also special duties may be assigned by the laws of the chapter. Special officers may also be elected by a chapter for the performance of duties peculiar to itself. These officers shall be elected by ballot at such times as each chapter may decide, provided that an election of all be held at least once a year.

Section 2. The epistolographos or epistolographoi shall communicate with each chapter and its alumni body at least once in every collegiate term; shall give due notice of all changes of officers, of all initiations, expulsions, suspensions, or graduations; and shall keep the Fraternity well informed of the state of their chapter, and their chapter of the condition of the Fraternity.

Samuel Shelhoss, Clemson University Colony '17 presented the following Constitutional amendment which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #4

Whereas: The education of new members of Psi Upsilon shall always be conducted with the highest moral, intellectual and social excellence; but

Whereas: Many colleges have discouraged and forbidden use of the word "pledge"; therefore be it

Resolved: That chapters of Psi Upsilon shall continue to use best practices to orient and educate new members including pledging and use of the word "pledge" where it is permitted and appropriate; and be it further

Resolved: That Article X Sections 2 and 3 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution be amended merely to substitute the words "new member" for "pledge" as follows:

Section 2.

Psi Upsilon Fraternity believes that a strong and constructive new member education program lies at the heart of a good fraternity experience. It stands for a new member education process that seeks to:

- a. Provide a thorough and comprehensive orientation to Psi Upsilon, its history, international structure, philosophy, values and ideals, traditions, songs and programs;
- b. Create a sense of responsibility and commitment to the college or university and to Psi Upsilon.
- c. Develop a sense of unity and camaraderie within the brotherhood.
- d. Provide a working knowledge of how the chapter operates, both as an organization and as a physical plant.
- e. Develop a clear understanding of the new member's future role in the chapter and the contributions the new member can make as a brother.
- f. Encourage and motivate the new member to develop potential managerial and leadership skills.
- g. Guide the new member toward improvement as an individual and as a member of the community.

Section 3.

Consistent with a constructive new member education program, Psi Upsilon Fraternity declares itself unalterably opposed to hazing in any form or under any circumstances. Hazing is defined as any activity of the Fraternity or of its individual members which:

- a. Causes or is likely to cause mental or physical harm, discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, ridicule, damage or injury.
- b. Disrupts an individual's academic interests and pursuits, adversely affects an individual's normal lifestyle, or asks an individual to violate any government laws or college regulations; or
- c. Creates an impression that is detrimental to the public image of Psi Upsilon. The forced consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs is strictly prohibited.

Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83 and Robert McIntire, Omicron '68 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #21

Whereas: The Gamma Chapter of Psi Upsilon Fraternity is one of Psi Upsilon's oldest chapters and has been a distinguished part of our fraternity since 1841, twenty years after the founding of Amherst College; and

Whereas: It is difficult to assess the full impact of the Gamma of Psi Upsilon where alumni such as Herbert L. Bridgman, Gamma 1866, served as Executive Council

president for 41 years, and Henry B. Poor, Gamma '39, who served as chief executive of Psi Upsilon Fraternity and Foundation for seventeen years, have defined and promoted the very nature and soul of our fraternity; and

Whereas: Amherst College, one of the most prestigious colleges in North America, was founded to “give light to the world,” and is dedicated to promoting “principled lives of consequence,” “diversity of experience and ideas,” and “intellectual freedom” of the highest standards, and

Whereas: Notwithstanding its purported commitment to inclusiveness and diversity, Amherst College has unwisely decided that it alone shall determine permissible social relationships between its students by its recent ban of “fraternity-like organizations” on or off campus and may discipline any individual who belongs to a fraternity without regard to the academic accomplishment, integrity or personal qualities of the student or the beneficent purposes or accomplishments of the student’s fraternity; therefore be it,

Resolved: That Psi Upsilon Fraternity, in Convention assembled, finds that such a policy is grossly inconsistent with long-standing traditions of academic freedom and freedom of association established by the founders of Amherst College, the Massachusetts forebears of the founders of Amherst College, and the Founding Fathers of the United States of America; and be it further

Resolved: That Psi Upsilon Fraternity shall always treasure, respect and hold dear the invaluable and defining contributions the Gamma chapter has made to the international identity of our entire organization; and be it further

Resolved: That Psi Upsilon Fraternity pledges its fidelity to the alumni of the Gamma Corporation of Psi Upsilon and will morally support the decision of its alumni with regard to the continued viability of our undergraduate chapter at Amherst; and be it further

Resolved: That Psi Upsilon Fraternity, in Convention assembled, strongly urges the trustees of Amherst College to carefully reconsider its hostility toward fraternities as discriminatory, unenlightened, and inconsistent with the high purposes and principles to which the College aspires, by prescribing which friendships and relationships are permissible; and be it further

Resolved: That the 171st Convention directs the Executive Council to communicate this resolution to the trustees of the Gamma Corporation with permission to share this with the trustees and administration of Amherst College as the Gamma Corporation deems appropriate.

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

John Tummino Pi '15 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #22

Whereas: The Committee of Unfinished Business has reviewed the Executive Council minutes for the 2013-2014 year; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 171st Convention has reviewed the actions of the Executive Council taken since the 170th Convention, ratifies those actions and thanks the Executive Council for its service and attention to the business of the Fraternity during that time.

Jackson Bierfeldt, Omega '17 presented the following recommendation:

Recommandation #3

Whereas: The 170th Convention recommended the establishment of an Official Task Force on Official Flowers; and

Whereas: Brother Tinaglia, Omega '88, was unable to perform his duties as the chair of the Official Task Force on Official Flowers; and

Whereas: The recommended flower, the alstroemeria, is considered a weed in some countries; therefore be it

Recommended: That the Executive Council table the Official Flower consideration indefinitely until such a time as it receives a proper report from the Official Task Force on Official Flowers.

John Tummino, Pi '15 presented the following recommendation.

Recommandation #4

Whereas: It was recommended at the 170th Convention that a policy be created that redistributes the cost of the risk management assessment per chapter with regard to each chapter's history of risk management; and

Whereas: To our knowledge there has been no such policy created; therefore be it

Recommended: That the Executive Council specifically address and create a report on such a policy at its next meeting.

Jake Eaton, Epsilon Nu '15 presented the following recommendation.

Recommandation #5

Whereas: The 170th Convention made numerous recommendations specifically to the Executive Council; and

Whereas: The Committee on Unfinished Business was unable to ascertain what if any action was taken in the minutes of the Executive Council, therefore be it

Recommended: That in materials for future Conventions, the Executive Council provide the Committee on Unfinished Business with a summary report on actions taken on all such Recommendations.

Corey Dean, Chi '17 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #6

Whereas: The Commitment to Excellence program is beneficial to the day-to-day operations of the undergraduate chapters; and

Whereas: The Commitment to Excellence program is unknown to several undergraduate chapters; and

Whereas: The 170th Convention was recommended that the Executive Council take action to promote the Commitment to Excellence program; therefore be it

Recommended: That the Committee on Unfinished Business recognizes that an effort has been made to promote and emphasize the Commitment to Excellence program.

David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #7

Whereas: At the 1984 Psi Upsilon Convention at Lehigh, the Chi chapter applied for reactivation; and

Whereas: Henry B. Poor, Gamma '39 fervently opposed this reactivation, an act which caused the Chi chapter to redouble its effort and was later commemorated in the song "Oh Henry"; therefore be it

Recommended: As a fitting conclusion to the business of the 1984 Convention the song "Oh Henry" be included in the songs of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

President Allan then called upon Brother Fox to offer some closing comments. Brother Fox thanked the Eta undergraduates and alumni for being such warm and welcoming hosts of the 171st Convention. He recognized Alex Senchak and Bill Mistretta for their extraordinary efforts

in organizing the day of service and Eta Chapter House event. He acknowledged the alumni volunteers of the Executive Council who serve without compensation or reimbursement for their devotion to Psi Upsilon. Brother Fox expressed his appreciation to Tom Allan and Evan Terry for their guidance and support. He then thanked the International Office staff for all their hard work throughout the year.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the 171st Psi Upsilon Convention was adjourned sine die at 4:10 p.m.

Mark A. Williams, Phi '76
Recorder