

RECORDS OF THE 169th CONVENTION

of

PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY

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and

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**MINUTES OF THE OPENING GENERAL SESSION
FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2012**

**GRAND BALLROOM EAST
HILTON HARTFORD
HARTFORD, CT**

Simon Riker, Xi '14 and Jesse Hunt, Beta Beta '13 called the 169th Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 4:10 p.m. on Friday, June 22, 2012. On behalf of the Xi and Beta Beta chapters, Brothers Riker and Hunt welcomed the delegates to Hartford and then appointed the following temporary officers of the 169th Convention:

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

President Swanke welcomed the delegates and guests to the 2012 Leadership Institute and 169th Psi Upsilon Convention.

President Swanke then appointed the **Committee on Nominations and Credentials:**
Laura E. King, Chi Delta '04 Chairman
Alexander Gault, Eta '13, Vice Chairman

Bradley Betar, Sigma Phi '14
David Cabrera, Lambda '14
Ashleigh Galiano, Delta Nu '14
Matthew Hamielec, Omicron '14
Matthew Neubauer, Phi '15
Patrick Newman, Xi '14
Kevin Peria, Alpha Omicron '14
Keith Pickering, Gamma Tau '14
Chislon Richardson, Beta Beta '13
Patrick Walsh, Chi '14
Stephen Wendolowski, Theta '14

John Becker, Psi '61
Daniel Grande, Eta '11
Eldred Halsey, Delta '58
James Platner, Phi Delta '10
Jesse Scherer, Gamma Tau '05

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, 3 inactive chapters, 1 Owl Club and 1 provisional chapter. 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.

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

Brother Williams then reviewed the schedule and logistics for the 2012 Leadership Institute and 169th Convention.

President Swanke called upon Christopher Kizer, Chi Delta '12, to discuss the role of the undergraduate representatives on the Executive Council as well as the nomination and election process.

Associate Executive Director Thomas J. Fox, Omicron '00, reported on philanthropy and community service and the presentation made to the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation at it Racing to Recovery event in Indianapolis.

President Swanke presented the highlights of the Annual Communication of the Executive Council to the Convention.

In order to spread the work of the Convention evenly among the committees, President Swanke indicated that the Unfinished and New Business committees would work as subcommittees of the Awards committee. He then appointed the following standing committees to consider the business to be brought before the Convention:

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

Alexander Senchak, Eta '06, Chairman
James Swanke III, Rho '14, Vice Chairman

Robert Callaham, Phi Delta '14
Cameron Gibbar, Psi '13
Brandon R. Hardman III, Theta '14
Clarke Hughes, Phi '15
Melissa Limina, Georgia State '13
Roger Melick, Zeta '14
Matthew Omlor, Epsilon Nu '13
Josh Tycko, Tau '14
Kelly Williams, Chi Delta '13
Kevin Wilson, Omega '13

Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56
Jessica Frame, Gamma Tau '07
Amy LaPanne, Delta Nu '89
G. Matthew Miller, Phi Nu '11
William Wishard, Delta Delta '64

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT

Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega '88, Chairman
Andrew Keim, Sigma Phi '14, Vice Chairman

Esther Byram, Epsilon Iota '13
Michael Cook, Chi Delta '13
Trey Dandreta, Chi '13
Myles Jackson, Lambda '13
Alexander Judson, Zeta '14

Jesse Lynch, Phi Delta '14
Andrew Madigan, Psi '14
Evan Price, Pi '14
Maxym Tkacz, Phi '15
Joshua Wiebe, Zeta Zeta '11
Hansen Zhang, Eta '15

Jonathan Chaffin, Gamma Tau '00
Lewis R. Finkelstein, Omicron '83
Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08
Robert Petersen, Omicron '68
Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS

Eran Flicker, Omega '13, Chairman
Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '72, Vice Chairman

Joseph Delmontagne, Phi Nu '13
Andrew Deluca, Eta '14
Jesse Hunt, Beta Beta '13
Minsung Kim, Delta '13
Kyle Krueger, Alpha Omicron '12
Emilie Marchetti, Chi Delta '13
Matthew Pierga, Lambda Sigma '14
Emily Randolph Scherer, Georgia State '12
Devon Rensberger, Theta Theta '13
David Trebatoski, Rho '15
James Zango, Zeta Zeta '14

Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84
James Cornacchia, Pi '86
Daniel Kauffman, Phi Delta '10
Hammad Khan, Gamma Tau '04
Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89
Charles A. Werner, Omega '55

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Christian Juenke, Theta Theta '13, Chairman
Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83, Vice Chairman

David Bartscher, Rho '14
Daniel Coviello, Eta '13
Aman Gupta, Tau '15
Thaddeus Hatt, Omicron '14
Talia Knapp, Gamma Tau '13
Alexander Mavis, Epsilon Iota '15
Sean McDevitt, Delta Nu '14
Eric Minch, Epsilon Nu '13
Michael Perez, Phi Nu '13
Simon Riker, Xi '14
Jed Zeins, Pi '14

Thomas Allan, Theta Theta '89
Patrick Gilrane, Psi '83
Alex Hofelich, Gamma Tau '98
Gregory Rupp, Phi '81
Jacob Schmidt, Chi Delta '11

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, ALL COMMITTEES

James Swanke, Rho '80 and Mark Williams, Phi '76

President Swanke appointed Richard A. Rasmussen as parliamentarian of the 169th Convention and recognized Dan Coviello, Eta '13, to present the following resolutions, which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #1

Resolved: The 169th Convention extends warm fraternal greetings to Charles S. P. Hodge, Gamma '68; Robert L. Kaiser, Zeta '39; Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56; and John E. Becker II, Psi '61, 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 169th Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of Michael Siciliano, Eta '12 and Christopher Kizer, Chi Delta '12 as undergraduate members of the Executive Council during the past year.

Special Resolution #3

Resolved: That the 169th 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; Lewis R. Finkelstein, Omicron '83; Patrick Gilrane, Psi '82; Laura E. King, Chi Delta '04; Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08; 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 169th Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of David A. B. Brown, Epsilon Phi '66; Charles M. Hall, Nu Alpha '71; Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72; and Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83 as past presidents and 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 169th 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; Mathew M. Carter, Tau '07; Jessica Frame, Gamma Tau '07; Patrick Gilrane, Psi '82; George L. Howell, Eta '55;

Robert L. Kaiser, Zeta '39; Robert S. Petersen, Omicron '68, and Alexander C. Senchak, Eta '06 for their dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

At 5:15 p.m. President Swanke recessed the 169th Psi Upsilon Convention until Sunday, June 24, 2012 at 1 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE CLOSING GENERAL SESSION
FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2012**

**GRAND BALLROOM EAST
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President James A. Swanke, Jr., Rho '80 called the closing session of the 169th Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 1:33 p.m. After thanking the Beta Beta and Xi chapters for hosting cookouts at their chapter houses and 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	20 minutes
Unfinished Business	10 minutes
Budget & Development	5 minutes
Awards	20 minutes
New Business	5 minutes

The report of the Rules Committee was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND CREDENTIALS

Matthew Hamielec, Omicron '14 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #1

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

Whereas: Several chapters have amounted excessive sums of receivables over the past several years; be it

Resolved: The voting rights for the Psi Upsilon 169th Convention held on June 22-25, 2012 be restored only to the Theta, Psi, Omega, Chi, Phi Delta, Epsilon Nu, Epsilon Iota, and Alpha Omicron chapters.

Alexander Gault, Eta '13 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: Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '78 for 3 years; Laura E. King, Chi Delta '04 for 3 years; William N. Wishard, III, Delta Delta '64 for 1 year.

Christopher Kizer, Chi Delta '12 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #1

Whereas: The Psi Upsilon Fraternity brings interesting speakers to the annual convention; be it

Recommended: The Psi Upsilon staff look into arranging for future speakers to be video recorded.

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

Cameron J. Gibbar Psi '13
Daniel N. Coviello, Eta '13
Matthew R. Hamielec, Omicron '14
James D. B. Zago, Zeta Zeta '14
Michael Cook, Chi Delta '13

After each candidate addressed the Convention, by written ballot the Convention elected Brothers Coviello and Hamielec as Executive Council undergraduate term members of the Executive Council.

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Michael Perez, Phi Nu '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #3

Whereas: The Committee of Unfinished Business has reviewed the Executive Council minutes for the 2011-2012 year; therefore be it

Resolved: That the 169th Convention has reviewed the actions of the Executive Council taken since the 168th Convention, ratifies those actions and thanks the Executive Council for its service and attention to the business of the Fraternity during that time.

Daniel Manthey, Epsilon Iota '99 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #4

Whereas: The Chapter Services Fee of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity is \$1,800 per chapter; and

Whereas: This fee is divided among the undergraduates of the chapter regardless of how few there are; and

Whereas: There is no itemized account of all the expenses covered by this fee that pertain to the whole chapter regardless of size; be it

Recommended: The Executive Council shall provide an itemized account of the expenses that comprise this fee.

The parliamentarian ruled the resolution to be out of order as in conflict with a resolution to be presented by the Budget & Development committee.

Daniel Coviello, Eta '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #5

- Whereas:** Psi Upsilon has chosen to support the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation as its international philanthropy; and
- Whereas:** It has been resolved that the review of Psi Upsilon's support of the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation be conducted ever two years; and
- Whereas:** Recognizing that metrics are necessary for reviewing the success of Psi Upsilon's partnership with the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation; therefore be it
- Resolved:** That the Executive Council creates and distributes a report that outlines the results of Psi Upsilon's charitable effort to support the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation.

Alexander Mavis, Epsilon Iota '15 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #2

- Whereas:** Psi Upsilon has chosen to support an international philanthropy; and
- Whereas:** A system of review needs to be established for determining the success of the international philanthropy; therefore be it
- Recommended:** That the Executive Council evaluate the success of the international philanthropy based on total chapter participation.

David Bartscher, Rho '14 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #3

- Whereas:** The 168th Convention brought up recommendation number ten because alumni involvement remains great and underexploited; and
- Whereas:** A new communication staff position has been made available in the International Office in the past year; be it
- Recommended:** That the 169th Convention enthusiastically endorses recommendation ten passed by the 168th Convention and looks forward to future progress on this issue.

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

Special Resolution #6

- Whereas:** The Brothers of Psi Upsilon wish to nurture and celebrate the bonds of fellowship; and
- Whereas:** The Georgia State University provisional chapter has overcome many challenges to obtain formal recognition from the University and related organizations; be it
- Resolved:** That the 169th Convention of Psi Upsilon recognize and congratulate the Georgia State University provisional chapter and we look forward to them growing into a full chapter.

Jacob Schmidt, Chi Delta '11 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #7

Whereas: The Brothers of Psi Upsilon wish to nurture and celebrate the bonds of fellowship; be it

Resolved: That the 169th Convention of Psi Upsilon recognizes the outstanding efforts of many Brothers and the Staff to reestablish the Theta Chapter at Union College.

Karen Cooper, Delta Nu '14 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #8

Whereas: Brother Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83 has exemplified the true meaning of Psi Upsilon through his hard work, dedication, and spirit of brotherhood; and

Whereas: Brother Bauer is a role model to undergraduates and alumni alike; be it

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

Mark Bauer, Omega '83 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #9

Whereas: The cult of the pitchfork and palm tree acknowledges that the consumption of human blood is tasty and nutritious; and

Whereas: Vegan cultists should not be excluded from this ritual; be it

Resolved: That on the summer solstice blood shall be designated a vegetable.

The parliamentarian ruled the resolution to be out of order.

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & DEVELOPMENT

Maxwell Ensley-Field, Epsilon Iota '15 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #4

Whereas: The 169th Convention has reviewed the budget for the fiscal year 2012-2013 with projected revenues of \$526,217 and projected expenses of \$515,513; be it

Recommended: That the Executive Council keep the budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year as presented.

Joshua Wiebe, Zeta Zeta '14 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #6

Resolved: The 169th Convention has reviewed the 2011-2012 financial statements and has found them acceptable.

Andrew Madigan, Psi '14 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #5

Whereas: The Committee on Budget and Development has reviewed the recommendation from the 168th Convention to provide an itemized account of the expenditures intended to be covered by the Chapter Service; be it

Recommended: That it should be reviewed at future conventions at the discretion of the Committee of Budget and Development.

Michael Cook, Chi Delta presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #10

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

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 Delta, Gamma, Zeta, Xi, Upsilon, Phi, Pi, Beta Beta, Eta, Tau, Omicron, Zeta Zeta, Gamma Tau, Chi Delta, Lambda Sigma, Delta Nu, Phi Nu, and Theta Theta chapters for meeting their financial obligations on time.

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

The following two resolutions were presented by members of the Unfinished Business Committee acting as a subcommittee of the Awards Committee

Felipe Da Costa, Xi '15 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #7

Whereas: Brother Jim Killough, Xi '57 has served a lengthy tenure as the president of the Xi Corporation and has led the chapter with a steady and confident hand through thick and thin; and

Whereas: Brother Killough has provided fiscal oversight and personal guidance helping lead the Xi to its current position of prominence; be it

Resolved: That Brother Killough is presented with the Distinguished Alumni Service Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Psi Upsilon and the Xi Chapter.

Eric Minch, Epsilon Nu '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #11

Whereas: The 169th Convention applauds the awards given by the Chi Chapter to distinguished alumni for their services; be it

Resolved: That the Chi Chapter and all chapters may ask the Convention to recognize alumni distinguished service which is best presented to the Convention in the

form of a resolution with the active and in-person support of delegates from that chapter.

Members of the Awards Committee presented the following three resolutions.

Missy Limina, GSU provisional chapter '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #8

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, Phi, Pi, Tau, Gamma Tau, and Sigma Phi Chapters have demonstrated such achievement; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Garnet and Gold Award for Academic Excellence be presented to the Zeta, Phi, Pi, Tau, Gamma Tau, and Sigma Phi Chapters, and that special honorable mention be given to the Rho Owl Club.

Kelly Williams, Chi Delta '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #9

Whereas: The Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance recognizes those chapters whose academic excellence exceeds 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, Pi, and Tau chapters.

Kevin Wilson, Omega '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #10

Whereas: The Clasp 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 Zeta, Chi, Tau, Omicron, Phi Delta, and Lambda Sigma have contributed our impressive amount of philanthropy and community service, going above and beyond expectations; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Clasp Hand Award for Outstanding Philanthropy and Service is presented to the Zeta, Chi, Tau, Omicron, Phi Delta, and Lambda Sigma chapters.

The following seven resolutions and recommendations were presented by members of the New Business Committee acting as a subcommittee of the Awards Committee.

Taquin Jackson, GSU provisional chapter '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #11

- Whereas:** The Epsilon Nu was in need for a new roof for their chapter house; and
- Whereas:** They have managed to raise \$60,000 over the course of six months; and
- Whereas:** They came into contact with 170 donors, thereby managing to average \$352 per donor; and
- Whereas:** Through this fundraising have shown their ability to accomplish goals with passion and dedication; be it
- Resolved:** That the Award of Distinction is presented to the Epsilon Nu chapter.

Andrew DeLuca, Eta '14 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #12

- 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 demonstrated outstanding participation and achievement in the area of service to society; be it
- Resolved:** That the Award of Distinction is presented to the Eta chapter.

James Zago, Zeta Zeta '14 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #13

- Whereas:** The Award of Distinction is presented to a chapter which has performed a significant event that demands special recognition; and
- Whereas:** The Lambda Sigma chapter raised an extraordinary amount of money for the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation at 'PUTYCD' and accumulated over 1,000 hours of volunteering; therefore be it
- Resolved:** That the Award of Distinction be given to the Lambda Sigma chapter.

Emilie Marchetti, Chi Delta '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #14

- 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 Xi Chapter has demonstrated unparalleled academic excellence, service, athletic achievement, and leadership; be it
- Resolved:** That the Diamond Award for Exceptional Chapters is presented to the Xi Chapter.

Devon Rensberger, Theta Theta '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #15

- 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 Tau Chapter has demonstrated unparalleled academic excellence, service, athletic achievement, and leadership; be it
- Resolved:** That the Diamond Award for Exceptional Chapters is presented to the Tau Chapter.

Andrew DeLuca, Eta '14 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #6

- 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:** The Sands Casino and Hotel has an outstanding conference center and is within walking distance of the chapter house; and
- Whereas:** A dinner event can be held at the chapter house; be it
- Recommended:** That the 171st Convention in 2014 be held in Bethlehem, PA hosted by the Eta chapter.

Devon Rensberger, Theta Theta '13 presented the following recommendation:

Recommendation #7

- Whereas:** The Theta Theta chapter will be celebrating its 100th anniversary as a brotherhood in 2016; and
- Whereas:** The Theta Theta chapter has one of the largest active alumni associations in the country; and
- Whereas:** Seattle, WA is an easily accessible location; be it
- Recommended:** That the 173rd Convention in 2016 be held in Seattle, WA hosted by the Theta Theta chapter.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously the 169th Psi Upsilon Convention was adjourned sine die at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Williams, Phi '76
Recorder