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**MINUTES OF THE OPENING GENERAL SESSION
FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2011**

**PHILLIPS BALLROOM
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WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The 168th Psi Upsilon Convention was called to order by M. Nick Barron, Phi Delta '06 at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, June 24, 2011. On behalf of the Phi Delta chapter, Brother Barron welcomed the delegates to Washington, D.C. and then appointed the following temporary officers of the 168th Convention:

President: James A. Swanke, Jr., Rho '80
Recorder: Mark A. Williams, Phi '76

President Swanke welcomed the delegates and guests to the 2011 Leadership Institute and 168th Psi Upsilon Convention.

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

Laura E. King, Chi Delta '04 Chairman
Jan Lumibao, Omicron '13 Vice Chairman

Ben Christy, Zeta Zeta '13
Molly Cinderella, Chi Delta '12
Kenneth Consor, Pi '13
William Crosby, Georgia State '12
Patrick de la Garza, Lambda '13
Jonathan Matta, Alpha Omicron '13
Matthew McKenna, Gamma Tau '12
Talmadge Reed, Phi Nu '13
Matthew Steinway, Phi '14
Benjamin Stone, Tau '13
James Swanke III, Rho '14
Paul Trethaway, Zeta '13
Nathan West, Epsilon Iota '13

Michael N. Barron, Phi Delta '06
John E. Becker II, Psi '61
J. Martin Brayboy '84
Sean Caulfield, Gamma Tau '04
Devin Powers, Eta '09
Charles A. Werner, Omega '55

Brother Laura King, Chi Delta '04 gave the initial report of the Committee on Nominations and Credentials. She reported that the Committee confirmed the credentials of delegates from 25 active chapters, 2 inactive chapters, 2 Owl Clubs and 1 colony. She then placed the following names in nomination for permanent Convention officers:

President: James A. Swanke, Jr., Rho '80

Vice president: Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72
Recorder: Mark A. Williams, Phi '76

The resolution passed unanimously.

Mark Williams introduced James Brandell, Epsilon Nu '90 to present a keynote address to the Convention. He discussed his career and his duties as chief of staff for the chairman of the US House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee.

President Swanke thanked Brother Brandell for being part of the 168th Convention and called upon Timothy D. Zepp, Chi Delta '08, to discuss the role of the undergraduate representatives on the Executive Council as well as the nomination and election process.

Mark Williams, Phi '76, then reviewed the schedule and logistics for the Leadership Institute and Convention.

President Swanke appointed Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72 parliamentarian for the 168th Convention.

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

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

Thomas T. Allan, Theta Theta '89, Chairman
David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11, Vice Chairman

Evan Allen, Rho '14
Anthony Baranik, Phi Nu '14
Ryan Brady, Lambda Sigma '14
Kurt Brimberry, Theta '12
Ian Edelson, Chi '13
Lisa Gutermuth, Chi Delta '12
Nicolas Guzman, Omicron '13
Bryan Kelly, Psi '12
Talia Knapp, Gamma Tau '13
Robert Marshall, Pi '12
William Robinson, Eta '14
Emily Scherer, Georgia State '12
Daniella Schocken, Chi Delta '12

Geoff Emmer, Gamma Tau '10
Eldred A. Halsey, Delta '58
Robert McIntire, Omicron '68
Courtney Orsbon, Chi Delta '10
Paul Peria, Alpha Omicron '10
Douglas Perrins, Epsilon Iota '99

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT

Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega '88, Chairman
Christian Juenke, Theta Theta '13, Vice Chairman

Sam Choate, Psi '12
Alyssa Fowers, Chi Delta '13
Cullen Frye, Sigma Phi '13
Diego Gile, Alpha Omicron '12
Michael Huysen, Epsilon Nu '12
Casey Hylton, Georgia State '12
James King, Gamma Tau '12
Charles Lubic, Lambda '12
Jeffrey Pontell, Chi '14
Michael Siciliano, Eta '12
Timothy Tusing, Epsilon Iota '11
Tyler Wallace, Zeta '13
Brian Watson, Delta Nu '11

Lewis R. Finkelstein, Omicron '83
Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08
Reed Pannell, Phi Delta '08
Masoud Safarian, Zeta Zeta '08
Jesse J. Scherer, Gamma Tau '05
Jared Tannenbaum, Epsilon Iota '02

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS

Christopher Kizer, Chi Delta '12, Chairman
Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '72, Vice Chairman

Eric Collins, Epsilon Iota '13
Patrick Connolly, Rho '14
Javonie Dickenson, Beta Beta '12
Joseph Djourup, Phi Delta '13
Alex Gault, Eta '13
Bowen Niu, Chi Delta '12
David Poore, Gamma Tau '11
Zach Richardson, Theta Theta '12
Phillip C. Ross, Xi '12
Christopher Rush, Theta '12
Johsua Sheller, Lambda Sigma '12
Jan Stefanski, Omega '12
Nicholas Stellabotte, Sigma Phi '12

Hassan Abdelhalim, Phi Delta '10
Patrick Gilrane, Psi '82
Alex Senchak, Eta '06
William N. Wishard III, Delta Delta '64
Timothy D. Zepp, Chi Delta '08

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Michael Phillips, Beta Beta '12, Chairman
Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83, Vice Chairman

Carey Allemndinger, Epsilon Iota '14
Robert Coleman, Epsilon Nu '12
Charlene Crefeld, Delta Nu '13
Eran Flicker, Omega '13
Kinnard Hockenhull, Phi '14
Alexander Hoyle, Xi '13
Stephen James, Phi Delta '12
Amanda Lowell, Chi Delta '12
Chirley Quillian, Gamma Tau '11
Alexander Swan, Zeta Zeta '14
Andrew Turell, Tau '14
Stephen Trombetta, Eta '13

Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56
Travis Hannan, Eta '02
Justina Lakinger Epsilon Iota '02
Matthew Murphy, Pi '10
Robert Petersen, Omicron '68

RULES COMMITTEE

Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72, Chairman

Thomas T. Allan, Theta Theta '89
Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '72
Eldred A. Halsey, Delta '58
Laura E. King, Chi Delta '04
Christopher Kizer, Chi Delta '12
Michael Phillips, Beta Beta '12
Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega '88
Charles A. Werner, Omega '55

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, ALL COMMITTEES

James Swanke, P '80, Mark Williams, φ '76

President Swanke recognized Christian Juenke, Theta Theta Omicron '13, to present the following resolutions, which after being duly made and seconded, passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #1

Resolved: The 168th Convention extends warm fraternal greetings to Charles S. P. Hodge, Gamma '68; Robert L. Kaiser, Zeta '39; Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56; John E. Becker II, Psi '61; and Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52 – Epsilon, Honorary Life Members of the Executive Council out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

Special Resolution #2

Resolved: That the 168th Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of James Litzinger, Sigma Phi '11; Kevin Collins, Beta Beta '11 and Tina Del Carpio, Chi Delta '12 as undergraduate members of the Executive Council during the past year.

Special Resolution #3

Resolved: That the 168th Convention expresses its profound appreciation to James A. Swanke Jr., Rho '80; Thomas T. Allan, IV, Theta Theta '89; Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '72; Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '93; J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84; Lewis R. Finkelstein, Omicron '83; Patrick Gilrane, Psi '82; Laura E. King, Chi Delta '04; 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 #4

Resolved: That the 168th 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; and Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83 as Life Members of the Executive Council, out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

Special Resolution #5

Resolved: That the 168th 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; Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72; Mathew M. Carter, Tau '07; Patrick Gilrane, Psi '82; George L. Howell, Eta '55; Thomas T. Hanford, Gamma '62; Robert L. Kaiser, Zeta '39; Robert S. Petersen, Omicron '68, Alexander C. Senchak, Eta '06 and Forrest G. Weeks, Tau '52 - Epsilon Iota for their dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

At 8:45 p.m. President Swanke recessed the 168th Psi Upsilon Convention until Sunday, June 26, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE CLOSING GENERAL SESSION
SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2011**

**PHILLIPS BALLROOM
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President James A. Swanke, Jr., Rho '80 called the closing session of the 168th Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 9:45 a.m. After making other general comments, President Swanke asked Brother Williams to call the roll of the delegates. The roll was called and a quorum was declared to be present.

President Swanke called upon Brother Rasmussen for the report for the **Rules Committee**. Brother Rasmussen 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
Unfinished Business	10 Minutes
Budget and Development	5 Minutes
Awards	15 Minutes
New Business	15 Minutes

The report was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND CREDENTIALS

Paul Trethaway, Zeta '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #1

Whereas: The Delta, Gamma, Zeta, Lambda, Psi, Xi, Upsilon, Iota, Phi, Epsilon Nu, Alpha Omicron, and Sigma Phi owe money to the International Fraternity; and,

Whereas: The Committee on Nominations and Credentials feels appropriate steps are in place to secure full payment of all indebtedness; be it

Resolved: That the voting rights of the undergraduate delegates to this convention of Delta, Gamma, Zeta, Lambda, Psi, Xi, Upsilon, Iota, Phi, Epsilon Nu, Alpha Omicron and Sigma Phi be restored.

Molly Cinderella, Chi Delta '12 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #2

Resolved: The Committee on Nomination and Credentials places in nomination the following brothers for election as Executive Council term members:

Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08 for 2 years;
Patrick Gilrane, Psi '83 for 3 years;
Evan Terry, Epsilon Phi '93 for 3 years;
William Wishard, Delta Delta '64 for 1 year.

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

Phillip C. Ross, Xi '12
Michael Siciliano, Eta '12
Christopher Kizer, Chi Delta '12

After each candidate addressed the Convention, by written ballot the Convention elected Brothers Siciliano and Kizer as Executive Council undergraduate term members with Brother Ross serving as alternate.

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Amanda Lowell, Chi Delta '12 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #6

Whereas: Peter A. Howley, Delta '61 has exemplified the true meaning of Psi Upsilon through his hard work, dedication, and spirit of brotherhood; and

Whereas: Brother Howley is a role model for undergraduates and alumni alike; be it

Resolved: That Brother Howley is warmly thanked for his inspiring speech at the Foundation Luncheon and for his service to the Fraternity.

Charlene Crefeld, '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #3

Whereas: The Committee on Unfinished Business has reviewed the Executive Council minutes for the 2010-2011 year; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 168th Convention has reviewed the actions of the Executive Council taken since the 167th Convention ratifies those actions and thanks the Executive Council for its service and attention to the business of the Fraternity during that time.

Chirley Quillian, Gamma Tau '11 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #4

- Whereas:** The 167th Convention directed the Executive Council to review Article IX Section 10 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution; and
- Whereas:** The Committee on Unfinished Business has considered a proposal by the Executive Council; be it
- Resolved:** That Article IX Section 10 of the Psi Upsilon Convention be is replaced with the following language:

Alumni organizations and the Executive Council are also empowered to take disciplinary or corrective action in addition to any action taken by the undergraduate chapter. Conduct unbecoming of a Psi Upsilon brother may be immediately investigated by the alumni organization or the Executive Council; such investigation shall be conducted after notification of the charges and an opportunity to be heard. On conclusion of the investigation, the alumni organization or the Executive Council may take any corrective measure, including removal from chapter office, suspension or expulsion from the Fraternity. Any disciplinary actions shall be fully documented and immediately relayed to the entire undergraduate membership of such chapter. This decision may be reviewed by the annual Convention as the final authority, at the request of the affected members or chapter. Under no circumstances may disciplinary action be taken against any undergraduate or alumni member if such action is contrary to law or to the rules and regulations of the university or college where the chapter is located.

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT

Brian Watson, Delta Nu '11 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #1

- Whereas:** The Chapter Services Fee of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity is \$1800 per chapter;
- Whereas:** There is no itemized account of all the expenses which the Fraternity on a per chapter basis;
- Recommended:** The Fraternity shall provide an itemized account of the expenditures intended to be covered by the Chapter Services Fee.

Recommended: The Fraternity shall provide a yearly average over five (5) years prior of the above mentioned expenses.

Jared Tannebaum, Epsilon Iota '02 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #2

Whereas: The 168th Convention has reviewed the budget for the fiscal year 2011-2012 with projected revenues of \$471,433 and projected expenses of \$445,801;

Recommended: That the Executive Council keep the budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year as presented.

Michael Siciliano, Eta '12 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #5

Resolved: The 168th Convention has reviewed the 2010-2011 financial statements and has found them acceptable.

Charles Lubic, Lambda '12 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #7

Whereas: The Psi Upsilon Fraternity operates in great part through individual brothers paying membership dues;

Whereas: The Psi Upsilon Fraternity values punctuality and following through on commitments in a timely fashion; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Fraternity formally thanks the Omega, Pi, Chi, Beta Beta, Eta, Tau, Omicron, Theta Theta, Zeta Zeta, Gamma Tau, Chi Delta, Epsilon Iota, Phi Delta, Lambda Sigma, Delta Nu and Phi Nu chapters for meeting their financial obligations on time.

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

Kurt Brimberry, Theta '12 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #6

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

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

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

Geoff Emmer, Gamma Tau '10 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #7

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

Whereas: The Owl Award specifically recognizes chapters whose academic excellence has set them above and beyond the all-men's average, and indeed marks their chapter in top percentage of fraternities on campus; be it

Resolved: That the Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance is given to the Zeta, Phi, Pi, Chi, and Sigma Phi chapters.

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

General Resolution #8

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

Whereas: The Epsilon Nu, Phi Delta, Omicron, Delta Nu, Eta, Lambda Sigma, and Chi have contributed an impressive amount of philanthropy and community service, going above and beyond exceptions; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Clasped Hand Award for Outstanding Philanthropy and Service is presented to the Epsilon Nu, Phi Delta, Omicron, Delta Nu, Eta, Lambda Sigma, and Chi chapters.

David Hollis Gamma Tau '11 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #9

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

Whereas: The Gamma Tau chapter in September 2010 organized the largest alumni gathering in the chapter's history in celebrating of its 40th anniversary; and

Whereas: The Gamma Tau chapter's alumni group, the Psi Upsilon Society of Georgia, completed a massive renovation project of the chapter house's upstairs bathroom; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Gamma Tau chapter is awarded the Award of Distinction.

Evan Allen, Rho '14 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #10

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

Resolved: That the Award for Distinction is given to the Theta Theta chapter for getting 40% of the brothers on the Dean's List.

Will Robinson, Eta '14 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #11

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

Whereas: The Eta chapter has received that Award of Distinction for building a shed for the Lehigh Community Garden as well as the miniature golf course shaped as the Psi and Upsilon; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Award of Distinction is presented to the Eta chapter.

Anthony Barank, Phi Nu '14 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #12

Whereas: The Award of Distinction is presented to a chapter for its accomplishments that merit recognition; and

Whereas: The brothers did not give up and had a Spring pledge class of 13 initiated members. The overall success obtained over the past few years was outstanding, as the Omicron chapter will reach 100 members; be it

Resolved: That the Omicron chapter is given the Award of Distinction.

Nicolas Guzman, Omicron '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #13

Whereas: The Award of Distinction is presented to a chapter that has accomplished a significant and merit-worthy event; and

Whereas: The Tau chapter has held numerous events showing sincere appreciation for their alumni; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Award of Distinction is presented to the Tau chapter for their Alumni Party held during May of 2011.

Rob Marshall, Pi '12 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #14

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

Whereas: The Chi Delta chapter has 100% participation in the 1833 Club; be it

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

Paul Peria, Alpha Omicron '10 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #15

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

Whereas: The Xi chapter has demonstrated excellent academic achievement, unparalleled service involvement, and athletic prowess; be it

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

Bryan Kelly, Psi '12 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #16

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 Chi chapter has demonstrated unparalleled academic prowess, service, athletic achievement, and leadership; be it

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

Talia Knapp, Gamma Tau '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #17

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 Chi Delta chapter has demonstrated remarkable alumni outreach, inter-chapter involvement, and academic achievement; be it

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

Daniella Schocken, Chi Delta '12 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #18

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

Whereas: The Tau chapter has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to philanthropic efforts, alumni involvement, and the richness of undergraduate brothers' campus experience; be it

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

Ian Edelson Chi '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #8

Whereas: A resolution was passed establishing the Stanton F. "Tom" Weissenborn X '49 Lifetime Service Award for the Chi chapter of Psi Upsilon; and

Whereas: Stanton F. "Tom" Weissenborn has completed over 60 years of loyal service and generous commitment to the Chi; and

Whereas: This award will be given upon the following criteria: "This award will be the Chi's most prestigious recognition for commitment and service. Only brothers of the Chi of Psi Upsilon will be eligible for this award. The award will be

given from time to time, at discretion of the Board of Governors, with no specific requirement or frequency.” And

Whereas: Brother Christopher W. Hart, X '72 and Brother Michael L. Bergelson, X '45, who have been inspirational leaders and graciously generous in their service to the Chi of Psi Upsilon will receive this honorable recognition; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 168th Convention recognizes the establishment of the award, the nominations for the award, and the service of these three esteemed individuals.

Thomas T. Allan, Theta Theta '89 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #9

Whereas: Brother Mark Williams, Phi '76 has been honored by the Fraternity Executives Association as its President; and

Whereas: He has added the duties of General Counsel of Psi Upsilon to his role of Executive Director; and

Whereas: Brother Williams is now the longest serving employee in the 178 year history of Psi Upsilon; be it

Resolved: That the 168th Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity extends grateful thanks to Brother Mark Williams, Phi '76 for his service.

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS

Christopher Rush, Theta '12 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #3

Whereas: The Theta chapter at Union College will be returning to campus next academic year, it is important that priority be placed on their growth and development; and

Whereas: The Theta chapter is looking to take a leading role on the international level that has been lost in recent years; and

Whereas: It is the Theta chapter's 180th anniversary in 2013, it would be 20 years before the bi-centennial and the next logical time for a convention in the area; and

Whereas: It is the Theta chapter's 185th anniversary in 2018; and

Whereas: The Epsilon Iota chapter at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is also close by; be it

Recommended: That the 170th or 175th Psi Upsilon Convention be hosted by the Theta chapter in the Albany area.

Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #4

Whereas: The Chi Delta chapter will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2013; and

Whereas: The Chi Delta chapter has never hosted a convention; and

Whereas: The Chi Delta chapter strongly desires to host the 170th of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity; and

Whereas: The Chi Delta chapter succeeded in attracting approximately 1/3 of their alumni base at their last reunion event and anticipates similar in not greater turnout at their next reunion; therefore be it

Recommended: That the Chi Delta be considered as to host the 170th Convention in Durham, NC.

Alex Gault, Eta '13 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #5

Whereas: The Eta chapter will be celebrating its 130th anniversary in 2014; and

Whereas: The Eta chapter house will be 105 years old; and

Whereas: Bethlehem, PA is a central location close to alumni brothers; and

Whereas: The Sands Casino and Hotel has an outstanding conference center in walking distance to the Eta chapter house; and

Whereas: A dinner event can be held at the chapter house and surrounding area; be it

Recommended: That the 171st Convention in 2014 be held in Bethlehem, PA hosted by the Eta chapter.

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

Recommendation #6

Whereas: The Gamma Tau chapter will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2020; be it

Recommended: That the Gamma Tau chapter host the 177th Convention in Atlanta, GA.

Phillip Ross, Xi '12 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #10

Whereas: Attracting alumni from each chapter to the annual international convention has been a persistent struggle, addressed by hosting the convention in a major metropolitan area and by adding a social event, the Potomac Cruise, to the convention's scheduled events; and

Whereas: The Phi Delta chapter has 22 of their 64 alumni present at the 168th Convention, representing nearly one-fifth of the one hundred and four alumni present in total; be it

Resolved: That the delegates to the 168th Convention commend the Phi Delta chapter for their phenomenal alumni involvement, and note what elements factored into this success with an eye towards reproducing these results within each chapter.

Alex Senchak, Eta '06 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #7

Whereas: Convention events are a time for all brothers to gather, share, network, and bond; and

Whereas: Investment of convention activities have a visible and significant incentive to motivate the group to attend and participate; and

Whereas: The investment of a group to sponsor an event, speaker, meal, or resources will potentially decrease the per person cost to attend convention events; be it

Recommended: That the Executive Council and Foundation Board cultivate 'sponsorship' opportunities and publicize them to all chapters, alumni corps, groups, and individuals.

Jan Stefanski, Omega '12 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #8

Whereas: The Committee of New Business desires to create an additional social part to convention aimed at alumni who are not official delegates and are more interested in a reunion with other alumni rather than the business aspect of convention; and

Whereas: It would encourage alumni to bring along their families for the weekend; and

Whereas: This additional social part would need a group of volunteers to organize events for the weekend; therefore be it

Recommended: That a steering committee be formed from members of the Executive Council, the Foundation, and the undergraduate and alumni host chapter to help organize social events for convention weekend.

Zach Richardson, Theta Theta '12 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #19

Whereas: Psi Upsilon seeks to strengthen and develops its philanthropic efforts; and

Whereas: Psi Upsilon commits to strengthening relationships internationally between brothers and chapters; be it

Resolved: That Psi Upsilon Fraternity adopt a national philanthropy for a period of 2 years to end at the Convention of 2013.

Bowen Niu, Chi Delta '12 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #9

Whereas: The selection of a philanthropic organization requires a dedicated group of brothers; and

Whereas: Resolutions regarding an adopted philanthropy carry a term of two years; be it

Recommended: That the Executive Council appoint a steering committee to renew or select a philanthropic organization adopted by the Fraternity every two years beginning at the conclusion of the current two-year term.

Bill Wishard, Delta Delta '64 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #20

Whereas: We have established a plan to undertake international philanthropy; and

Whereas: The New Business Committee has reviewed the four proposed philanthropic organizations; and

Whereas: Sam Schmidt of the Sam Schmidt Foundation was a founding member and first president of the Pepperdine fraternity that is now the Lambda Sigma chapter of Psi Upsilon; be it

Resolved: That Psi Upsilon shall support the Sam Schmidt Foundation for our international philanthropy for a period of two years ending at the 2013 Convention.

Patrick Connolly, Rho '14 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #10

Whereas: The potential for alumni involvement remains great and underexploited; and

Whereas: Continuous and personal contact between undergraduates and alumni prove successful for gaining and maintaining alumni involvement; be it

Recommended: That chapters:

- (1) Maintain continuous, personal contact via handwritten letters, personalized emails, phone calls, and/or face-to-face contact with individual alumni at least once a month, and
- (2) Hold an organized chapter even at least once a semester to increase contact between alumni and undergrads, thereby encouraging alumni to attend and participate in convention.

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

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously the 168th Psi Upsilon Convention was adjourned sine die at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Williams, Phi '76
Recorder