

**MINUTES OF THE OPENING GENERAL MEETING****THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 12, 1999****GRAND F & G ROOM  
HYATT REGENCY ROCHESTER HOTEL  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK**

On behalf of the Executive Council, the opening general meeting of the 156<sup>th</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention was called to order by Stuart E. Norris, Upsilon '55, at 5:05 p.m. On behalf of the Upsilon Chapter, Brother Norris welcomed undergraduate and alumni delegates to Rochester and the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention.

Brother Norris then appointed the following as temporary officers of the 156<sup>th</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention:

President:	Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72
Recorders:	Ralph W. Muschett, Delta '52 Mark A. Williams, Phi '76

Brother Rasmussen welcomed the delegates and guests to the Convention and explained the plans for the 1999 Leadership Institute and 156<sup>th</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention.

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

J.J. Johns, Epsilon Iota '00, Chairman  
Charles M. Hall, Nu Alpha '71, Vice Chairman

Nick Chapman, Gamma Tau '01  
Jacob M. Irland, Beta Kappa '02  
Adam Lissy, Omega '01  
Thomas Maulhardt, Theta Theta '00  
William A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '01  
Reid I. Smith, Zeta '01

Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56  
Lewis R. Finkelstein, Omicron '83  
Stuart E. Norris, Upsilon '55

Brother J.J. Johns, Epsilon Iota '00, Vice Chairman was called to give the initial report of the Committee on Nominations and Credentials. He reported that the Committee confirmed the credentials of delegates from 24 chapters and 1 provisional chapter. He placed the following names in nomination for permanent officers before the Convention:

President:	Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72
Vice President:	Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52-Epsilon Iota
Recorders:	Ralph W. Muschett, Delta '52 Mark A. Williams, Phi, '76

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Brother Rasmussen appointed Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52-Epsilon Iota as Convention Parliamentarian. He introduced Brother M. Williams who summarized the Convention Rules, *Roberts' Rules of Order*, and described the writing of resolutions.

Brother Rasmussen then presented the highlights of the Annual Communication of the Executive Council to the Convention.

Brother Rasmussen appointed the following standing committees to consider the business to be brought before the Convention:

**Committee on Awards**

Ronald B. Crichton, II, Epsilon Nu '00, Chairman  
Eldred A. Halsey Jr., Delta '58, Vice Chairman

Josh Adler, Epsilon Iota '00  
Kevin Brandon, Epsilon Nu '00  
John Corliss, Omega '00  
Kevin T. Feehan, Eta '00  
Brian A. Grady, Psi '00  
Christine Kozin, Epsilon Iota '00  
Michael Van Houton, Beta Kappa '00

Edward M. Hitchcock, Epsilon Iota '94  
William P. King, Omicron '73  
Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52  
George O. Williams, Epsilon Iota '79

**Committee on Budget and Development**

George E. Wilson, Delta '61, Chairman  
John Corliss, Omega '00, Vice Chairman

Arthur Canning, Tau '00  
Pat Dellarocca, Epsilon Iota '00  
Michael Dey, Alpha Omicron Provisional '02  
Daniel Grimaldi, Gamma Tau '00  
Henry W. Meers III, Omicron '01  
R. Mathew Pearson, Gamma '01  
Neil Mitchell, Epsilon Nu '00

John E. Becker II, Psi '61  
David A. B. Brown, Epsilon Phi '66  
Thomas T. Hanford, Gamma '62

**Committee on New Business**

Joshua N. Goldin II, Xi '00, Chairman  
Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83, Vice Chairman

Michael Blake, Theta Theta '01  
Michael P. Coleman, Phi Beta '00  
James Farley, Epsilon Iota '99  
Andrew Haning, Omicron '00  
David Pietro, Alpha Omicron Provisional '01  
Max Puyanic, Omega '01  
Brian Shephard, Gamma '01  
Doug Vaughn, Eta '00

Charles Bryan, Tau '52  
Brad R. Corner, Omicron '72  
John Musella, Beta Kappa '98  
Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '93

**Committee on Unfinished Business**

Ralph W. Muschett, Delta '52, Chairman  
Kevin Klock, Chi Delta '01, Vice Chairman

Matthew Asada, Tau '02  
David T. Ely, Phi Beta '02  
Kate Hardison, Epsilon Iota '01  
Andrew Loughney, Upsilon '01  
Wyatt P. Matthews, Theta Theta '01  
Sujan Patel, Zeta '01

Robert A. Corell, Epsilon Iota '82  
Robert L. Kaiser, Zeta '39  
Henry B. Poor, Gamma '39

Brother Rasmussen then appointed the following as the **Rules Committee**:

Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52-Epsilon Iota, Chairman

Ronald B. Crichton, II, Epsilon Nu '00  
Robert A. Corell, Epsilon Iota '82  
Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56  
Joshua N. Goldin II, Xi '00  
J.J. Johns, Epsilon Iota '00  
Ralph W. Muschett, Delta '52  
Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '93  
George E. Wilson, Delta '61

Brother Brown recognized Brother J.J. Johns, Epsilon Iota '00, who presented the following Special Resolutions:

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #1**

**RESOLVED:** The 156<sup>th</sup> Convention extends warm fraternal greetings to Robert L. Kaiser, Zeta '39 and Henry B. Poor, Gamma '39, Honorary Life Members of the Executive Council, out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of Adam Boyko, Omicron '99 and Wilson Rickerson, Phi Beta '99 as undergraduate members of the Executive Council during the past year; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention expresses its sincere appreciation to George E. Wilson, Delta '61 for his service as the Alumni Advisory Board's representative to the Executive Council for 1998-1999.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #2**

**RESOLVED:** That the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention expresses its profound appreciation to Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72; Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56; James A. Swanke Jr., Rho '80; Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83; John E. Becker, Psi '61; Robert A. Corell, Epsilon Iota '82; David E. Gosling, Upsilon '63; Ralph W. Muschett, Delta '52; John R. Mussella, Beta Kappa '98; 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.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #3**

**RESOLVED:**

That the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of Charles M. Hall, Nu Alpha '71 as Life Member of the Executive Council, out of respect and gratitude for his devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Brother Rasmussen noted the activities that followed this meeting and the committee meetings set for the next morning. At 5:50 p.m. Brother Rasmussen recessed the Convention until Friday, August 13, at 10:30 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND GENERAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 13, 1999**

**GRAND F & G ROOM  
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President Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72, called the second general meeting of the 156<sup>th</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 10:35 a.m. After making some general comments, Brother Rasmussen asked Brother M. Williams to call the roll of delegates. The roll was called and Brother Williams reported the presence of a quorum.

Brother Rasmussen called on Brother Forest G. Weeks, Tau '52-Epsilon Iota, to report for the Rules Committee. Brother Weeks reported that upon reviewing the work of the committees, they would be called in the following order and be allowed the following times to present their reports and resolutions:

Nominations:	10 minutes
AAB:	2 minutes
Awards:	3 minutes
Budget:	10 minutes
New Business:	10 minutes
Unfinished Business:	2 minutes.

A motion was made to accept the report, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

Brother JJ Johns, Epsilon Iota '99, called on the members of the **Committee on Nominations and Credentials** to offer resolutions. Brother Johns presented the following resolution:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION #1**

**Whereas:** The Omicron and Epsilon Nu chapters have all indicated the intention to pay down their debts to the Fraternity upon the resumption of school; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Omicron and Epsilon Nu be restored to full voting rights.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother Jacob M. Irland, Beta Kappa '02 presented the following resolution:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION #2**

**Resolved:** That the following Brothers be elected as Alumni Term Members of the Executive Council for three year terms expiring in 2002: Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52, Epsilon Iota and John R. Musella, Beta Kappa '98.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother William A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '01 presented the following resolution:

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #4**

**Whereas:** The 156<sup>th</sup> Convention wishes to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of George E. Wilson, Delta '61 in his capacity as Alumni Advisory Board Chairman for the last four years; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention and the entire Psi Upsilon Fraternity offer their congratulations and the warmest thanks for his years of service to the Fraternity.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother Kenneth Barnes, Chi Delta '01 presented the following resolution:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION #3**

**Whereas:** The brothers of the Phi Delta have indicated their intention to eliminate the chapter's past due debt to the Fraternity over a 2-year period pending approval at a chapter meeting; and

**Whereas:** The Phi Delta has made substantial payments to the Fraternity during the previous year; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Phi Delta be restored to full voting rights.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother Adam Lissy, Omega '01 presented the following resolution:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION #4**

**Whereas:** The Lambda Sigma's unpaid debt is due entirely to end of term initiates; and

**Whereas:** The Lambda Sigma has been diligent in maintaining its good financial standing with the Fraternity; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Lambda Sigma chapter be restored to full voting rights.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother Reid Smith, Zeta '01 presented the following resolution:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION #5**

**Whereas:** The Phi Beta has set up a plan for payment of its debt but has not yet complied with the terms of the payment plan; and

**Whereas:** The Phi Beta chapter has encountered large unexpected expenses which they were unable to foresee; and

**Whereas:** The Phi Beta chapter has traditionally been prompt in payment of its bills; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Committee on Credentials and Nominations has determined the Phi Beta chapter should be restored to half voting rights.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother Thomas Maulhardt, Theta Theta '00 presented the following resolution:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION #6**

**Resolved:** That the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention elects the following candidates to serve on the Alumni Advisory Board for the term ending immediately following the 157<sup>th</sup> Convention. All alumni organization presidents will be ex-officio members, in addition to the following:

Delta:	Mitch Banchik, '84
Gamma:	Angelo J.C. Devita, '78
Zeta:	Michael L. Huffman, '77
Psi:	John E. Becker, II, '61
Xi:	Donald S. Smith, '39
Upsilon:	David E. Gosling, '63
	Stuart E. Norris, '55
	Michael Jones, '76

Phi: William McPherson, V, '71  
Omega: Samuel Tinaglia, '88  
Pi: Jeffrey Chapman, '82  
Chi: Dan Dwyer, '76  
Eta: Jeffrey S. Gendel, '89  
Phillip Gauffreau, '84  
Tau: Charles F. Bryan, '52  
Omicron: William P. King, '73  
Bradley Corner, '72  
Lewis R. Finkelstein, '83 AAB Chairman  
Larry I. Perlin, '82  
Adam Boyko, '99  
Nu: V. Stanley Davies, Lambda '53, Nu '83H  
Christian Brydges, '95  
Epsilon Phi: Evan W. Terry, '93 AAB Vice-Chairman  
Zeta Zeta: Stephen W.C. Rowell, '84  
Epsilon Nu: Alan B. Wechsler, '68  
Gamma Tau: John C. White, '74  
Chi Delta: Zbigniew P. Pietrzak, '86  
Epsilon Iota: James S. Muhr, '85  
Sean McGervey, '94  
Edward Hitchcock, '94  
Phi Beta: Vernon Jones, III, '89  
Beta Kappa: John T. St.Clair, '92  
John Musella, '98  
Lambda Sigma: Alan Beard, '94.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Newly elected Alumni Advisory Board Chairman, Lewis R. Finkelstein, Omicron '83 then addressed the Convention.

Brother Ron Crichton, Epsilon Nu '00 called on the members of the **Committee on Awards** to offer resolutions. Brother Christine Kozin, Epsilon Iota '00 presented the following resolution:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION #7**

**Whereas:** The Epsilon Iota and Beta Kappa chapters of Psi Upsilon Fraternity have distinguished themselves as exemplary chapters within the Fraternity; and

**Whereas:** These chapters have set exemplary models in brotherhood, community service, and scholarship; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Epsilon Iota and Beta Kappa chapters of Psi Upsilon are awarded the Diamond Award for Exceptional chapters.

The resolution was approved unanimously and thereafter delegates of the respective chapters summarized the chapter's activities for the year.

Brother John Corliss, Omega '00 called on the members of the **Committee on Budget and Development** to offer resolutions and presented the following resolutions himself:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION #8**

**Whereas:** The Committee on Budget and Development has reviewed the projected financial statements for the 1999-2000 fiscal year; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the total income for the 1999-2000 fiscal year be \$315,325.00 and the total expenses shall be \$315,325.00 in the manner set forth in the 1999-2000 budget.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

**GENERAL RESOLUTION #9**

**Whereas:** The Committee on Budget and Development has reviewed and accepted the financial statements for the 1998-1999 fiscal year; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the accounts of the Fraternity for the 1998-1999 fiscal year be accepted as presented.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother J. Brenden Owen, Phi Beta '93 presented the following resolution:

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #5**

**Whereas:** Four out of the last five years the Fraternity has operated at a loss; and

**Whereas:** Each chapter must pay their assessments timely in order for the Fraternity to operate within the goals of the Convention; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the International Office be applauded for its unwavering dedication to collecting assessments from delinquent chapters; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the Convention, through the staff of the International Office, send a message to each undergraduate and alumni chapter president underscoring the fiscal importance of each chapter timely paying their dues; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the said message underscore aspects of the balance sheet highlighting that cash and receivables closely match liabilities; and be it further

**Resolved:** That this message from the Convention be delivered, be it via Internet or Post, no later than September 15, 1999.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

Brother Josh Goldin, Xi '00 discussed issues presented to the **Committee on New Business** which will be taken up at the Convention's closing session.

Brother Kevin Klock, Chi Delta '01 discussed issues presented to the **Committee on Unfinished Business** which will be considered at the Convention's closing session.

Brother Rasmussen recessed the Convention until Saturday, August 14, 1999 at 10:30 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE CLOSING GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 14, 1999**

**GRAND F & G ROOM  
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President Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72 called the closing general meeting of the 156<sup>th</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 10:40 a.m. After making some general comments Brother Rasmussen asked Brother M. Williams to call the roll of delegates. The roll was called and a quorum was declared present.

Brother Rasmussen called on Brother Forest G. Weeks, Tau '52-Epsilon Iota to report for the Rules Committee. Brother Weeks reported that upon reviewing the work of the committees, they would be called in the following order and be allowed the following times to present their reports and resolutions:

Nominations and Credentials	5 minutes
Awards	5 minutes
Budgets and Development	2 minutes
Unfinished Business	15 minutes
New Business	15 minutes

The report was adopted unanimously.

Brother J.J. Johns, Epsilon Iota '00 presented the following resolution for the **Committee on Nominations and Credentials**:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION #9**

**Whereas**: The Gamma Tau chapter has eliminated a significant portion of their debt; and

**Whereas**: The Gamma Tau chapter has established a reasonable payment plan to eliminate their debt; now be it

**Resolved**: That the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention restores the Gamma Tau chapter to full voting rights.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother Nick Chapman, Gamma Tau '01 presented the following resolution:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION #10**

**Whereas**: Brother John E. Becker, II, Psi '61 has served Psi Upsilon with distinction for many years as an Alumni Term Member of the Executive Council; and

**Whereas**: Brother Becker has stepped aside to create a vacancy on the Executive Council; an

**Whereas**: The Committee on Nominations and Credentials believes that the terms of Executive Council members expiring at each Convention should be more balanced; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That J. Brenden Owen, Phi Beta '93 be elected to the Executive Council for a three year term ending in 2002; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention extends its warmest fraternal thanks to Jeb Becker for his many years of service to Psi Upsilon and the Executive Council.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

Brother Ronald B. Crichton, Epsilon Nu '00 introduced members of the **Committee on Awards**. Brother Michael Van Houten, Beta Kappa '00 presented the following resolution:

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #6**

**Whereas:** The Committee on Awards would like to increase the number of nominations for the Award of Distinction and the Distinguished Alumni Service Award; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the members of the Undergraduate Advisory Board contact each chapter's Archon reminding him to prepare submissions if applicable.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother Christine Kozin, Epsilon Iota '00 presented the following resolutions:

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #7**

**Whereas:** The 156<sup>th</sup> Convention wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to Mark A. Williams, Phi '76, not only for his continued dedication but also for his boundless energy and concern contributed to Psi Upsilon Fraternity during the year; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention and the entire Psi Upsilon Fraternity offer their warmest thanks and praise for such unwavering support.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #8**

**Whereas:** The 156<sup>th</sup> Convention wishes to acknowledge the excellence exemplified by Mariann H. Williams, Alpha Delta Pi '78, and offer its congratulations for such hard work and dedication throughout this past year; and therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention and the entire Psi Upsilon Fraternity extends its utmost gratitude for these efforts.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #9**

**Whereas:** The 156<sup>th</sup> Convention wishes to acknowledge the superlative performance of Jean Gileno, Delta Zeta '94, and interns Jacob Irland, Beta Kappa '02, Jacob Wolbach, Beta Kappa '01, Jeff Jaeger, Beta Kappa '02, Kim Gilkey, Delta Gamma '00; and

**Whereas:** To welcome Chapter Leadership Consultant Larry J. Brown, Upsilon '99; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention and the entire Psi Upsilon Fraternity offer their congratulations and the warmest thanks for an excellent job.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Matthew Ivan, Alpha Omicron Provisional '00 presented the following resolution:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION #11**

**Whereas:** The Epsilon Iota, Upsilon, Beta Kappa, and Lambda Sigma chapters have achieved an academic average of 3.0 or greater; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Garnet and Gold Award for Academic Excellence be given to the above mentioned chapters with our warmest congratulations and fraternal admiration.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother Kevin Feehan, Eta '00 presented the following resolution:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION #12**

**Whereas:** The Upsilon, Beta Kappa and Lambda Sigma have distinguished themselves through exceptional academic performance beyond the expectations of both Psi Upsilon and their respective universities; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Owl Award for Academic Excellence be presented to the Upsilon, Beta Kappa and Lambda Sigma with our congratulations.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52 - Epsilon Iota, presented the following resolution:

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #10**

**Resolved:** That the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention expresses its condolences to the families of John K. Menzies, Pi '41 and Norman J. Schoonover, Theta Theta '46 about their deaths and expresses its recognition of their extraordinary contribution to their Fraternity as life term members of the Executive Council.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother Edward M. Hitchcock, Epsilon Iota '94 presented the following resolutions:

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION #11**

**Whereas:** The Xi chapter made a special effort to contact Michael Bay, a distinguished alumnus whose participation had lapsed; and

**Whereas:** The Xi chapter created a special event honoring Brother Bay, which embraced the university and community at large; and

**Whereas:** This event promoted awareness for the William Kerr, Iota '57 Scholarship; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention commends the special efforts of the Xi chapter.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

### **GENERAL RESOLUTION #12**

**Whereas:** The Omega chapter has distinguished itself in an extraordinary manner; and

**Whereas:** The University of Chicago was seeking substantial changes in curriculum and university structure; and

**Whereas:** In a contentious time for university and community, the Omega worked to facilitate discussion and orderly debate; and

**Whereas:** These efforts are recognized as casting an exemplary light on the Greek system at the University of Chicago, especially upon the Omega of Psi Upsilon; and

**Whereas:** These efforts are recognized as having provided an invaluable community service; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Omega chapter of Psi Upsilon is recognized with the Award of Distinction.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

Brother George E. Wilson, Delta '61 called on Brother J. Brenden Owen, Phi Beta '93 to present the following resolution on behalf of the **Committee on Budget and Development:**

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION #12**

**Whereas:** Brother Mark Bauer, Omega '83, has shown indefatigable dedication and support to his chapter, the Executive Council and the Fraternity internationally; and

**Whereas:** Brother Bauer has written excellent materials, including *Diatribes on Phi Mupsilon*, special resolutions concerning *Boone's Farm* wine and entertained us with business opportunities including the Psi U Amway Pyramid; and

**Whereas:** William Shakespeare entertained millions of people with his writings; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That all future special resolutions written for all subsequent Conventions by Brother Bauer be in iambic pentameter; and be it further

**Resolved:** That should Brother Bauer propose any special resolution to committee or Convention not fully incorporating iambic pentameter, he must espouse the virtues of relative autonomy.

Brother David Ely, Phi Beta '02, presented the following resolution on behalf of the **Committee on Unfinished Business:**

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION #13**

**Whereas:** Convention attendance has been declining steadily over the past several years; and

**Whereas:** The Convention conducts the business of the Fraternity; and

**Whereas:** To function most effectively the Convention must have better attendance; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Executive Council be directed to ascertain the reasons that a chapter may or may not have attended the past Convention and the reasoning behind the delegates who were selected; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the 157<sup>th</sup> Convention establish a special committee to examine the data collected by the Executive Council on Convention attendance and report to the Convention on mechanisms for improving Convention attendance.

### **GENERAL RESOLUTION #13**

**Whereas:** Our chapter houses and meeting places are often filled with unique and historic artifacts, including plaques, trophies, paintings, photographs and furniture with special meaning to our society; and

**Whereas:** In several unfortunate instances, when chapters of Psi Upsilon have gone inactive, our irreplaceable and invaluable artifacts have been lost, stolen or destroyed; therefore be it

**Resolved:** That Article V, Section 8 of the Constitution of Psi Upsilon be amended with the addition of the word “memorabilia” after “official documents” to read:

“If the charter of a chapter is revoked or suspended, or if the chapter is relegated to an inactive status, all official Fraternity records, seals, official documents, memorabilia, and any material pertaining to the chapter’s relation to the fraternity as a whole shall be placed in the custody of the Executive Council.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother Garrett Rooney, Epsilon Iota ’01 presented the following resolution:

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION #14**

**Whereas:** The Psi Upsilon Constitution contains sections pertaining to our initiation ceremony which many brothers feel should be kept secret; and

**Whereas:** Psi Upsilon is occasionally required in certain situations to provide our Constitution to groups outside the Fraternity; and

**Whereas:** There has been some debate as to the feasibility and correctness of removing these sections from the Constitution; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Executive Council appoint a committee to look into the matter in the following year and submit a report to the 157<sup>th</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother Kevin A. Klock, Chi Delta ’01 presented the following resolution:

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION #15**

**Whereas:** The Committee on New Business of the 155<sup>th</sup> Convention of Psi Upsilon considered “General Resolution #3” regarding the substitution of the word “undergraduate” for sixteen instances where the word “active” appears in our Constitution; and

**Whereas:** The term “active” in our Constitution has multiple meanings and connotations in our Constitution; and

**Whereas:** The term “inactive” also found within our Constitution would be rendered ambiguous by said resolution; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Executive Council of our Fraternity appoint a committee to study and evaluate each instance of the proposed changes in said resolution to determine the most appropriate language in each instance; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the said committee shall report to the 157<sup>th</sup> Convention the results of its inquiry.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Brother Wyatt Matthews, Theta Theta '01 presented the following recommendation:

#### **Recommendation #1**

**Whereas:** Attendance at the TIPs training session was at an all-time low, possibly due to its scheduling from 3 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.; now therefore be it

**Recommended:** That no further Convention session be held between the hours of 11 p.m. and 10 a.m. Brother Loren Overholt, Lambda Sigma '00 presented the following recommendation:

#### **Recommendation #2**

**Whereas:** The 155<sup>th</sup> Convention recommended consideration of the Lambda Sigma chapter’s proposal for a National Service Week; now therefore be it

**Recommended:** That the Executive Council shall determine an annual date for the Psi Upsilon National Service Day; and be it further

**Recommended:** That each year chapters shall submit suggestions for a nationally known charity or public service that it feels Psi Upsilon should support during that year's National Service Day; and be it further

**Recommended:** That the suggestions submitted by chapters shall be voted on at the Convention of Psi Upsilon Fraternity; and be it further

**Recommended:** That the Executive Council shall remind each chapter of the upcoming Service Day and theme selected for that year; and be it further

**Recommended:** That each chapter will develop and submit a report giving its accomplishments of the Day; and be it further

**Recommended:** That the Executive Council shall consider the following:

- 1.) That this year's National Service Day revolve around the theme of literacy; and
- 2.) That at least one completed project shall be highlighted in *The DIAMOND*.

Brother Matt Asada, Tau '02 presented the following:

**Recommendation #3**

**Whereas:** The Archon's Academy was established to prepare Brothers with the skill set to faithfully perform their duties as Archon's; and

**Whereas:** The Archon's Academy is of the greatest benefit to Archon's and their respective chapters if attended in the beginning of their terms; and

**Whereas:** Member chapters hold elections at various times dependant on their school's academic calendar; now therefore be it

**Recommended:** That chapters send the present Archon, who is at the beginning of one's term, or the Archon-elect, who will shortly take office, to the Archon's Academy.

Brother John Musella, Beta Kappa '98 presented the following resolution:

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #16**

**Whereas:** The 156<sup>th</sup> Convention has enjoyed its time here in Rochester, NY and thanks the Upsilon chapter for their hospitality; and

**Whereas:** The 156<sup>th</sup> Convention looks forward to future Conventions in exciting host cities; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Executive Council of Psi Upsilon Fraternity choose the location of the 158<sup>th</sup> Convention to be held in 2001 from one of the following locations: Montreal, Canada; New Orleans, Louisiana; Orlando, Florida; San Diego, California; or Seattle, Washington, to be hosted jointly by the Beta Kappa and Theta Theta chapters.

Brother Brian Shepard, Gamma '01 presented the following:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION #14**

**Resolved:** Article IV, Section 3 and 4 of the Constitution shall be amended as follows:

The paragraph prior to the last sentence (beginning with the word "Approval") is deleted and replaced with:

"The Executive Council shall be empowered to approve petitions submitted by provisional chapters by a three-quarters favorable vote. The International Office shall notify and provide copies of the petitions to the chapters

and alumni associations 30 days before the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Council. Questions, comments, or objections to the petition raised by chapters and alumni associations may be directed to the Executive Council either in person or in writing. If 3 chapters and/or the governing body of an alumni association formally communicate concerns or objections to the International Office in writing, then the Executive Council's vote on approval of the petition shall be subject to final approval by the chapters."

Article IV, Section 3 shall then continue as written (starting with the word "Approval" in the last sentence, with the exception that the period of fifteen days in subsections (b) and (c) shall be changed to 20 days). (Section 4 shall be changed to "upon approval of the petition" and continue with "it shall be the duty" as currently written.)

A motion to divide the question to remove the time for approval for separate consideration was moved and seconded. The motion failed. General Resolution #14 failed because it did not obtain 3/4 majority vote.

Brother Shephard then presented the following resolution:

#### **GENERAL RESOLUTION #15**

**Resolved:** Article IV Section 3 of the Constitution will be amended as follows:

Approval from three-quarters of the active chapters shall be necessary for the establishment of a new chapter of this Fraternity. When the Executive Council believes that a Provisional chapter has met the guidelines for establishing a new chapter, it shall instruct the administrative officers to prepare a report and recommendation and mail same to each chapter's active membership and to the governing body of the alumni association or corporation. Within twenty days of such mailing, each body shall transmit to the administrative officers at the Executive Office of the Fraternity its approval or disapproval in writing. Approval of a chapter shall occur under any of the following conditions:

- a.) Two-thirds of the active membership and two-thirds of the governing body of the alumni association or corporation vote in favor of the proposal; or
- b.) Two-thirds of either body votes in favor of the proposal and the other body does not respond within twenty days of the date of the mailing concerning the proposed establishment of the new chapter; or
- c.) Neither body responds to the proposal within twenty days of the date of the mailing concerning the establishment of the new chapters.

The Constitutional amendment was approved by a 3/4 majority of the delegates. Brother Dan Faustina, Lambda Sigma '01 presented the following recommendation:

#### **RECOMMENDATION #4**

**Recommended:** That petitions for the establishment for new chapters shall be mailed to each active chapter with due consideration to promote a timely response from each active chapter.

Brother Josh Goldin, Xi '00 presented the following resolution:

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION #17**

**Whereas:** Mark A. Williams, Phi '76, has expertly served as the Executive Director of Psi Upsilon for 9 years; and

**Whereas:** Brother Williams has recently been awarded the designation of Certified Association Executive, based on his years of experience and success on a written exam; and

**Whereas:** Brother Williams is the first chief executive in our history to hold the CAE designation, the highest achievement for an association professional; now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention extends its heartiest congratulations to Brother Williams and thanks him for the acclaim he has brought to Psi Upsilon..

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the resolution was passed unanimously.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the 156<sup>th</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention was adjourned sine die at 12:13 p.m