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**180TH PSI Upsilon CONVENTION
MINUTES OF THE OPENING GENERAL SESSION
FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024**

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Isaac Lam, Theta Theta '26 called the 180th Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 4:23 p.m. on Friday, July 26, 2024. On behalf of the Theta Theta chapter at the University of Washington. He then appointed the following temporary officers of the 180th Convention:

President: Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08
Recorder: Thomas J. Fox, Omicron '00

President McKeon appointed the Committee on Nominations and Credentials:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND CREDENTIALS

James Platner, Phi Delta '10, Chairman
Ethan Francoeur, Delta Omicron Prov '24, Vice Chairman

Mason DeBruyn, Upsilon '25
Asher Gannon, Gamma Tau '25
William Knight, Pi '25
Charlie Lambert, Eta '27
Xavier Mehta, Phi Beta '25
Bryce Molnar, Psi '25
Zachary Peretz, Epsilon Iota '25
Kevin Sanderson, Omicron '26
Andrew Stewart, Sigma Phi '27
Matthew Stickles, Alpha Omicron '25
Prosper Waldmann, Phi '26

Heather Burns Edmisten, Gamma Tau '02
Matthew Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04
Patrick Gilrane, Psi '83
Eldred Halsey, Delta '58
Larry Rakers, Omicron '86

Brother Platner gave the initial report of the **Committee on Nominations and Credentials**. He then placed the following names in nomination as permanent officers of the 180th Convention:

President: Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08
Vice President: Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72
Vice President: David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11
Recorder: Thomas J. Fox, Omicron '00

The resolution passed unanimously.

Brother Platner then reported that the committee confirmed the credentials of delegates from 21 active chapters, three inactive chapters, one owl club and one provisional chapter.

President McKeon appointed Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72 as Parliamentarian of the 179th Convention.

He then called upon Recorder Thomas Fox, Omicron '00 who called the roll of delegates and reported the presence of a quorum.

President McKeon then gave the Annual Communication of the Executive Council to the Convention.

Next, President McKeon asked for reports from many of the Executive Council Committees.

Tim Zepp, Chi Delta '08, gave a report of the **Budget and Audit Committee** and thanked Andrew Arnold, Lambda '10, John Ong, Gamma '82, Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89, and Madison Turkette, Delta Omicron Provision '19 for their service.

Jon Szykowski, Epsilon Nu '06, gave a report of the **Awards and Recognition Committee** and thanked Jonathan Chaffin, Gamma Tau '00, Steve Malinski, Epsilon Iota '09, Jack Scherrer, Lambda Sigma '14 and John Wiencek, Delta '88 for their service.

David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11, gave a report of the **Bylaws, Policy and Governance Committee** and thanked Ben Bariteau, Gamma Tau '13, Matt DalSanto, Omicron '03, Mark Deming, Omicron '05, and Chuck Hall, Nu Alpha '71 for their service.

Director of Chapter Services, Stephan Oeschle, gave a report of the **Education and Development Committee** and thanked Jon Szykowski, Epsilon Nu '06, Jim Platner, Phi Delta '10, Lance Miller, Epsilon Nu '80, Dick Rasmussen, Upsilon '72 and the member of the Undergraduate Advisory Board Ethan Francouer, Delta Omicron Provisional '24 and Isaac Lam, Theta Theta '26 for their committee work.

Director of Growth Travis Smith then gave a report of the **Expansion and Growth** of Psi Upsilon Fraternity and mentioned future planned projects and opportunities.

President McKeon thanked the committees for their work this past year and encouraged anyone present who would like to be more involved to see him about potentially joining a committee.

President McKeon then appointed the following additional standing committees to consider the business to be brought before the Convention:

RULES COMMITTEE

Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72, Chairman

Brad Corner, Omicron '72
David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11
Isaac Lam, Theta Theta '26
Aubrey Lassetter Gamma Tau '25
James Platner, Phi Delta '10
Jon Szynekowski, Epsilon Nu '06
Madison Turkette, Delta Omicron Prov '19
Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

Jon Szynekowski, Epsilon Nu '06, Chairman
Quinn St Pierre, Zeta Zeta '25, Vice Chairman

Arthur Anderson, Psi '26
Daniel Bauer, Tau '26
Desteny Casanova-Loreto, Delta Omicron Prov '26
Parker Delong, Phi Delta '27
Jordan Hetu, Upsilon '25
Violet Lu, Epsilon Iota '27
Reace Myers, Sigma Phi '26
Katherine Rosinski, Gamma Tau '26
Kana Rudnick, Epsilon Iota '24

Brad Corner, Omicron '72
Clifford Edmisten, Gamma Tau '00
Steven Malinski, Epsilon Iota '09
Arjun Venkatesh, Alpha Omicron '23
Jennifer Roper, Gamma Tau '03

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT

Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08, Chairman
Ryan Britten, Alpha Omicron '25, Vice Chairman

Molly Gard, Delta Omicron Prov '26
Sarathi Kothari, Omicron '26
Jin Lee, Delta '26

Sherry Li, Epsilon Iota '26
Kiran Parekh, Tau '25
Jackson Rover, Pi '25
Joseph Song, Lambda Sigma '25
Josie Smith, Gamma Tau '23
Koby Stewart, Phi '25

Steven Moore, Eta '84
John Ong, Gamma '82
Jake Schmidt, Chi Delta '11
Evan Terry, Epsilon Phi '93

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS

Isaac Lam, Theta Theta '26, Chairman
David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11, Vice Chairman

Simon Berents, Tau Epsilon '26
Luke Cypher, Eta '27
Hunter Doradea, Lambda '25
Austin Idziak, Epsilon Nu '26
Beatrix Malay, Epsilon Iota '25
James McCormack, Phi Beta '26
Michelangelo Pagan, Omega '25
Kevin Rutz, Phi '26
Randilyn Saul, Gamma Tau '26
Aidan Senske, Lambda Sigma '25

James Cornacchia, Pi '86
Robert McIntire, Omicron '68
Gary Pan, Eta '86
Alexander Senchak, Eta '06
James Volpentest, Theta Theta '90

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND CREDENTIALS

James Platner, Phi Delta '10, Chairman
Ethan Francoeur, Delta Omicron Prov '24, Vice Chairman

Mason DeBruyn, Upsilon '25
Asher Gannon, Gamma Tau '25
William Knight, Pi '25
Charlie Lambert, Eta '27
Xavier Mehta, Phi Beta '25
Bryce Molnar, Psi '25

Zachary Peretz, Epsilon Iota '25
Kevin Sanderson, Omicron '26
Andrew Stewart, Sigma Phi '27
Matthew Stickles, Alpha Omicron '25
Prosper Waldmann, Phi '26

Heather Burns Edmisten, Gamma Tau '02
Matthew Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04
Patrick Gilrane, Psi '83
Eldred Halsey, Delta '58
Larry Rakers, Omicron '86

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Aubrey Lassetter Gamma Tau '25, Chairman
Madison Turkette, Delta Omicron Prov '19, Vice Chairman

Kathleen Castner, Delta '27
Ashton Clark, Phi '27
Patrick Crane, Tau Epsilon '26
Andrew Eigenfeld, Phi Delta '25
Jacinta Ndubuisi-Obi, Lambda 27
Griffin O'Brien, Epsilon Nu '26
Sophia Regnault, Gamma Tau '27
Rahul Singh, Zeta Zeta '25
Aiden Stewart, Theta Theta '27
Kai Surlis, Epsilon Iota '25

Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56
Raiyan Hossain, Alpha Omicron '20
Douglas Jackman, Omega '89
Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89
Catherine Lefebvre, Gamma Tau '18

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, ALL COMMITTEES

Jonathan Chaffin, Gamma Tau '00
Thomas Fox, Omicron '00
Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08
Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72

President McKeon then called on Thomas Fox, Omicron '00 to review the schedule and logistics for the 2024 Leadership Institute and 180th Convention and review the role of the UAB and election process.

Isaac Lam, Theta Theta '26, presented the following resolution:

Special Resolution #1

Resolved: The 180th Convention extends warm fraternal greetings to

Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '72
Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56
Patrick Gilrane, Psi '82
and Charles A. Werner, Omega '55

Honorary Life Members of the Executive Council out of respect and gratitude
for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

Andrew Stewart, Sigma Phi '27, presented the following resolution:

Special Resolution #2

Resolved: That the 180th Convention expresses its profound appreciation to

David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11;
Steve Malinski, Epsilon Iota '09;
Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08;
Lance Miller, Epsilon Nu '06;
James Platner, Phi Delta '10;
Jonathan Szynekowski, Epsilon Nu '06
Madison Turkette, Delta Omicron Prov. '19
And Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08

for their enormous contributions to the Fraternity as alumni term members
of the Executive Council.

Reace Myers, Sigma Phi '26, presented the following resolution:

Special Resolution #3

Resolved: That the 180th Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of

Thomas T. Allan, IV, Theta Theta '89
Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83
David A. B. Brown, Epsilon Phi '66;
Charles M. Hall, Nu Alpha '71;
Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72;
James A Swanke, Rho '80
And Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '93

as past presidents and Life Members of the Executive Council, out of respect and gratitude

for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

Koby Stewart, Phi '25, presented the following resolution:

Special Resolution #4

Resolved: That the 180th Convention extends its sincere appreciation to the directors of
The Psi Upsilon Foundation,

J. Martin Brayboy, Gamma '84
Matthew J. Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04;
Patrick J. Gilrane, Psi '82;
Garrett Gleim, Tau '01
Doug Jackman, Omega '89;
John F. H. Ong, Gamma '84;
Gary G. Pan, Eta '86;
Larry Rakers, Omicron '86;
Jennifer Roper, Gamma Tau '03;
Alexander C. Senchak, Eta '06;
and James Volpentest, Theta Theta '90

for their dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

Desteny Casanova-Loreto, Delta Omicron Provisional '26, presented the following
resolution:

Special Resolution #5

Resolved: That the 180th Convention extends its sincere appreciation to the members of
the Undergraduate Advisory Board,

Ethan Francouer, Delta Omicron Provisional '24
and Isaac Lam, Theta Theta '26

for their dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

All Special Resolutions passed by unanimous consent.

At 5:30 p.m. President McKeon recessed the 180th Psi Upsilon Convention until Saturday,
July 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

**180TH PSI UPSILON CONVENTION
MINUTES OF THE CLOSING GENERAL SESSION
SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024**

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President Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08, called the closing session of the 180th Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 3:24 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2024. President McKeon extended his appreciation to everyone for their work in committees.

President McKeon then asked Brother Fox to call the roll of delegates. The roll was called, and a quorum was declared to be present.

President McKeon 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	25 minutes
Unfinished Business	10 minutes
Budget & Development	20 minutes
Awards	15 minutes
New Business	5 minutes

The report of the Rules Committee was approved unanimously.

Committee on Nominations and Credentials

Andrew Stewart, Sigma Phi '27 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #1

- Whereas:** The committee recognizes that all chapters have had financial difficulties impacting their abilities to fulfill their commitments to Psi Upsilon; and
- Whereas:** The committee reviewed the assessment of outstanding debts to consider reasoning behind each chapter's current standing; and
- Whereas:** The Zeta Zeta, Phi Delta, and Sigma Phi have outstanding debts to the International Office; be it therefore

- Resolved:** That the Zeta Zeta, Phi Delta, and Sigma Phi chapters work diligently with the International Office to reduce their current debts and meet financial obligations going forward; be it further
- Resolved:** That all voting rights for the specified chapters, who lost voting rights due to financial matters as described in Article II Section 2 in the Constitution are restored.

Zachary Niles Peretz, Epsilon Iota '25 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #2

- Whereas:** The convention record recognizes unpaid assessments for the Pi and Omicron chapters; and
- Whereas:** The entirety of the unpaid assessments of the listed chapters have been guaranteed or dispatched; be it therefore
- Resolved:** That all voting rights are restored for this Convention to the listed chapters who lost voting rights due to financial matters as described in Article II Section 2 in the Constitution.

Matthew Stickles, Alpha Omicron '25 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #6

- Whereas:** The Omega chapter at the University of Chicago has overpaid their chapter fees by \$155 and zero cents; and
- Whereas:** The chapter debt is now in the negative; be it therefore
- Resolved:** That the convention appreciates and congratulates the chapter for its financial eagerness.

Taylor Ross, Epsilon Iota '19 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #3

- Whereas:** Aiden Stewart, Theta Theta '27, has expressed a desire to serve as a member of the Undergraduate Advisory Board; and
- Whereas:** The Committee on Nominations and Credentials met with the candidate and confirmed their eligibility and suitability; be it therefore

Resolved: That on behalf of the Committee on Nominations and Credentials, Brother Stewart be placed in nomination for election as a member of the Undergraduate Advisory Board for the 2024–2025 term.

Brother Stewart made a brief presentation to the Convention about his qualifications and interests for the 2024-25 year. After which the resolution passed by unanimous consent.

Asher Gannon, Gamma Tau '25 then presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #4

Whereas: The Committee on Nominations and Credentials wishes to expand the Undergraduate Advisory Board to serve more effectively as a vehicle for chapters:

- to communicate with one another,
- to have a voice in the Executive Council's meetings, and
- to have more visibility into the workings of the Executive Council and the Foundation,

and

Whereas: The current Convention Rules define the structure of the Undergraduate Advisory Board in an inflexible way, and

Whereas: With the shift to a larger UAB, it would be preferable for its structure to be defined by its own bylaws, be it therefore

Resolved: That Article XV of the Convention rules be removed and subsequent articles re-numbered.

Bryce Molner, Psi '25 then presented the following resolution, which passed by a three fourths majority with one objection.

General Resolution #5

Whereas: The Committee on Nominations and Credentials wishes to expand the Undergraduate Advisory Board to serve more effectively as a vehicle for chapters:

- to communicate with one another,
- to have a voice in the Executive Council's meetings, and
- to have more visibility into the workings of the Executive Council and the Foundation,

and

Whereas: The Psi Upsilon Constitution presently requires that the

Undergraduate Advisory Board consist of exactly two members elected by the Convention, and

Whereas: With the shift to a larger UAB, it would be preferable to let the UAB itself determine its representatives to the Executive Council, by whatever means its members deem appropriate, be it therefore

Resolved: That Article III, Section 2 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution be amended to read:

In addition to the elected alumni term members of the Executive Council, two undergraduate members of the Fraternity shall be elected by the Undergraduate Advisory Board to receive invitations to attend meetings as non-voting members of the Executive Council.

Ethan Francoeur, Delta Omicron Provisional '24 then presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #6

Whereas: The Nominations and Credentials Committee has reviewed the Undergraduate Advisory Board process and recommended changes to better serve the Fraternity; and

Whereas: The Nominations and Credentials Committee of the 180th Convention was unable to develop a comprehensive UAB structure for presentation on the convention floor due to time constraints; be it therefore

Resolved: That the Psi Upsilon Fraternity Executive Council and Fraternity Staff develop procedures for a revised UAB structure to include the following elements from the committee:

- Additional UAB information to be disseminated throughout the year to chapters to communicate opportunities for participation
- Encourage for written interest to be submitted via online means
- Investigate inclusion of a reasonable food per-diem for UAB members on travel

William Knight, Pi '25 then presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #1

- Whereas:** The Nominations and Credentials Committee has reviewed the Undergraduate Advisory Board process and recommended changes to better serve the Fraternity; and
- Whereas:** The Nominations and Credentials Committee of the 180th Convention was unable to develop a comprehensive UAB structure for presentation on the convention floor due to time constraints; be it therefore
- Recommended:** That the committee on unfinished business at the 181st convention review the procedures put in place for the UAB by the Executive Council to determine whether including the broad outline for those procedures would be appropriate for reinsertion into the Constitution.

Charlie Lambert, Eta '27 then presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #7

- Resolved:** The Committee on Nominations and Credentials nominates the following brothers for election as members of the Executive Council with a continued term of service:
- For a one-year term beginning at the conclusion of Convention and ending in 2025:
- Jonathan Szykowski, Epsilon Nu '06
- For a two-year term beginning at the conclusion of Convention and ending in 2026:
- David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11
- Madison Turkette, Delta Omicron Provisional '19
- Steven Malinski, Epsilon Iota '09

Prosper Waldmann, Phi '27 then presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

General Resolution #8

Resolved: The Committee on Nominations and Credentials nominates the following brother for election as member of the Executive Council with a new term of service:

For a one-year term beginning at the conclusion of Convention and ending in 2025:

Catherine Lefebvre, Gamma Tau '18

Committee on Unfinished Business

Jacinta Ndubuisi-Obi, Lambda '27, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #2

Whereas: Attendance at the Psi Upsilon Convention is required of all active chapters by the Constitution of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, and

Whereas: Chapter representation at the Psi Upsilon convention strengthens brothers' connections with one another and

Whereas: The Zeta and Xi chapters have not been in attendance for multiple consecutive conventions, be it therefore

Recommended: That the UAB to reach out to the chapters to understand what is stopping the chapters from attending convention and encourage attendance at future conventions.

Aidan Stewart, Theta Theta '27, then presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #7

Whereas: The 180th Convention reviewed the records of the 179th Convention and the Executive Council minutes for the 2023-2024 year, be it therefore

Resolved: That that the 180th Convention ratifies those actions of the Executive Council taken since the 179th Convention; be it further

Resolved: That the 180th Convention thanks the Executive Council for its service and attention to the business of the fraternity during that time.

Kathleen Castner, Delta '27 then presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #3

- Whereas:** The Tau chapter at the University of Pennsylvania will be celebrating its 135th anniversary in 2026, and
- Whereas:** The Delta chapter at New York University and Lambda chapter at Columbia University are both in the greater New York City area, be it therefore
- Recommended:** That the Tau chapter be considered to host the 182nd Convention in 2026, and be it further
- Recommended:** That the Delta and Lambda chapters be considered to host the 183rd Convention in 2027.

Sophia Regnault, Gamma Tau '27, presented the following recommendation

Recommendation #4

- Whereas:** The Health and Wellness chair has been made a requirement by the Psi U Cares program, and
- Whereas:** The Health and Wellness chair should strive to complete additional trainings to support their brothers, be it therefore
- Recommended:** The Health and Wellness chair should complete training on mental health, such as the Mental Health First Aid Certification or an equivalent, and the staff members provide additional resources as to where these trainings occur.

Committee on Budget and Development

Molly Gard, Delta Omicron Provisional '26, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #8

- Resolved:** That the 180th Convention reviewed the financial statements for the 2023-24 fiscal year through June 30 and found them acceptable.

Ryan Britten, Alpha Omicron '25, presented the following resolution, which passed by voice vote.

General Resolution #9

- Whereas:** The committee believes convention attendance is vital to chapter engagement and the overall health of the fraternity, be it therefore
- Resolved:** That a Convention Absence Surcharge of \$5.00 per member per year be assessed to any chapter that fails to have at least one undergraduate delegate attend the convention for two or more consecutive calendar years, and be it further
- Resolved:** That that if a chapter fails to send at least one undergraduate delegated to the convention for more than two consecutive years, the surcharge shall be increased by \$5.00 cumulatively for each additional consecutive year (e.g. After 3 years \$10 per member, after 4 years \$15 per member), and be it further
- Resolved:** That tracking of attendance for these purposes shall begin this year and will include the 2024 Convention, and be it further
- Resolved:** That once a chapter that has been assessed a surcharge does send at least one delegate to a subsequent Convention, the surcharge shall be removed from its subsequent annual assessment returning its assessment to the same level as all other chapters.

A motion to amend the resolution was made by Taylor Ross, Epsilon Iota '19 to include "(e.g. After 3 years \$10 per member, after 4 years \$15 per member)" at the end of the second resolved clause and passed by a voice vote.

Josie Smith, Gamma Tau '23, presented the following resolution, which passed by voice vote.

General Resolution #10

- Whereas:** The committee believes Archon's Academy attendance is vital to chapter engagement and the overall health of the fraternity, be it
- Resolved:** That an Archon's Academy Absence Surcharge of \$5.00 per member per year be assessed to any chapter that fails to have at least one archon, or appropriate representative, attend the academy for two or more consecutive calendar years, and be it further
- Resolved:** That that if a chapter fails to send at least one representative to the academy for more than two consecutive years, the surcharge shall be increased by \$5.00 cumulatively for each additional consecutive year

(e.g. After 3 years \$10 per member, after 4 years \$15 per member), and be it further

Resolved: That tracking of attendance for these purposes will begin this year and will include the 2024 Archon's Academy, and be it further

Resolved: That once a chapter that has been assessed a surcharge does send at least one delegate to a subsequent Archon's Academy, the surcharge shall be removed from its subsequent annual assessment returning its assessment to the same level as all other chapters.

A motion to amend the resolution was made by Jim Cornacchia, Pi '86 to include clarifying language around an appropriate representative to be a Winter/Spring term officer failed by a show of hands. Tim Zepp, Chi Delta '08 made a motion to add the example from the previous resolution "(e.g. After 3 years \$10 per member, after 4 years \$15 per member)" at the end of the second resolved clause passed by unanimous consent.

Jin Lee, Delta '26, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #5

Whereas: The 180th Convention reviewed the budget for the fiscal year 2024 - 2025 with projected revenues of \$705,050 and projected expenses of \$703,650; be it

Recommended: That the Executive Council adopt the proposed budget for 2024 -2025 fiscal year as presented.

Committee on Awards

Anson Anderson, Psi '26, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #9

Whereas: The Sigma Phi and Alpha Omicron chapters exceeded the campus average GPA for the previously known academic year, be it therefore

Resolved: That the convention recognizes the following chapters for the Garnet and Gold Award for Academic Excellence: Sigma Phi and Alpha Omicron

Violet Lu, Epsilon Iota '27, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #10

- Whereas:** The Pi, Lambda Sigma, Epsilon Nu, Epsilon Iota, and Zeta Zeta chapters gave a substantial amount of their time and effort to further the mission of several philanthropic causes and
- Whereas:** The Pi Chapter has raised over \$130,000 for multiple organizations including St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Movember, and
- Whereas:** The Lambda Sigma Chapter raised over \$21,000 for Conquer Paralysis Now, and averaged 35.1 hours per brother, and
- Whereas:** The Epsilon Nu chapter raised over \$40,000 for multiple organizations including the Brendan Davis Memorial Foundation and Lansing Walk Out of Darkness, and
- Whereas:** The Epsilon Iota Chapter raised over \$800 for the Okra Project and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and averaged 15.5 hours per brother, and
- Whereas:** The Zeta Zeta Chapter raised \$2,800 for the Canadian Mental Health Association and Pie-a-Psi, and averaged 9.3 hours of service per brother, be it therefore
- Resolved:** That the Convention present the Clasp'd Hand Award for Outstanding Philanthropy and Service to the following chapters: Pi, Lambda Sigma, Epsilon Nu, Epsilon Iota, and Zeta Zeta.

Katherine Rosinski, Gamma Tau '26, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #11

- Whereas:** The Epsilon Nu chapter processed the traumatic experience of an active shooter on campus in spring 2023, and
- Whereas:** The chapter has continued to excel in as a presence in their community, despite the tragic loss of their brother, Brendan Davis, and
- Whereas:** The chapter's Oktoberfest philanthropy event raised \$25,000 for the Brendan Davis Memorial Foundation, and
- Whereas:** The chapter has demonstrated significant and consistent philanthropic commitment, raising a total of \$40,800 over the course of the 2024 academic year, be it therefore

Resolved: That the Convention recognizes the following chapter for the Diamond Award for Exceptional Chapters: Epsilon Nu.

Reace Myers, Sigma Phi '26, presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #12

Whereas: The Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance is given to the chapters which demonstrate a truly significant academic achievement based on many different criteria; and

Whereas: The Alpha Omicron chapter and the Xi chapter ranks as a top GPA on campus and significantly higher than previously, and

Whereas: The Gamma Tau chapter and the Epsilon Iota chapter improved their GPA in the most recent semester on a rigorous academic school, and

Whereas: The Delta chapter and the Omega chapter achieved a high GPAs at a renowned university, and

Whereas: Sigma Phi chapter had a higher GPA than the all campus average and is improving from previous semesters, be it therefore

Resolved: That convention recognizes the Alpha Omicron, Gamma Tau, Delta, Sigma Phi, Epsilon Iota, Omega, and Xi chapters for the Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance.

Committee on New Business

Luke Cypher, Eta '27, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #5

Whereas: Communication between undergraduate chapters and their alumni can help foster the growth of events and gatherings among alumni, and

Whereas: Not all chapters have an existing office for facilitating this type of communication, be it therefore

Recommended: That chapters establish or reaffirm a named alumni correspondence position, responsible for

- leveraging and helping to maintain an alumni contact database to keep the chapter and their alumni informed of important events in each,
- reporting to the chapter about correspondence from alumni, and
- leveraging relationships with other chapters to connect alumni across chapters; and be it further

Recommended: That the International Office develop a way to recognize the contributions of these alumni correspondents.

Randilyn Saul, Gamma Tau '26, presented the following recommendation.

Recommendation #6

Whereas: The Committee on New Business desires more inter-chapter communication, be it therefore

Recommended: That chapters organize more road trips to visit one another.

President McKeon then asked if there was any further New Business.

Jordan Hetu, Upsilon '25, made the following resolution, which was seconded by Mason DeBruyn, Upsilon '25 and passed unanimously.

Special Resolution #13

Whereas: Brother Dr. Richard Rasmussen, Upsilon '72, served two terms as Executive Council President and is currently a life member of the Executive Council, and

Whereas: Brother Rasmussen served as alumni president and advisor to the Upsilon chapter for a long time and restarted the chapter after its closing, and

Whereas: Brother Rasmussen became the first Executive Vice President of the University Athletic Association (UAA), a NCAA Division III conference of selective Universities, when it officially began in 1987, and

Whereas: Brother Rasmussen led the management of the UAA day-to-day activities for 37 years of all coaches and student athletes which may number into the thousands and is a member of both the University of Rochester Athletic Hall of Fame and the UAA Hall of Fame, and

Whereas: The David A.B. Brown, Epsilon Phi '66 Distinguished Alumnus Award is the highest award given to a Psi Upsilon alum for bringing honor to the Fraternity by exemplifying the true spirit and meaning of brotherhood in all that they do and say, for dedicated and unselfish service in pursuit of the advancement of the Fraternity, and for demonstrating a commitment to serve the educational environment, their community, and their country, be it therefore

Resolved: That the 180th Convention award the David A.B. Brown, Epsilon Phi '66 Distinguished Alumnus Award to Dr. Richard Rasmussen, Upsilon '72, for his impressive service to the community of students in the University Athletic Association.

Upon a motion duly made by Jake Schmidt, Chi Delta '11, seconded by Steve Moore, Eta '84, and approved unanimously, the 180th Psi Upsilon Convention was adjourned sine die at 5:28 p.m.

Thomas J Fox, Omicron '00
Recorder