

RECORDS OF THE 162nd CONVENTION

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Omega and Omicron Chapters

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2005

MINUTES OF THE OPENING GENERAL SESSION

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2005

CRYSTAL ROOM
UNION LEAGUE CLUB
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The 162nd Psi Upsilon Convention was called to order by Charles A. Werner, Omega, '55 at 2:14 p.m. on Friday, June 24, 2005. On behalf of the Omega chapter Brother Werner presented a brief history of the Omega chapter and the University of Chicago. Matthew R. DaSanto, Omicron '03 welcomed the delegates to Chicago, introduced the delegates to the Omicron chapter and the University of Illinois and then appointed the following temporary officers of the 162nd Convention :

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

President Bauer welcomed the delegates and guests to the Convention and explained plans for the 2005 Leadership Institute and 162nd Psi Upsilon Convention.

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

John E. Becker, Psi '61, Chairman
Marie Oliver, Epsilon Iota '07, Vice Chairman

Jonathan L. Pryor, Gamma '08
Allan S. Reynolds, Zeta '07
Scott B. Hughey, Upsilon '08
Karlis D. Lenss, Phi '06
Ryan H. Sample, Beta Beta '06
Theodore S. Pandaleon, Eta '07
Sean A. Troup, Theta Theta '06
Masoud Safarian, Zeta Zeta '04
Jonathan T. McAbee-Reher, Gamma Tau '04
Brian M. Castelli, Alpha Omicron '05

Charles A. Werner, Omega '55
Larry I. Perlin, Omicron '82
Kevin A. Klock Chi Delta '01
Rahsaan Burroughs, Phi Beta '96

Brother John E. Becker, Psi '61 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 active and 4 inactive chapters. He then placed the following names in nomination for permanent Convention officers before the delegates:

President: Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83

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

The resolution passed unanimously.

President Bauer asked Mark A. Williams, Phi '76 to summarize the Convention Rules, *Roberts' Rules of Order* and describe the writing of resolutions.

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

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

Thomas T. Allan IV, Theta Theta '89, Chairman
Matthew H. Martinez, Omicron '07 Vice Chairman

Daniel J. DeBoer, Beta Owl Club '07
Mike I. Selvin, Zeta '07
Nathaniel K. S. Wackman, Omega '06
Andrew Rosenthal, Tau '06
Daniel J. Hower, Omicron '08
Xin Zheng, Chi Delta '07
Nathaniel F. Ekstrom, Epsilon Iota '07
Ryan Roche, St. Francis Colony '07

Eldred A. Halsey, Delta '58
Henry B. Poor, Gamma '39
Laura E. King, Chi Delta '04
Justina Lakinger, Epsilon Iota '01

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT

James A. Swanke, Jr. Rho '80, Chairman
Michael N. Barron, Phi Delta '06, Vice Chairman

Brett E. Larson, Gamma '08
Sean P. Navin, Psi '07
Erik P. Joyce, Pi '06
Tripp Kyle, Beta Beta '06
Ryan Terrien, Theta Theta '06
Peter Syrjala, Zeta Zeta '06
Anna V. Levina, Chi Delta '07
Damien A. Vera, Epsilon Iota '07
Gregory H. Harris, Phi Beta '06

Samuel J. Tinaglia, Sr., Omega '88

Lewis R. Finkelstein, Omicron '83
John J. Kelly, Epsilon Iota '05
Jess C. LaNore, Beta Kappa '95

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS

Matthew M. Carter, Tau '07, Chairman
Evan Terry, Epsilon Phi '93, Vice Chairman

Jedd B. Sereysky, Upsilon '05
Mark J. Loga, Pi '07
Ben Crovella, Chi '07
Omer Burstein, Theta Theta '07
Kevin M. Aoun, Epsilon Nu '06
Andrew P. Blauvelt, Alpha Omicron '05
Mena Louies, St. Francis Colony '07

Jonathan E. Persky, Omega '85
William N. Wishard III, Delta Delta '64
Robert A. Corell, Epsilon Iota '82
Vernon Jones III, Phi Beta '89

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Samuel J. Rosendahl, Theta Theta '06, Chairman
Matthew R. DalSanto, Omicron '03, Vice Chairman

Jose R. Garza, Beta Owl Club '07
Matthew Bradley, Psi '07
Joel A. Friedman, Phi '07
John Trentacoste, Chi '08
Joseph M Holmes, Theta Theta '07
Christopher S. Gordon, Epsilon Nu '06
Elisha T. Neumann, Gamma Tau '06
Joseph H. Braithwaite, Phi Beta '08
Alexander B. Coppelman, Phi Delta '06

Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56
Dean Marinakis, Omicron '90
Matthew J. Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04
David W. Manthey, Epsilon Iota '92
Sean Hughes, Alpha Omicron '03

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF ALL COMMITTEES

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

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #1

RESOLVED: The 162nd 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 162nd Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of M. Nick Barron, Phi Delta '06 and Dan Thorne, Omicron '06 as undergraduate members of the Executive Council during the past year.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #2

RESOLVED: That the 162nd Convention expresses its profound appreciation to Thomas T. Allan, IV, Theta Theta '89; Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83; John E. Becker II, Psi '61; Rahsaan A. Burroughs, Phi Beta '96; Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56; Vernon Jones III, Phi Beta '89; James A. Swanke Jr., Rho '80; Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52 - Epsilon Iota; 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 #3

RESOLVED: That the 162nd 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.

After being duly moved and seconded , the resolutions passed unanimously.

At 3:05 p.m. President Bauer recessed the Convention until Sunday, June 26, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2005

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President Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83, called the closing session of the 162nd Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 9:55 a.m. After making some 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	10 minutes
Budget & Development	10 minutes
Unfinished Business	10 minutes
Awards	10 minutes
New Business	5 minutes

The report was approved unanimously.

Members of the **Committee on Nominations and Credentials** were called upon to present the report of the committee. Marie Oliver, Epsilon Iota '07 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

GENERAL RESOLUTION #1

Whereas: Brothers John E. Becker II, Psi '61, Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56, Vernon Jones III, Phi Beta '89, and Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52 - Epsilon Iota have terms on the Executive Council that expire with this Convention; and

Whereas: John E. Becker II, Psi '61, Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84, Kevin A. Klock, Chi Delta '01, Philip C. Timon, Tau '86, and Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52 - Epsilon Iota expressed a desire to serve on the Executive Council as alumni term members; therefore be it

Resolved: That Brothers John E. Becker II, Psi '61, Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84, Kevin A. Klock, Chi Delta '01, Philip C. Timon, Tau '86, and Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52 - Epsilon Iota be elected to three-year terms ending in 2008.

Kevin Klock, Chi Delta '01 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #4

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

Whereas: The Theta, Zeta, Lambda, Psi, Iota, Xi, Upsilon, Phi, Pi, Beta Beta, Tau, Zeta Zeta, Phi Beta, Phi Delta, Lambda Sigma, and Alpha Omicron chapters are in arrears; therefore be it

Resolved: That these chapters and the International Office engage each other to discuss best practices to tackle the debt and be it further

Resolved: That the staff of the International Office make a report to the Nominations Committee on these chapters' progress on tackling the debt at the 163rd Psi Upsilon Convention.

During its deliberations the Committee on Nominations & Credentials heard presentations from delegates desiring to represent the Undergraduate Advisory Board as undergraduate members of the Executive Council. Pursuant to Convention Rule XV the following undergraduates made presentations to the Convention:

Kevin Aoun, Epsilon Nu '06
Matthew Carter, Tau '07
Mark Loga, Pi '07
Marie Oliver, Epsilon Iota '07
Ryan Terrien, Theta Theta '06

A secret ballot was conducted and the following delegates were elected to serve as undergraduate members of the Executive Council for the 2005-06 year:

Matthew Carter, Tau '07
Ryan Terrien, Theta Theta '06
Kevin Aoun, Epsilon Nu '06 (alternate)

Members of the **Committee on Budget & Development** were called up to present the report of the committee. Anna Levina, Chi Delta '07 presented the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION #1

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

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

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

M. Nick Barron, Phi Delta '06 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

GENERAL RESOLUTION #2

Whereas: Most chapters are diligent in paying all their bills; and

Whereas: All chapters have managed to pay their insurance bills; and

Whereas: Chapters must have an insurance certificate to operate on their respective campuses; therefore be it

Resolved: That starting in the 2006-2007 academic year, no insurance certificate be issued to any chapter that is delinquent in any of its previous year bills; and be it further

Resolved: That no insurance certificate be issued for any chapter that has failed to pay its current insurance bill.

Sean Navin, Psi '07 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

GENERAL RESOLUTION #3

Whereas: The Committee on Budget and Development has reviewed the financial statements for the 2004-2005 fiscal year as of June 25, 2005; therefore be it

Resolved: That the accounts of the Fraternity for the 2004-2005 fiscal year be accepted as presented.

Joseph Holmes, Theta Theta '07 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

GENERAL RESOLUTION #4

Whereas: The Committee on Budget and Development has examined the proposed budget with revenues of \$404,300.00 and expenses of \$384,275.00 for the fiscal year of 2005-2006 and found it unsatisfactory; therefore be it

Resolved: That the revised budget shall have \$409,325.00 in revenues based on an increase in Initiation Fees by \$10.00 to \$185.00 per newly initiated member for a total update of fees to \$60,125.00 and an increase in Taxes by \$10.00 to \$140.00 per existing member for a total update to \$95,200.00, changing the total revenues to \$409,325.00 and total expenses to \$384,275.00 and net income to \$25,050.00; and that this revised budget for the fiscal year 2005-2006 be accepted.

Erik Joyce, Pi '06 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #5

Whereas: The International Office staff has made tremendous efforts to increase the annual giving; therefore be it

Resolved: That we recognize and appreciate their tireless effort and dedication to the Fraternity; and therefore be it

Resolved: That undergraduate members urge their own alumni not only to support their chapter

but also the International Fraternity in annual giving.

Members of the **Committee on Unfinished Business** were called upon to present the report of the committee. Samuel Rosendahl, Theta Theta '06 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #6

Whereas: The 161st Convention asked the 162nd Convention to review the efficacy of the Alumni Advisory Board; and

Whereas: The Alumni Advisory Board provides a service for the individual chapters which is not provided in any other manner; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Alumni Advisory Board be continued and supported in the coming year.

Members of the **Committee on Awards** were called upon to present the report of the committee. Justina Lakinger, Epsilon Iota '01 presented the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION #2

Whereas: The Convention wishes to more accurately determine which chapters should be honored for their exemplary qualities; and

Whereas: A chapter's exemplary qualities cannot be determined with grade point averages alone; therefore be it

Recommended: That the chapters more fully fill out their chapter reports.

Nathaniel Eckstrom Epsilon Iota '07 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #7

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

Whereas: The Zeta, Phi, Pi, Chi, Eta, Tau, Theta Theta, Zeta Zeta, Chi Delta, Phi Delta, and Lambda Sigma chapters have demonstrated such achievements; therefore be it

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

Xin Zheng, Chi Delta '07 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #8

Whereas: The Eta chapter achieved a GPA well above the all men's average and ranked second out of twenty-two fraternities this past year; and

Whereas: The Chi Delta chapter achieved a GPA of 3.49, the highest of all chapters this past year; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance be presented to the Eta chapter and Chi Delta chapter.

Andrew Rosenthal, Tau '06 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #9

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

Whereas: The Chi chapter has been recognized for excellence on its own campus as an outstanding chapter within the Cornell Greek system; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Diamond Award for Exceptional Chapters be presented to the Chi chapter.

Mike Selvin, Zeta '07 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #10

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

Whereas: The Gamma chapter raised almost \$5,000.00 through Relay for Life, which is the fundraising program for the American Cancer Foundation. The chapter alone raised more than three other local colleges; and

Whereas: The Zeta chapter organized a fundraising effort for the American Red Cross in response to the tsunami in Asia raising over \$3,000.00; and

Whereas: The Iota chapter helped execute the local Take Back the Night celebration, which empowers women that are threatened with abuse; and

Whereas: The Eta chapter received the Giving Tree award which is presented by the Lehigh Community Service Office for its numerous efforts; and

Whereas: The Tau chapter performed volunteer work for six different service organizations totalling over 400 service hours; and

Whereas: The Phi Delta chapter organized a poker tournament that was the biggest charity event on campus for the Red Cross. It also raised money separately for a church in Sri Lanka after the tsunami; and

Whereas: The Lambda Sigma chapter won the Pepperdine Greek Community Service Award for contributing over 600 service hours; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Clasped Hand Award for Outstanding Philanthropy and Service shall be presented to the Gamma, Zeta, Iota, Eta, Tau, Phi Delta, and Lambda Sigma chapters.

Nathaniel Wackman, Omega '06 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #11

Whereas: The Award of Distinction recognizes Psi Upsilon chapters when they perform in an extraordinary manner; and

Whereas: The Alpha Omicron chapter has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to its fellow chapters of Psi Upsilon; and

Whereas: The Zeta Zeta chapter has made tremendous strides in chapter vitality over the past year; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Award of Distinction be presented to the Alpha Omicron chapter and the Zeta Zeta chapter.

Matthew Martinez, Omicron '07 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #12

Whereas: The Distinguished Alumni Service Award takes into account both dedication to the fraternity on the International level and in the local chapter; and

Whereas: The Omicron chapter at the University of Illinois has benefitted greatly from a strong alumni association; and

Whereas: The ongoing constant is the commitment of the chapter advisor Joseph A. Miller, Omicron '57, who has served in this position since the 1960's, having weekly meetings with the undergraduate executive board, taking care of the chapter finances, and tackling any emergencies as they regularly arrived; and

Whereas: Brother Miller has put out fires both figuratively and literally; and

Whereas: His devotion has allowed the chapter to continue to flourish and has allowed alumni to be active on the International level; therefore be it

Resolved: That Joseph A. Miller, Omicron '57, be awarded the Distinguished Alumni Service

Award.

Ryan Roche, St. Francis Colony '07 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #13

- Whereas: Brother Eldred A. Halsey, Delta '58, has exemplified the meaning of Psi Upsilon through invaluable service to our organization from the time of his initiation through today and, with our warmest hopes, for many more years to come; and
- Whereas: Brother Halsey's great contributions to the betterment of Psi Upsilon include service as a Delta Corporation trustee, alumni president and alumni advisor to the Alpha Omicron chapter, and a director and vice president of the Psi Upsilon Foundation; and
- Whereas: Brother Halsey has been a member of the Challenges and Choices Committee since its inception and, as a member and chair of the committee, has brought invaluable ethics-based retreats to scores of chapters; and
- Whereas: Brother Halsey has attended and enlivened almost every Convention since his undergraduate days, adding his strong singing voice, encyclopedic knowledge of Psi Upsilon songs and sparkling blue blazer to our annual reunion; be it
- Resolved: Eldred A. Halsey, Delta '58, is presented with the Psi Upsilon Distinguished Alumni Service Award, with our profound thanks and gratitude for living a life expressing and dedicated to the meaning of Psi Upsilon.

Matthew Carter, Tau '07 presented the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION #3

- Whereas: The Epsilon Nu chapter has requested to host or co-host the 164th Psi Upsilon Convention, either on its own campus or in the beautiful city of Detroit; and
- Whereas: The Epsilon Iota chapter has expressed interest in seeing a Convention in the Albany area or on its own campus; and
- Whereas: The feasibility of these options is still unknown; therefore be it
- Recommended: That the Committee on New Business asks that the following be used as guidelines in selecting a host for the 164th convention:
- 1.) It shall be as near a college or university campus where Psi Upsilon has a chapter as possible, or,
 - 2.) If this is not feasible, it be held at the International Office in Indianapolis; and be it further
- Recommended: That the Executive Council shall make the determination of the site of the 164th Convention based upon these criteria.

Kevin Aoun, Epsilon Nu '06 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #14

Whereas: All but three chapters were recognized for attendance at the 162nd Psi Upsilon Convention; therefore be it

Resolved: That honorable recognition is given to all chapter representatives present at the Union League Club of Chicago; and be it further

Resolved: That we extend special recognition in the inaugural presence of the Saint Francis University Colony and the Beta Owl Club; and be it further

Resolved: That we express our regret, in view of the fact that attendance is vital to the legislative arm of the Fraternity, that three chapters were unable to attend the 162nd Convention, and encourage all chapters to attend the 163rd Psi Upsilon Convention.

Mena Louis, St. Francis Colony '07 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

GENERAL RESOLUTION #5

Whereas: There is often negative publicity surrounding Greek organizations and their activities; and

Whereas: Many good works of the chapters go unnoticed by the general public; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Executive Council create a public relations program for the chapters, and assist the chapters in the program's implementation on each chapter's campus.

Kate D'Anna, Epsilon Iota '06 presented the following resolution which was approved unanimously:

GENERAL RESOLUTION #6

Whereas: The 161st Convention directed that this committee to review the Executive Council's proposal for a senior award program;

Whereas: Pursuant to Special Resolution #12 of the 161st Psi Upsilon Convention, the Undergraduate Advisory Board proposed the creation of an award recognizing members of the senior delegation and the Purpose of the award is to maintain and encourage involvement by undergraduate brothers in their final academic year and to stimulate involvement with the chapter in the future, therefore be it

Resolved: That a senior award program named the "Griffin Award for Senior Excellence" be established, and be it further

Resolved: That a chapter shall only give this award if it deems that one of its undergraduate

brothers, during his or her final academic year, has shown exceptional dedication and commitment to that chapter, and be it further

Resolved: That this award shall be nominated and voted on by each chapter using the following guidelines:

- 1.) Nominees shall have no outstanding debt to the chapter and have met all financial responsibilities;
- 2.) Nominees shall in good academic and judicial standing with the college or university;
- 3.) The GPA of each nominee shall exceed the chapter average GPA for that academic year;
- 4.) Nominees shall be involved in at least two extracurricular activities outside of the chapter or have achieved great recognition for an accomplishment outside of the chapter;
- 5.) This award be given by chapters beginning in the 2005-06 academic year, with the International Office being notified of each chapter's designee no later than April 15th of that year and each succeeding year.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the 162nd Psi Upsilon Convention was adjourned sine die at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Williams, Phi '76
Recorder