Annual Communication

Given each year by the Executive Council president to the Convention attendees, the annual communication of the Executive Council reports on the state of the Fraternity and addresses issues to be dealt with by the Convention.

Thomas T. Allan, IV
Theta Theta, '89 (Washington)

Foundation Chairman Report

Given each year by the Chairman of the Psi Upsilon Foundation to the Convention attendees, the Report of the Chairman captures the state of the Foundation and the work being done to support the educational goals of the Fraternity.
Awards

Richard Rasmuseen, Upsilon '72 (University of Rochester) and Philip Timon, Tau '86 (University of Pennsylvania) were awarded the Distinguished Alumni Service Award at this year's Convention.

See the list of chapter awards given at the 171st Convention

Patrick Gilrane Take Office as Foundation Chairman

Patrick Gilrane, Psi '83 (Hamilton College) is now chairman of the Foundation board of directors. He succeeds Sam Tinaglia, Omega '88 who lead the Foundation for six years. During Sam's tenure the Foundation raised more than $1.1 million in for Psi U's leadership programs and scholarships.

Other officers elected included J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84 (Amherst College) vice-chairman, Jessica A. Frame, Gamma Tau '07 (Georgia Tech) secretary, and Timothy D. Zepp, Chi Delta '08 (Duke) treasurer.
New Executive Council Undergraduate Term Members

Jake Eaton, Epsilon Nu '15 (Michigan State University) and Jack Sherer, Lambda Sigma '15 (Pepperdine University) were elected as the Undergraduate Executive Council Term Members by the Convention delegates.

Current members of the Executive Council are listed on the Psi Upsilon website.

171st Convention Records

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Service Day

During the 171st Convention brothers participated in a day of service at a local school, Fountain Hill Elementary. Brothers painted, updated the playground, gardened, built a shed and helped complete other projects around the school. Here’s a letter of thanks received from the Community School Director.

Dear Psi Upsilon,

On behalf of Fountain Hill Elementary School, thank you for sponsoring the incredible work of your members during their 171st National Convention on June 28, 2014. It was truly an honor to be a part of the event and we are so very appreciative of the Fraternity’s clear commitment toward community outreach, as witnessed during the day of service at Fountain Hill. Many thanks are extended to Psi Upsilon and its participants.

With kindest regards,
Paige Warbrick
Community School Director

Thank You Interns

Cory Spranger, Eta ’15 and Matt Moschella, Eta ’15 were the guys behind the scenes, setting up registration, answering questions, moving equipment, delivering lunches and providing smiles and more throughout the weekend. We couldn’t have done it without them!

In Memoriam

With sore and stricken hearts, we mourn...

To report the passing of a brother, please send the date of death and a copy of the obituary to psiupsiu.org or snail mail it to:

Psi Upsilon Fraternity
3003 East 96th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46240

Recent Notifications
The 172nd Convention will be held in East Lansing, Michigan June 26 - 29, 2015 at the East Lansing Marriott at University Place hosted by the Epsilon Nu Chapter (Michigan State University).

To see more photos from this year's Convention visit us on Facebook.
Lehigh University Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

As we gather in Bethlehem for the 171st convention of Psi Upsilon, we find ourselves in a valley teeming with reminders of our history as Americans and as a fraternity. The town itself dates to 1741, and was named on Christmas Eve by a small group of settlers gathered right at the spot where the Hotel Bethlehem now stands. The small log cabin that housed the group in 1741 was replaced in 1794 by the Golden Eagle, an inn that would provide the lodgings for the 72nd Psi Upsilon convention 111 years later in 1905.

1905 was not the first convention hosted by the Eta chapter at Lehigh. In fact, they hosted the 1886 convention just two years after the founding of the chapter! That convention is very well documented in the Annals of Psi Upsilon and was most certainly viewed as a great honor and compliment to the Eta, Lehigh, and the town of Bethlehem. By all accounts it was a lively, literary, and very rainy affair.

The 171st convention should celebrate a remarkable year in Psi U history, even as we work hard to achieve more. The Fraternity expanded the borders of Psi Upsilon to the South and West this year, with new colonies at Clemson University and San Diego State University. We also have interest groups at a few other schools, including the University of Tennessee. Just this past month, the Theta Pi at Georgia State University joined the Chapter Roll. Looking forward to next year, we hope to have the Iota chapter reactivated and continue building membership at the Delta and Upsilon. The recent decision by Amherst to permanently ban all fraternities stands out as a blow to our reactivation hopes, but we can continue to hope that the ideals of intellectual and social freedom will once again prevail at that institution.

Psi U should be proud to exceed $85,000 in funds raised by chapters for charity. Over 50 charities are listed as recipients of these funds. During convention, we will all have an opportunity to demonstrate our philanthropic values as we work together at a local school. Brothers have also excelled athletically and academically this year. Chapters report 136 brothers as members of school athletic teams, representing two dozen sports. Most of our chapters exceed the all Men’s grade point average, and all but four are above 3.0.

We can count a number of awards accomplishments by reading the chapter reports included in the convention materials, including:

• The Achieving Excellence in Standards award for the Zeta Chapter at Dartmouth, who were also recognized for their academic and service programs.

• • A second consecutive award of the Chancellor’s Gold Cup to the Pi Chapter at Syracuse.
• First place awards for Outstanding Recruitment Program and Outstanding Alumni Relations for the Tau chapter.
• The Silver Duke Greek Community Excellence Award for the Chi Delta.
• At Pepperdine the Lambda Sigma accounted for 28% of all logged service hours for all undergraduate students which led to them receiving awards for being the Most Active Chapter on Campus, Most Community Involvement, and Service Chapter of the Year.

Over the past year, Psi Upsilon has continued to operate on a fiscally sound basis. We are able to do this through the fees paid by the undergraduate chapters and the generous donations of Psi Upsilon alumni. Among these alumni are the brothers serving on the Executive Council, who are elected by this Convention and serve at great sacrifice. The Executive Council members not only pay all their own expenses for these trips and this Convention, but also make very significant donations to Psi Upsilon.

We must recognize the hard work and generosity of the members of the Executive Council. I want to thank the officers: Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '93, vice president; Jeremy K. McKeon, Eta '08, secretary; Lewis R. Finkelstein, Omicron '88, treasurer; and the alumni term members; Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '72; Patrick Gilraine, Psi '83; Laura E. King, Chi Delta '04; Charles A. Werner, Omega '55; Greg Rupp, Phi '81; and Matt Eckinrode, Epsilon Nu '04; past presidents and Life Members Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83; David A. B. Brown, Epsilon Phi '66; Charles M. Hall, Nu Alpha '71; Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72; and James A. Swanke, Jr., Rho '80; the Honorary Life Members John E. Becker II, Psi '61; Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56; and William N. Wishard III, Delta Delta '64. In addition to the alumni members of the Executive Council, we also have two elected undergraduate members who join us at our meetings. I’d like to thank James Zago, Zeta Zeta ’14; and Daniel Prospect, Eta ’15 for their service to the fraternity this past year.

I want to thank the officers and directors of the Psi Upsilon Foundation for their support of the mission of Psi Upsilon Fraternity. Chairman Sam Tinaglia, Omega '88 completes his second term leading the foundation at this convention. Under his leadership, the financial strength of the foundation has achieved new heights and the prospects for further growth have never been better. He leads an impressive team of brothers dedicated to the financial stability of Psi U, including vice chairman Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84; secretary Tim Zepp, Chi Delta '08; treasurer Bob Peterson, Omicron '68; and directors Jessica Frame, Gamma Tau '07; Patrick Gilrane, Psi '83; Alex Senchak, Eta '06; and past presidents Mark Bauer, Omega '83; Chuck Hall, Nu Alpha '71; and Tom Hanford, Gamma '62.

Our international office continues to benefit from the strength and experience of our staff. Mark Williams, Phi '76, serves as President and CEO of the Psi Upsilon Foundation, and also as general counsel of the fraternity. Mariann Williams continues to provide leadership and support in all of our international efforts as Director of Development and
Alumni Services. Tom Fox, Omicron ’00 had a busy and productive year as Executive Director. I sleep well at night knowing that Tom is on the bridge watching over the waters of Psi Upsilon. Our successful reactivation and expansion efforts are the direct result of his work and that of Chapter Leadership Consultant Mike Thibideau, Epsilon Nu ’11, who will remain on staff next year as Director of Chapter Services.

We have work to do at the 171st Convention! Each of the delegates to convention has been assigned to a committee and it is both your privilege and obligation to fully participate in the business of that committee. Those committees are: Awards, Budget and Development, New Business, Nominations and Credentials, and Unfinished Business. Please read your committee materials in advance of your first meeting. You will learn much about the current challenges faced by Psi Upsilon and be well-prepared to offer your unique perspective to your fellow committee members.

This meeting represents the sixth time the Eta has hosted the Psi Upsilon convention, and also marks the 130th anniversary of their charter. We should celebrate that history this weekend and marvel at the endurance of our brotherhood. For three days, we will work hard on the business of the fraternity, reconnect with brothers, and meet new ones. I’ll leave you with a verse from an impromptu poem composed during the toasts at the banquet down the street in 1886. It was the eighth toast of the evening and was delivered during a torrential rainstorm that beat on the windows of the Old Sun Inn:

The rain may fall and tempests roar And rage or wail without,

They dare not shake our Psi U door, They cannot quell our shout.

What care we, boys, for wind or weather, When singing thus our songs together.

Yours in the bonds,

Thomas T. Allan IV, Theta Theta ’89 President, Executive Council
June 27, 2014
William Mistretta, Eta ’11 called the 171st Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 4:15 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 2014. On behalf of the Eta chapter, Brother Mistretta welcomed the delegates to Bethlehem, discussed the history of the Eta chapter, its prior chapter houses and its place in the Bethlehem community and then appointed the following temporary officers of the 171st Convention:

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

President Allan then appointed the Committee on Nominations and Credentials: Sarah Mayo, Chi Delta ‘15 Chairman

Brad Corner, Omicron ‘72 Vice-Chairman

Felipe Bomfim, Upsilon ‘15 Daniel Cabrera, Delta ‘17
Tim Carlon, Pi ‘16
Jared Gollhardt, Epsilon Iota ‘15 Alison Howard, Delta Nu ‘15 Jai R Lakhanpal, Zeta ‘16
Brother Corner gave the initial report of the Committee on Nominations and Credentials. He reported that the committee confirmed the credentials of delegates from 27 active chapters, four inactive chapters, one provisional chapter and two colonies. He then placed the following names in nomination for permanent officers of the Convention:

President: Vice President: Recorder:

Thomas T. Allan, IV, Theta Theta '89  Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '71  Mark A. Williams, Phi '76

The resolution passed unanimously.

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

Executive Director Thomas Fox, Omicron '00 then reviewed the schedule and logistics for the 2014 Leadership Institute and 171st Convention. He reported that the chapters performed 12,513 hours of community service and raised $88,154 for various philanthropies. He also discussed the role of the undergraduate representatives on the Executive Council as well as the nomination and election process.

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

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

Alex Senchak, Eta '06, Chairman
Ryan Dickey, Upsilon '15, Vice Chairman

Matthew Beebe, Lambda Sigma '16  Aaron Bisla, Theta Theta '17  Fernando Bomfim, Delta '17  David Cook, Zeta '16
McKenzie Culberson, Theta Pi Provisional ‘14 Patrick Devens, Phi Nu ‘17
Robert Kirk, Psi ‘16
Alyssa Nichols, Delta Nu ‘15
Blake Romero, San Diego State Colony ‘15 John Stathis, Chi Delta ‘17
Gabriel Steinberg, Clemson Colony ‘17
Barry Brett, Delta ‘85
Lisa Gutermuth, Chi Delta ‘12 Jeremy Hulse, Eta ‘09
Paul Peria, Alpha Omicron ‘11 Gregory Rupp, Phi ‘81

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT

Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi ‘94

James Zago, Zeta Zeta ‘15, Vice Chairman

William Appleman, Phi Delta ‘16
Michael Gould, San Diego State Colony ‘15 Adam Halbert, Lambda ‘15
James Harrington, Theta ‘15
Ashley King, Epsilon Iota ‘15
Aaron Kirsch, Sigma Phi ‘16
Kevin Lannon, Omicron ‘16
Jack Sherrer III, Lambda Sigma ‘15 Jarnickae Wilson, Omega ‘17
Daniel Wittenberg, Xi ‘16
Matthew Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu ‘04 Joshua McWaters, Eta ‘09
Robert Petersen, Omicron ‘68
Philip Ross, Eta ‘07

Matt Shufelt, Zeta Zeta ‘12 Evan Terry, Epsilon Phi ‘93

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS

Jimmy Montelongo, Omicron ‘16, Chairman Mark Bauer, Omega ‘83 Chairman

Adam Conolly, Rho ‘17
Rahul Das Biswas, Zeta Zeta ‘16
Seth Deal, Eta ‘16
Cesar DeLara, Xi ‘15
Nick Flora, Psi ‘16
Niklas Gahm, Chi Delta ‘15
Charles Hancock, Gamma Tau ‘15 Connor Hess, Upsilon ‘17
Tyler Murray, Phi Delta ‘17
Rafeh Saigol, Tau ‘17
Samuel Shelhoss, Clemson Colony ‘17
President Allan appointed Richard A. Rasmussen as parliamentarian of the 171st Convention. He then recognized several individuals to present special resolutions.

Kevin O’Grady, Alpha Omicron ’17 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Resolved:
Special Resolution #1

That the 171st Convention extends warm fraternal greetings to John E. Becker II, Psi '61; Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56; Charles S. P. Hodge, Gamma '68; and William N. Wishard III, Delta Delta '64, Honorary Life Members of the Executive Council out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

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Matt Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Special Resolution #2

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Resolved: That the 171st Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of Daniel Prospect, Eta '15 and James Zago, Zeta Zeta '15 as undergraduate members of the Executive Council during the past year.

Jackson Bierfeldt, Omega '17 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

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Resolved:

Special Resolution #3

That the 171st Convention expresses its profound appreciation to Thomas T. Allan, IV, Theta Theta '89; Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '72; Matthew J. Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04; Lewis R. Finkelstein, Omicron '83; Patrick Gilrane, Psi '82; Laura E. King, Chi Delta '04; Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08; Gregory P. Rupp, Phi '81; Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '93; and Charles A. Werner, Omega '55, for their enormous contributions to the Fraternity as alumni term members of the Executive Council.

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Sam Shelhoss, Clemson University Colony '17 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

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Resolved:
Special Resolution #4

That the 171st Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83; David A. B. Brown, Epsilon Phi '66; Charles M. Hall, Nu Alpha '71; Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72; and James A Swanke, Rho '80 as past presidents and Life Members of the Executive Council, out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

Ali Howard, Delta Nu '15 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

Resolved:

Special Resolution #5

That the 171st 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; Jessica Frame, Gamma Tau '07; Patrick Gilrane, Psi '82; Robert S. Petersen, Omicron '68; and Alexander C. Senchak, Eta '06 for their dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

At 5:00 p.m. President Allan recessed the 171st Psi Upsilon Convention until Sunday, June 29, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

171st PSI UPSILON CONVENTION MINUTES OF THE CLOSING GENERAL SESSION SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2014

GRAND BALLROOM HOTEL BETHLEHEM BETHLEHEM, PA

President Thomas T. Allan IV, Theta Theta '89 called the closing session of the 171st Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, June 29, 2014. On behalf of the entire Convention President Allan extended his appreciation to the Eta undergraduates and alumni for hosting the cookout at the chapter house. He also expressed his appreciation to the delegates for the exceptional community service performed at the Fountain Hill Elementary School and thanked Alex Senchak, Eta '06 for his leadership on the project. President Allan then asked Brother Williams to call the roll of delegates. The roll was called and a quorum was declared to be present.
President Allan called upon Brother Rasmussen to review the parliamentary rules by which the Convention conducts its business. Brother Rasmussen then presented the report of the Rules Committee. He indicated that after reviewing the work of all the committees, they would be called in the following order and allowed the following times to present their reports and resolutions:

Nominations and Credentials Awards
Budget & Development New Business

15 minutes 10 minutes 5 minutes 15 minutes 10 minutes

Unfinished Business
The report of the rules committee was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND CREDENTIALS Special Resolution #7

Alison Howard, Delta Nu '15 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas: Whereas:

Resolved:

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

Several chapters have sums of receivables outstanding and have made arrangements for payment to the Fraternity; therefore be it

That the voting rights at the 171st Convention be restored in full to the Upsilon, Eta, Omicron, Zeta Zeta, Phi Delta, and Sigma Phi chapters.

General Resolution #1
Kevin O'Grady, Alpha Omicron '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Resolved: That the Committee on Nominations and Credentials places in nomination the for following brothers election as Executive Council term members for three year terms: Matthew J. Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu ‘04, Patrick J. Gilrane, Psi ‘82, Gregory P. Rupp, Phi ‘81, and Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi ‘93.

Special Resolution #8
Luke Vaughn, Phi Nu '16 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.
Whereas: The Theta chapter has neglected to honor its financial obligations to the Fraternity; and

Whereas: The Theta chapter sent a delegate to the 171st Convention to speak on the financial situation of the chapter; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Theta chapter is urged to continue to make efforts to be an active part of the larger Psi Upsilon body and make plans to meet the financial obligations of its

Wil Nolan, Theta Theta '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #9

Whereas: Whereas:

Whereas: Whereas:

Resolved:
The Committee on Nominations and Credentials then placed in nomination the following

brothers for election as Executive Council undergraduate term members: Rahul Biswas, Zeta Zeta '16

The assumption of accrued debt proves detrimental to an organization; and,

The Lambda chapter has accumulated excessive sums of receivables over the past several years; and,

In recent years, the Lambda chapter has often neglected to send delegates to the Convention, engendering a sense of withdrawal by the Lambda chapter from the Psi Upsilon family; and

The Lambda chapter has made an effort to pay the majority of its financial obligations in the 2013-2014 year; therefore be it

That one vote be restored to the Lambda Chapter at the 171st Convention.

Jake Eaton, Epsilon Nu '15 Alison Howard, Delta Nu '15 Sarah Mayo, Chi Delta '15 Jack Sherer, Lambda Sigma '15
After each candidate addressed the Convention, the Convention elected Brothers Eaton and Sherer as undergraduate members of the Executive Council for one-year terms by written ballot. Brother Howard shall serve as the alternate member.

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS Special Resolution #10

McKenzie Culberson, Theta Pi '14 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

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Whereas:

Whereas: Resolved:

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

The Zeta, Pi, Chi, Tau, ThetaTheta, Chi Delta, and Epsilon Iota chapters have demonstrated such achievement; therefore be it

That the Garnet and Gold Award for Academic Excellence be presented to the Zeta, Pi, Chi, Tau, ThetaTheta, Chi Delta, and Epsilon Iota chapters.

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Special Resolution #11

Paul Peria, Alpha Omicron '11 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

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Whereas:

Whereas: Resolved:

The Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance is presented to those chapters, provisional chapters, or owl clubs that have demonstrated truly significant academic achievements; and

The Zeta, ThetaTheta, and Rho chapters have demonstrated such achievement; therefore be it

That the Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance be presented to the Zeta, ThetaTheta, and Rho chapters.

Special Resolution #12
Patrick Devens, Phi Nu ’17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Clasped Hands

Whereas: The Clasped Hand Award is presented to chapters that have devoted significant time and effort to philanthropic efforts and community service; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Clasped Hand Award be presented to the Phi Delta, Lambda Sigma, Epsilon Nu, and Zeta chapters.

Special Resolution #13

Gabriel Steinberg, Clemson University Colony ’17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas: Whereas: Resolved:

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

Both the Epsilon Nu and Lambda Sigma chapters hosted outstanding philanthropic events; therefore be it

That the Award of Distinction be given to the Epsilon Nu and Lambda Sigma chapters.

Special Resolution #14

Blake Romero, San Diego State University Colony ’15 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas:

Whereas: Resolved:

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

The Zeta and Tau chapters have demonstrated unparalleled academic excellence, service, athletic achievement, and leadership; therefore be it

That the Diamond Award for Exceptional Chapters is presented to the Zeta and Tau chapters.
Special Resolution #15

Alyssa Nichols, Delta Nu ’15 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas: The Psi Upsilon alumni have contributed to this fraternity with great generosity and selflessness; and

Whereas: The delegates of the 171st Convention would like to recognize alumni for their invaluable contributions; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Distinguished Alumni Service Award be presented to Richard Rasmussen, Upsilon ’72 and Philip Timon Tau, ’86.

Special Resolution #16

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

Whereas:

Resolved:

The 171st Convention recognizes those chapters that contributed to the Psi Upsilon philanthropy, the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation, in the academic year 2013-2014; therefore be it

That the Convention gives special recognition to the Eta, Chi Delta, Lambda Sigma, and Delta Nu chapters.

Special Resolution #17

John Stathos, Chi Delta ’17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Whereas:

Whereas: Whereas: Resolved:

Charles Royer, Phi ’72, William McPherson V, Phi ’71, Edwin Leonard, Phi ’72, Charles Greening, Phi ’80, and Charles S. Lee, Phi ’83 all served a lengthy tenure as directors of the Phi
Alumni Corporation and have led the chapter with a steady and confident hand through thick and thin for over three decades; and

They all provided oversight and personal guidance helping lead the Phi during a recent trying period; and

The Phi would not be in a position where it could return to campus and to its former glory without their leadership; therefore be it

That the 171st Psi Upsilon Convention express thanks in recognition of the outstanding contributions of Charles Royer, Phi ’72, William McPherson V, Phi ’71, Edwin Leonard, Phi ’72, Charles Greening, Phi ’80, and Charles S. Lee, Phi ’83 to the Phi chapter and Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

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Special Resolution #18
Aaron Bisla, Theta Theta ’17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

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Whereas:

Whereas: Resolved:

Psi Upsilon strives to acknowledge and commend the generosity and accommodation of the local community to further our values of service and brotherhood; and

Psi Upsilon Leadership Institute has benefitted from the valuable service learning experience at Fountain Hill Elementary; therefore be it

That the delegates in Convention hereby express their profound appreciation for the efforts of the Kellyn Foundation and Fountain Hill Elementary School in allowing for a seamless and successful 171st Convention.

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Ryan Dickey, Upsilon ’15 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #19
The Psi Upsilon Foundation has benefitted from the devoted leadership and exceptional investment counsel of Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega ’88; and

The Foundation is concluding a successful capital campaign to which much effort was needed; therefore be it
The 171st Convention recognizes Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega '88, for his outstanding service and leadership of the Foundation as chairman for the past six years.

Aaron Kirsch, Sigma Phi '16 presented the following recommendation.

Whereas: Whereas:

Resolved:

Whereas:

Recommended:

The 171st Convention has reviewed the budget for the fiscal year 2014-15 with projected revenues of $626,000 and projected expenses of $601,085, therefore be it

That the Executive Council keep the projected budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year as presented.

Special Resolution #20

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT Recommendation #1

Michael Gould, San Diego State University Colony '15 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Resolved: That the 171st Convention has reviewed the financial statements for the 2013-14 fiscal year and found them acceptable.

Recommendation #2

Jack Sherrer, Lambda Sigma '15 presented the following recommendation.

Whereas: Minimization of risk ought to be encouraged, and

Whereas: Examples of incidents resulting in claims made against our liability insurance policy can be used to educate our fraternity about minimization of future risk; therefore be it
Recommended: That, on an annual basis, the Executive Council obtain case studies from the Fraternity’s insurance carrier regarding claims made against the carrier’s policyholders, and be it further

Recommended: That the Executive Council develop a program to use the case studies so provided to further educate the Fraternity’s membership.

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS

Charles Hancock, Gamma Tau ’15 presented the following Constitutional amendment which passed unanimously:

Whereas:

Resolved:

General Resolution #2

Both the ritual and private symbols of our fraternity have already been removed from the Constitution; and

It is desirable that the high and noble principles of our fraternity be shared publicly, and many colleges require copies of our constitution in order to recognize our chapters; therefore be it

That Article I Section 4 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution is amended as follows:

The formal meeting of the chapters of Psi Upsilon shall be attended only by members of our fraternity. The minutes of such meetings shall be available only to members. The data prescribed in Article XI, Section 2, of this Constitution shall be known only to members of Psi Upsilon. The motto, the symbols, and the grip of Psi Upsilon shall never be disclosed to persons outside our fraternity membership. Informal meetings may be attended by pledges, with full voting privileges, at which the agenda is limited to subjects affecting them directly.

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Adam Connolly, Rho ’17 presented the following Constitutional amendment, which passed unanimously:

General Resolution #3
Whereas: Resolved:

The duties of the epistolographos have evolved since the Psi Upsilon Constitution was first drafted; therefore be it

That in recognition of the modern responsibilities of the epistolographos, Article 7 Sections 1 and 2 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution are amended to read as follows:

Section 1.

Each chapter shall have for its officers an archon, a grammateus, a thesauristes and one or more angeloi and epistolographoi, whose general duties shall be those of a president, recording secretary, treasurer, vice president, corresponding secretary and alumni relations secretary respectively, to whom also special duties may be assigned by the laws of the chapter. Special officers may also be elected by a chapter for the performance of duties peculiar to itself. These officers shall be elected by ballot at such times as each chapter may decide, provided that an election of all be held at least once a year.

The epistolographos or epistolographoi shall communicate with each chapter and its alumni body at least once in every collegiate term; shall give due notice of all changes of officers, of all initiations, expulsions, suspensions, or graduations; and shall keep the Fraternity well informed of the state of their chapter, and their chapter of the condition of the Fraternity.

Section 2.

Samuel Shelhoss, Clemson University Colony ’17 presented the following Constitutional amendment which passed unanimously:

Whereas: Whereas: Resolved:

Resolved:

General Resolution #4

The education of new members of Psi Upsilon shall always be conducted with the highest moral, intellectual and social excellence; but

Many colleges have discouraged and forbidden use of the word "pledge"; therefore be it
That chapters of Psi Upsilon shall continue to use best practices to orient and educate new members including pledging and use of the word “pledge” where it is permitted and appropriate; and be it further

That Article X Sections 2 and 3 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution be amended merely to substitute the words “new member” for “pledge” as follows:

Section 2.

Psi Upsilon Fraternity believes that a strong and constructive new member education program lies at the heart of a good fraternity experience. It stands for a new member education process that seeks to:

a. Provide a thorough and comprehensive orientation to Psi Upsilon, its history, international structure, philosophy, values and ideals, traditions, songs and programs;
b. Create a sense of responsibility and commitment to the college or university and to Psi Upsilon.
c. Develop a sense of unity and camaraderie within the brotherhood.
d. Provide a working knowledge of how the chapter operates, both as an organization and as a physical plant.
e. Develop a clear understanding of the new member’s future role in the chapter and the contributions the new member can make as a brother.
f. Encourage and motivate the new member to develop potential managerial and leadership skills.
g. Guide the new member toward improvement as an individual and as a member of the community.

Consistent with a constructive new member education program, Psi Upsilon Fraternity declares itself unalterably opposed to hazing in any form or under any circumstances. Hazing is defined as any activity of the Fraternity or of its individual members which:

a. Causes or is likely to cause mental or physical harm, discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, ridicule, damage or injury.
b. Disrupts an individual's academic interests and pursuits, adversely affects an individual's normal lifestyle, or asks an individual to violate any government laws or college regulations; or
c. Creates an impression that is detrimental to the public image of Psi Upsilon. The forced consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs is strictly prohibited.
Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83 and Robert McIntire, Omicron '68 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

Whereas:

Whereas:

Special Resolution #21

The Gamma Chapter of Psi Upsilon Fraternity is one of Psi Upsilon’s oldest chapters and has been a distinguished part of our fraternity since 1841, twenty years after the founding of Amherst College; and

It is difficult to assess the full impact of the Gamma of Psi Upsilon where alumni such as Herbert L. Bridgman, Gamma 1866, served as Executive Council president for 41 years, and Henry B. Poor, Gamma '39, who served as chief executive of Psi Upsilon Fraternity and Foundation for seventeen years, have defined and promoted the very nature and soul of our fraternity; and

Amherst College, one of the most prestigious colleges in North America, was founded to “give light to the world,” and is dedicated to promoting “principled lives of consequence,” “diversity of experience and ideas,” and “intellectual freedom” of the highest standards, and
Notwithstanding its purported commitment to inclusiveness and diversity, Amherst College has unwisely decided that it alone shall determine permissible social relationships between its students by its recent ban of “fraternity-like organizations” on or off campus and may discipline any individual who belongs to a fraternity without regard to the academic accomplishment, integrity or personal qualities of the student or the beneficent purposes or accomplishments of the student’s fraternity; therefore be it,

That Psi Upsilon Fraternity, in Convention assembled, finds that such a policy is grossly inconsistent with long-standing traditions of academic freedom and freedom of association established by the founders of Amherst College, the Massachusetts forebears of the founders of Amherst College, and the Founding Fathers of the United States of America; and be it further

That Psi Upsilon Fraternity shall always treasure, respect and hold dear the invaluable and defining contributions the Gamma chapter has made to the international identity of our entire organization; and be it further

That Psi Upsilon Fraternity pledges its fidelity to the alumni of the Gamma Corporation of Psi Upsilon and will morally support the decision of its alumni with regard to the continued viability of our undergraduate chapter at Amherst; and be it further

That Psi Upsilon Fraternity, in Convention assembled, strongly urges the trustees of Amherst College to carefully reconsider its hostility toward fraternities as discriminatory, unenlightened, and inconsistent with the high purposes and principles to which the College aspires, by prescribing which friendships and relationships are permissible; and be it further

That the 171st Convention directs the Executive Council to communicate this resolution to the trustees of the Gamma Corporation with permission to share this with the trustees and administration of Amherst College as the Gamma Corporation deems appropriate.

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

John Tummino Pi ’15 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously:

Whereas: Resolved:

Special Resolution #22

The Committee of Unfinished Business has reviewed the Executive Council minutes for the 2013-2014 year; therefore be it
That the 171st Convention has reviewed the actions of the Executive Council taken since the 170th Convention, ratifies those actions and thanks the Executive Council for its service and attention to the business of the Fraternity during that time.

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Jackson Bierfeldt, Omega '17 presented the following recommendation:

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Whereas: Whereas: Whereas: Recommended:

Recommandation #3

The 170th Convention recommended the establishment of an Official Task Force on Official Flowers; and

Brother Tinaglia, Omega '88, was unable to perform his duties as the chair of the Official Task Force on Official Flowers; and

The recommended flower, the alstroemeria, is considered a weed in some countries; therefore be it

That the Executive Council table the Official Flower consideration indefinitely until such a time as it receives a proper report from the Official Task Force on Official Flowers.

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John Tummino, Pi '15 presented the following recommendation.

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Whereas:

Whereas: Recommended:

Recommandation #4

It was recommended at the 170th Convention that a policy be created that redistributes the cost of the risk management assessment per chapter with regard to each chapter's history of risk management; and

To our knowledge there has been no such policy created; therefore be it
That the Executive Council specifically address and create a report on such a policy at its next meeting.

Jake Eaton, Epsilon Nu '15 presented the following recommendation.

Recommandation #5

Whereas: Whereas:

Recommended:

The 170th Convention made numerous recommendations specifically to the Executive Council; and

The Committee on Unfinished Business was unable to ascertain what if any action was taken in the minutes of the Executive Council, therefore be it

That in materials for future Conventions, the Executive Council provide the Committee on Unfinished Business with a summary report on actions taken on all such Recommendations.

Corey Dean, Chi '17 presented the following recommendation:

Whereas: Whereas: Whereas: Recommended:

David Hollis, Gamma

Whereas: Whereas:

Recommended:

Recommandation #6

The Commitment to Excellence program is beneficial to the day-to-day operations of the undergraduate chapters; and

The Commitment to Excellence program is unknown to several undergraduate chapters; and
The 170th Convention was recommended that the Executive Council take action to promote the Commitment to Excellence program; therefore be it

That the Committee on Unfinished Business recognizes that an effort has been made to promote and emphasize the Commitment to Excellence program.

Tau '11 presented the following recommendation:

Recommandation #7

At the 1984 Psi Upsilon Convention at Lehigh, the Chi chapter applied for reactivation; and

Henry B. Poor, Gamma '39 fervently opposed this reactivation, an act which caused the Chi chapter to redouble its effort and was later commemorated in the song "Oh Henry"; therefore be it

As a fitting conclusion to the business of the 1984 Convention the song "Oh Henry" be included in the songs of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

President Allan then called upon Brother Fox to offer some closing comments. Brother Fox thanked the Eta undergraduates and alumni for being such warm and welcoming hosts of the 171st Convention. He recognized Alex Senchak and Bill Mistretta for their extraordinary efforts in organizing the day of service and Eta Chapter House event. He acknowledged the alumni volunteers of the Executive Council who serve without compensation or reimbursement for their devotion to Psi Upsilon. Brother Fox expressed his appreciation to Tom Allan and Evan Terry for their guidance and support. He then thanked the International Office staff for all their hard work throughout the year.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the 171st Psi Upsilon Convention was adjourned sine die at 4:10 p.m.

Mark A. Williams, Phi '76 Recorder
Diamond Award
For Exceptional Chapters
Zeta - Dartmouth College Tau - University of Pennsylvania

Award of Distinction
Special Recognition
Epsilon Nu - Michigan State University Lambda Sigma - Pepperdine University

Owl Award
For Exceptional Academic Performance
Zeta - Dartmouth College
Theta Theta - University of Washington Rho - University of Wisconsin

Garnet & Gold Award
For Academic Excellence

Zeta - Dartmouth College
Pi - Syracuse University Chi - Cornell University Tau - University of Pennsylvania
Theta Theta - University of Washington Chi Delta - Duke University
Epsilon Iota - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Clasped Hand Award

For Outstanding Philanthropy and Service

Phi Delta - University of Mary Washington Epsilon Nu - Michigan State University Lambda Sigma - Pepperdine University Zeta - Dartmouth College