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of

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172ND PSI UPSILON CONVENTION
MINUTES OF THE OPENING GENERAL SESSION
FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015

UNIVERSITY BALLROOM
EAST LANSING MARRIOTT AT UNIVERSITY PLACE
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

Matt Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04 called the 172nd Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 4:10 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2015. On behalf of the Epsilon Nu chapter, Brother Eckenrode welcomed the delegates to East Lansing, discussed the history of the Epsilon Nu chapter and the Hesperian Society, its chapter house and its place Michigan State University. He then appointed the following temporary officers of the 172nd Convention:

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

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

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND CREDENTIALS

Jordan Rouzer, Sigma Phi '17 Chairman
Brad Corner, Omicron '72 Vice-chairman
Chandler Bullock, Pi '16
Lucy Clarke, Delta Nu '17
Javier Cruz, Theta Theta '18
Brad Freeman, Tau '18
Alyssa Hernon, Delta '17
Jessica Krajewski, Epsilon Iota '18
Kevin Le, Theta Pi '17
Ronald Lowe, Epsilon Nu '16
Christopher Luangamath, Theta Pi '17
Jacob Watters, Upsilon '16
Kelley White, Chi Delta '17
Christopher Kizer, Chi Delta '12
Jesse Scherer, Gamma Tau '05
Charles A. Werner, Omega '55
Dave Wilton, Epsilon Nu '05

Brother Corner gave the initial report of the Committee on Nominations and Credentials. He reported that the committee confirmed the credentials of delegates from 25 active chapters, three inactive chapters, and one provisional chapter. He then placed the following names in nomination as permanent officers of the 172nd Convention:

President: Thomas T. Allan, IV, Theta Theta '89
Vice President: Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72
Recorder: Mark A. Williams, Phi '76

The resolution passed unanimously.

President Allan called upon Recorder Mark Williams 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 2015 Leadership Institute and 172nd Convention. He reported that the chapters performed 11,536 hours of community service and raised \$155,257 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:

RULES COMMITTEE

Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72, Chairman
Matthew Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04
Matthew Huckaby, Lambda Sigma '16
Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08
Jordan Rouzer, Sigma Phi '17
Evan Terry, Epsilon Phi '93
Samuel Tinaglia, Omega '88
Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08, Chairman
Bruce McKenty, Upsilon '16, Vice-chairman
Nikhil Arora, Zeta '16
Ashlie Dague, Delta '17
Arun Ganesh, Chi Delta '17
Brandon Lecoq, Theta Theta '17
Brady McKenzie, Tau Epsilon Provisional '18
Marta Morris, Delta Nu '16
David Negrin, Phi Nu '18
Nicholas Stamm, Epsilon Iota '17
James Taylor, Psi '17
William Crosby, Theta Pi '13
Christian DeSousa, Alpha Omicron '14
Lisa Gutermuth, Chi Delta '12
Thomas Martin, Pi '78
Gregory Rupp, Phi '81

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT

Samuel Tinaglia, Omega '88, Chairman

Micah Bidwell, Gamma Tau '16, Vice-chairman
Marc Brody, Alpha Omicron '15
Peter Chua, Delta '16
Sailesh Doraiswamy, Upsilon '16
Marko Flores-Makon, Zeta Zeta '14
Ugur Kocak, Omega '16
Connor Martin, Pi '17
Joseph McGovern, Omicron '18
Winston Schromm, Psi '17
Marshall Segars, Phi Nu '17
Sean Smith, Phi Delta '18
Thomas Beingessner, Zeta Zeta '11
Matthew Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04
Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89
Paul Travis, Gamma Tau '01

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS

Matthew Huckaby, Lambda Sigma '16, Chairman
Evan Terry, Epsilon Phi '93, Vice-chairman
Jose Chayet, Tau '18
Adam Connolly, Rho '17
Dre Gochez, Phi Delta '18
Jeremy Gray, Tau Epsilon Provisional '17
Claire Hanson, Gamma Tau '16
Connor Hess, Upsilon '17
Alyssa Hornyak, Delta '17
Nicolas Revheim, Pi '16
Nick Stoffel, Eta '16
James Taylor, Psi '17
Joey Yoo, Zeta Zeta '17
Patrick Gilrane, Psi '83
Steven Kelly, Tau '88
Elyssa Mason, Epsilon Iota '04
Robert McIntire, Omicron '68
Jon Szyrkowski, Epsilon Nu '06

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08, Chairman
Zachary Anderson, Omicron '17, Vice-chairman
Martin Amaro, Alpha Omicron '15
Eric Anderson, Rho '17
Thomas Armstrong, Omega '16
Benjamin Blanck, Epsilon Nu '16
Oreste Carbone III, Delta Nu '17
Jordan Gibson, Sigma Phi '17
Jeffrey Krieger, Chi '17
Michael LaPorte, Upsilon '16
Brent Lorraine, Eta '16

Cameron Rawanduzy, Beta Beta '16
Norbert Sobczak, Delta '17
Eldred Halsey, Delta '58
David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11
Lance Miller, Epsilon Nu '80
Emily Scherer, Theta Pi '12
Alex Senchak, Eta '07

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, ALL COMMITTEES

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

James Taylor, Psi '17 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #1

Resolved: The 172nd Convention extends warm fraternal greetings to John E. Becker II, Psi '61; Murray L. 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.

Brent Lorraine, Eta '16 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #2

Resolved: That the 172nd Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of Jake Eaton, Epsilon Nu '15 and Jack Scherer, Lambda Sigma '15 as undergraduate members of the Executive Council during the past year.

Zachary Anderson, Omicron '17 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #3

Resolved: That the 172nd 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 J. 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.

Ugur Kocak, Omega '16 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #4

Resolved: That the 172nd 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.

Yao Fu, Delta '17 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #5

Resolved: That the 172nd Convention extends its sincere appreciation to the directors of The Psi Upsilon Foundation, Patrick J. Gilrane, Psi '82; J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84; Jessica A. Frame, Gamma Tau '07; Timothy D. Zepp, Chi Delta '08; Gary G. Pan, Eta '86; Robert S. Petersen, Omicron '68; Alexander C. Senchak, Eta '06; and Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega '88, for their dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

At 4:45 p.m. President Allan recessed the 172nd Psi Upsilon Convention until Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

**172ND PSI UPSILON CONVENTION
MINUTES OF THE CLOSING GENERAL SESSION
SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2015**

**UNIVERSITY BALLROOM
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President Thomas T. Allan IV, Theta Theta '89 called the closing session of the 172nd Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 28, 2015. On behalf of the entire Convention President Allan extended its appreciation to the Hesperian Society for sponsoring the riverboat cruise and the cookout at the chapter house. He also thanked Matt Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04, Jon Szykowski, Epsilon Nu '06 and Bob Dorigo Jones Epsilon Nu '85 in particular for their exceptional efforts.

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	10 minutes
Unfinished Business	10 minutes

The report of the Rules Committee was approved unanimously.

Committee on Nominations and Credentials

Yao Fu, Delta '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #1

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

Whereas: Several chapters have small sums of debt under \$1,000; and

Whereas: We encourage these chapters to contact the International Office and pay the sums owed to Psi Upsilon Fraternity immediately; and,

Whereas: Since these chapters have had no debt in the prior year, therefore be it

Resolved: That the voting rights at the 172nd Convention be restored in full to the Delta, Psi, Theta Theta, and Theta Pi.

Kelley White, Chi Delta '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #2

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

Whereas: The Chi Delta chapter has accumulated an excessive sum of receivables over the 2014-15 year; and

Whereas: The Chi Delta chapter is in possession of funds to pay its financial obligations and is in the process of acquiring the means to send a payment the Fraternity; therefore be it

Resolved: That the voting rights at the 172nd Convention be restored in full to the Chi Delta chapter.

Jordan Rouzer, Sigma Phi '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #3

Resolved: The Nominations and Credentials Committee places in nomination the following brothers for election as Executive Council term members for one-year terms: Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega '88, Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89, and Brad Corner, Omicron '72; and be it further

Resolved: The committee nominates Laura King, Chi Delta, '04, for a three-year term.

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

Yao Fu, Delta '17
Brandon Lecoq, Theta Theta '17
Micah Bidwell, Gamma Tau '16
Martin Amaro, Alpha Omicron '15
Jordan Gibson, Sigma Phi '17

After each candidate addressed the Convention, Brothers Fu and Lecoq were elected by written ballot for one-year terms as undergraduate term members of the Executive Council. Brother Bidwell will serve as the alternate member.

Committee on Awards

Nikhil Arora, Zeta '16 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #4

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, Tau, Chi Delta, and Lambda Sigma chapters have demonstrated such achievement; therefore be it

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

Brandon Lecoq, Theta Theta '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #5

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, Pi, Omicron, and Chi Delta chapters have demonstrated such achievement; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance be presented to the Zeta, Pi, Omicron, and Chi Delta chapters.

Arun Ganesh, Chi Delta '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #6

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 Hands Award be presented to the Zeta, Pi, Tau, Theta Theta, Epsilon Nu, Phi Delta, Lambda Sigma, and Alpha Omicron chapters.

Nicholas Stamm Epsilon Iota '16 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #7

Whereas: The Award Distinction is presented to a chapter which has performed a significant event that demands special recognition, therefore be it,

Resolved: The Award of Distinction be given to the Zeta, Pi, Theta Theta, Epsilon Nu, and Lambda Sigma chapters.

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

General Resolution #8

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 Pi chapter has demonstrated superior academic excellence, service and campus leadership; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Diamond Award for Exceptional Chapters is presented to the Pi chapter.

Bruce McKenty, Upsilon '16 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #6

Whereas: Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89 who has shown incredible involvement within the Delta Nu chapter at Keene State College; and

Whereas: Brother LaPanne remains in close contact with various brothers from the charter class to active brothers and recently created the alumni association for the Delta Nu chapter; and

Whereas: Brother LaPanne has been such a great role model to the chapter, and showing all undergraduates of Delta Nu what brotherhood is about; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 172nd Convention extend its sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89 for his dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

Ashlie Dague, Delta '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #7

Whereas: Eldred Halsey, Delta '58, endearing called E-Hal by the active members of the Delta, deserves recognition for his overwhelming responsibility in restarting the Delta; and

Whereas: His undying and relentless enthusiasm inspires all Psi U members, and there is undoubtedly no other member who compares in the Psi U songs; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 172nd Convention extends its sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Eldred Halsey, Delta '58 for his dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

Brady McKenzie, Tau Epsilon Prov. '18 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #8

Whereas: Jon Tadema, Theta Theta '14 orchestrated the development of Theta Theta's "Fight for the Troops" philanthropy, the first house philanthropy in over 10 years; and

Whereas: The event was a great success, raising \$4,000 in its first year; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 172nd Convention extends its sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Jon Tadema, Theta Theta '14 for his dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

Drew Crosby, Theta Pi '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #9

Whereas: Richard Rasmussen, Upsilon '72 was instrumental in the reactivation of the Upsilon; and

Whereas: Brother Rasmussen continues to dedicate much of his valuable time and effort to not only the Upsilon but Psi Upsilon as a whole; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 172nd Convention extends its sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Richard Rasmussen, Upsilon '72 for his dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity

Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #10

Whereas: Laura King, Chi Delta '04 has spent a significant amount of her time and effort in mentoring the Theta Pi chapter; and

Whereas: Brother King's charisma and effort to help support the chapter in dealing with issues can never be repaid; and

Whereas: Brother King served the Chi Delta chapter for many years as president of the Chi Delta Alumni Association; and

Whereas: Brother King was instrumental in motivating and inspiring multiple generations of Chi Delta undergraduates to donate generously to Psi Upsilon and achieve 100% participation in the 1833 Club; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 172nd Convention extends its sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Laura King, Chi Delta '04 for her dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity

Committee on Budget and Development

Micah Bidwell, Gamma Tau '16 presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #1

Whereas: The 172nd Convention has reviewed the budget for the fiscal year of 2015-16 with projected revenues of \$606,600 and projected expenses of \$605,200; and

Whereas: It is the opinion of the Committee on Budget and Development the member tax should be raised from \$190 per active member to \$200 per active member, therefore be it

Recommended: That the Executive Council adopt an updated budget for the fiscal year of 2015-16 with projected revenues of \$615,900.

Peter Chua, Delta '16 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #9

Resolved: That the 172nd Convention has reviewed the financial statements for the 2014-15 fiscal year and found them acceptable.

Committee on Unfinished Business

Martin Amaro, Alpha Omicron '15 presented the following resolution, which was passed unanimously.

General Resolution #10

Whereas: The Committee of Unfinished Business has reviewed the Executive Council minutes for 2014-2015 year; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 172nd Convention has reviewed the actions of the Executive Council taken since the 171st Convention, ratifies those actions, and thanks the Executive Council for its service and attention to the business of the Fraternity during that time.

Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08 presented the following resolution, which passed by a majority vote.

Special Resolution #11

Whereas: The Committee of Unfinished Business is greatly disappointed by the inaction over the last two years of the Official Task Force on Official Flowers; and

Whereas: Brother Samuel J. Tinaglia Omega '88 obviously requires assistance in the flower selection process; therefore be it

Resolved: The 172nd Convention appoints additional members to the Official Task Force on Official Flowers, including Mark Bauer, Omega '83 and Laura King, Chi Delta '04, in addition to Samuel Tinaglia, Omega '88 to provide the Executive Council an official recommendation at the official fall meeting.

Zachary Anderson, Omicron '17 presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #2

Whereas: The Committee on Unfinished Business for the 172nd Convention finds it troubling that, when Convention materials were written, no spell check was performed to correct the spelling of recommendation as seen pages 126 and 127; therefore be it

Recommended: That the full power and weight of Microsoft Word be used in written created by a fraternity that originated as a literary society.

Committee on New Business

Nicolas Revheim, Pi '16 presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #3

Whereas: The location of the 175th Psi Upsilon Convention to take place in 2018 has yet to be decided; and

Whereas: 2018 is the Upsilon's 160th anniversary, the 120th anniversary of the construction of the Pi chapter house, and the Lambda Sigma's 20th anniversary; be it

Recommended: That Rochester, Syracuse, and Los Angeles be considered when determining the location of the 175th Psi Upsilon Convention to take place in 2018.

Jeremy Gray, Tau Epsilon Provisional '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #12

Whereas: Article II Section 3 of the Constitution states that each chapter must send two of its undergraduate members and one alumnus member as delegates to the annual Convention; and

Whereas: The Chi and Xi chapters failed to send delegates to the 172nd Convention; be it

Resolved: That the 172nd Convention expresses its disappointment in the Chi and Xi chapters in their failure to attend and would strongly recommend that the Chi and Xi chapters send delegates to the 173rd Convention

President Allan then called upon Brother Fox to offer some closing comments. Brother Fox thanked the Epsilon Nu undergraduates and alumni for being such warm and welcoming hosts of the 172nd Convention. He recognized their extraordinary efforts in organizing the riverboat cruise and Epsilon Nu 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, Evan Terry and the rest of the Executive Council for their guidance and support. He commented on the great work of the Epsilon Nu Chapter as hosts. He then thanked the International Office staff for all their hard work throughout the year. In particular he noted that Mark and Mariann Williams have served Psi Upsilon for 25 years.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the 172nd Psi Upsilon Convention was adjourned sine die at 3:30 p.m.

Mark A. Williams, Phi '76
Recorder