

ANNUAL MEETING AND GRAND COUNCIL MEETING

OF

ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY

June 20-21, 1953

Fort Hayes Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

13. Meeting Called to Order

The 1953 annual meeting of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity was called to order by Grand Senior President, Hugh M. Hart, at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 1953, at the Fort Hayes Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. Invocation was given by Grand Councilor Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet.

14. Attendance

In attendance at the meeting were: Grand Councilors Akre, Blosser, Boxley, Cochran, Cramblet, Hargear, Hart, Hayes, Hornberger, Kitchen, Krebs, and Taylor. Also present were Executive Secretary Burns, Alumni Secretary Holmes, Assistant Executive Secretary Smith. At part of the sessions there were Brothers D. Luther Evans, National Scholarship Chairman; Dr. Clifford T. Okey, a Marietta Alumnus; and Brother Tom McCaw, President of the Alumni Corporation of the Marietta Chapter. Absent at the meeting were Grand Councilors Graves and Vidal.

15. Minutes of Meeting of September 6, 1952

Motion was presented by Brother Kitchen, duly seconded by Brother Boxley and passed approving the minutes of the Grand Council Meeting of September 6, 1952, as distributed.

16. Approval of Special Minutes of Proceedings by Mail

Motion was presented by Brother Akre, seconded by Brother Taylor, and passed approving the Special Minutes of Proceedings by Mail which are a part of these minutes as Exhibit A.

17. Grand Senior President's Report

Grand Senior President Hugh M. Hart reported that his brief case had been left in the airport at Youngstown, Ohio; therefore, his report was not available for reading. Brother Hart welcomed those members of the Grand Council who had not had the privilege of attending a Grand Council Meeting and urged their active participation in all the discussions.

18. Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary Burns read his report which was accepted. The following action was taken on the recommendations in the Executive Secretary's Report: (Items 19 through 26)

19. Size of Grand Council

Motion was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded by Brother Hargear and passed that the recommendation considering reducing the Grand Council from its present size to five or seven be tabled. It was further stated that the Executive Committee of the Grand Council be given a great deal more opportunity to function.

20. Regular Meetings of Grand Council

The motion was presented by Brother Cramblet and seconded by Brother Hargear that an amendment be presented to the chapters and chartered alumni councils defining regular meetings of the Grand Council, said meetings to be held immediately before and after each National Convention, and during the interim year the annual meeting to be held the third week of June. This motion was lost. A motion was presented by Brother Cramblet, seconded by Brother Hargear, and passed, that regular meetings of the Grand Council be defined to be held immediately before and after

each National Convention and during the interim year to be held near the end of the fiscal year, which is June 30.

21. Painting of the Fraternity Office

Motion was presented by Brother Hargear, seconded by Brother Akre, and passed authorizing the painting of the Fraternity Office at a cost not to exceed \$200.

22. Purchase of a Duplicating Machine

Motion was presented by Brother Hargear, seconded by Brother Akre, and passed authorizing the Executive Secretary to purchase a Gestetner Model 160 Duplicating Machine at a cost not to exceed \$600.

23. Tomahawk Fund

Motion was presented by Brother Hargear, seconded by Brother Hayes, and passed, subject to agreement by the Tomahawk Trustees, that the recommendation made by Tomahawk Trustee Benjamin F. Young in December of 1949 to the Grand Council, and accepted by the Grand Council, and later found acceptable to the then two other trustees, Day and Jagocki, be the basis for payments from the Tomahawk Fund to the General Fund for the fiscal year 1952-53; said recommendation being that:

"The Tomahawk Trustees would pay each year to the General Fund an amount equal to 3% on the balance of the Fund and in addition twenty cents for each life subscriber on the mailing list who has deposited \$10.00 as a life subscriber and thirty cents for each life subscriber who has deposited \$15.00 as a life subscriber".

It was further moved that the Tomahawk Trustees give

consideration to adjusting payments for the fiscal years 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52. It was further moved that the Tomahawk Trustees give consideration to increasing the interest payments on the balance of the Fund in the future to 4% or more, and that a full report be made to the Grand Council.

A motion was presented by Brother Cramblet, seconded by Brother Hargear, and passed, that the Grand Senior President and the Executive Secretary meet with the Tomahawk Trustees to discuss and make a decision on the above matter.

A motion was presented by Brother Hargear, seconded by Brother Kitchen, and passed, that Brother Arba S. Taylor represent Grand Senior President Hart at the meeting with the Tomahawk Trustees.

24. New Printer of the Tomahawk

Motion was presented by Brother Hargear, seconded by Brother Akre, and passed that the Lawhead Press, Athens, Ohio, be engaged as the new printer of the Tomahawk to begin with the Fall, 1953, issue of the Tomahawk. That the Palladium Times, Oswego, New York, be informed of this decision after the publishing of the Summer, 1953, issue of the Tomahawk.

25. Distinguished Merit Award

Motion was presented by Brother Hargear, seconded by Brother Hayes, and passed that the 1953 Distinguished Merit Award be granted to Brother William C. Mullendore, Michigan '12, President of the Southern California Edison Company, Los Angeles, California; that Brother Mullendore be notified of this award at an appropriate time in the future when a suitable occasion can be arranged for said announcement; and that the actual presentation will take place at the 1954 Convention.

26. Memorial Fund

Motion was presented by Brother Krebs, seconded by Brother Kitchen, and passed that the Grand Council go on record extending appreciation to the Memorial Fund Trustees, Brothers Fussell, Hine, and Mullendore, for the great service which they are rendering to the Fraternity as Trustees of the Memorial Fund. It was further recommended that the Grand Council suggest to the Memorial Fund Trustees that they give some study to the use of the investment proceeds of the Memorial Fund.

It was suggested that members of the Grand Council might have some suggestions or recommendations which they would like to forward to the Memorial Fund Trustees.

A motion was presented by Brother Cramblet, seconded by Brother Hargear that the Grand Council recommend to the Memorial Fund Trustees that they amend the indenture

of the Memorial Fund to eliminate the necessity of one
of the members of the Grand Council serving as a Trustee
of the Memorial Fund. This motion was passed.

27. Advertising in the Tomahawk

A motion was presented by Brother Hargear, seconded by
Brother Hayes, and passed that the matter of acceptance
of advertising in the Tomahawk is approved by the Grand
Council and that this whole matter be investigated
thoroughly by the Publications Committee.

28. Directory

A motion was presented by Brother Hargear, seconded by
Brother Krebs that it was the consensus of the Grand
Council that the Fraternity should publish a directory
if financially possible. The motion was lost.

29. Finances

A very thorough discussion took place with regard to the
financial statements of the various Funds of the Fraternity.

A motion was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded by
Brother Taylor, and passed that the following accounts

be charged off:

<u>Brooklyn Polytechnic</u>	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
<u>Franklin and Marshall</u>	<u>\$173.00</u>
<u>University of Illinois</u>	<u>\$185.67</u>
<u>University of Nebraska</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
<u>North Carolina State College</u>	<u>\$128.98</u>

30. Endowment Fund

A motion was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded by Brother Hargear and passed that the Grand Council defer the activation of the Endowment Fund.

A motion was presented by Brother Hargear, seconded by Brother Hayes, and passed that the Grand Senior President appoint a committee to study the activation of the Endowment Fund and to make recommendation for approval by the Grand Council.

Grand Senior President Hart appointed Brothers Akre, Cramblet, and Hornberger to said committee.

31. Reserve Fund

A motion was presented by Brother Cramblet, seconded by Brother Boxley and passed, that the \$1925. paid up Life Contributions in the Reserve Fund be set up as a liability on the Reserve Fund Balance Sheet and that the income from the investment of this money be transferred annually to the General Fund.

32. Reserve Fund Regulations

A motion was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded by Brother Hargear, and passed that the Reserve Fund Regulations be reviewed by the Reserve Fund Loan Committee and the Finance Committee, said committees to submit recommendations for approval of the Grand Council.

It was further recommended that in said regulations, Item V, g, (1), that the interest rate in the future be considered at 3% rather than at the present 2%.

33. Marietta Loan of \$6800

A brief discussion took place regarding an application from the Alumni Corporation of Marietta Chapter for a first mortgage loan of \$6800. from the Reserve Fund of the Fraternity. It was the opinion of the Grand Council that they would not be receptive to making loans from the Reserve Fund on the first mortgage basis. First mortgage loans should be handled through local channels and marketed with local investment institutions. Brothers Hornberger and Taylor, members of the Reserve Loan Committee, met with Brother Tom McCaw, President of the Marietta Alumni Corporation, and suggested the following motion regarding this loan.

A motion was presented by Brother Hargear seconded by Brother Blosser and passed that a maximum amount of \$2300 be loaned at the usual terms to Delta Chapter Alumni Corporation provisional upon the granting of a first mortgage of preferably \$5000 by a bank (not less than \$4000) for the purchase of a fraternity house in the name of the Alpha Sigma Phi Alumni Association at Marietta College. Due to the limited time of exercising the option and the possible time of securing the actual mortgage loan, the Fraternity will advance any part of the required \$6800 for a period not to exceed 30 days.

34. Official Fraternity Ring

A motion was presented by Brother Hargear, seconded by Brother Cramblet, and passed that the Grand Council approve an official Fraternity ring described as Design #4, having the Oak Leaf Seal including a black onyx stone with gold encrusted shield of the Fraternity and the Greek letters ΑΣΦ on the top. Said official ring to retail at \$43.20.

35. Delta Beta Xi Elections

It was moved by Brother Hargear, seconded by Brother Cochran, and passed that Brother Calvin P. Boxley, Oklahoma, Alpha Alpha '23, be elected to the honor of Delta Beta Xi and that said election be dated December 6, 1952. It was further recommended that whenever a Brother is elected to the Grand Council and is not already a recipient of the Delta Beta Xi Award that his name be submitted for the Award at the Convention at which he is elected to the Council and that election to the Delta Beta Xi Award take place at that time.

The following alumni brothers were elected to the honor of Delta Beta Xi for distinguished service to the Fraternity, said elections to be dated December 6, 1953

Dauris C. Carpenter, Kentucky, Sigma '25
Ralph P. Cochran, Jr., Purdue, Alpha Pi '44
Emile L. Cotton, Chicago, Chi '23
Frank H. Cowgill, Stanford, Tau '17
Joubert B. Hurd, Stanford, Tau '21
Maurice C. Inman, Washington, Mu '21
Charles E. Megargel, Penn State, Upsilon '22
Charles C. Miles, Oklahoma, Alpha Alpha '23
Charles A. Mitchell, Nebraska, Xi '21
Marion A. Neely, U.C.L.A., Alpha Zeta '30
Richard G. Poland, Missouri Valley, Alpha Omicron '46
Mark R. Reigard, Bethany, Beta Gamma '29
J. Matthew Merrell Robertson, Oklahoma, Alpha Alpha '23
Clarence K. F. Schubert, Wisconsin, Kappa '17
George A. Schurr, Minnesota, Rho '18
Thomas J. Small, Ohio Northern, Gamma Alpha '42
C. Robert Sturgis, U.C.L.A., Alpha Zeta '43

36. Fraternity Historian

Brother Cochran presented a motion, seconded by Brother Hargear, and passed that the Grand Senior President and Executive Secretary consult with each

other on the responsibilities of the Fraternity
Historian and that they in turn approach Brother
Charles E. Hall and Brother Cleveland J. Rice,
in that order, to see if one or the other would
serve as Historian of the Fraternity.

37. Fraternity Autonomy

A motion was presented by Brother Hargear, seconded by
Brother Akre that the Grand Council of the Fraternity
on behalf of Alpha Sigma Phi endorses the resolution
as given below on fraternity autonomy as submitted by
the National Interfraternity Conference Committee on
Autonomy and that Alpha Sigma Phi will support it when
presented at the next annual meeting of the National
Interfraternity Conference in November, 1953.

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That in the opinion of the National Interfraternity Conference, each Fraternity has the right to be selective of its own members, free from any interference or restriction by any non-member with respect to such membership.
2. That any attempt to restrict or regulate the right of A College Fraternity to choose its own members from among students in good standing in a College or University is an inadvisable interference with the fundamental right of free association guaranteed by the United States Constitution as the right of the people peaceably to assemble.
3. That in accordance with such principles, the National Interfraternity Conference declares itself in favor of Fraternity autonomy with respect to Fraternity membership.

38. Edgewater Conference

A motion was presented by Brother Hayes, seconded by
Brother Boxley, and passed that the Grand Council of

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity supports the work and idea of the Edgewater Conference and expresses a willingness to support financially to the best of our ability the work of this Conference and the program of I.R.A.C. to obtain a legal decision governing the rights of fraternities with respect to membership.

39. Recognition of Chapter Mothers' Clubs or Wives' and Mothers' Clubs

A motion was presented by Brother Hargear, seconded by Brother Taylor, and passed that an appropriate letter of recognition be sent to the various Mothers' Clubs and/or Wives' and Mothers' Clubs by the Executive Secretary on behalf of the Grand Council.

40. National Interfraternity Conference

The discussion of the re-organization of the National Interfraternity Conference was led by Brother Cochran. The general idea is that a permanent office with a secretary be established to carry on the detail work of the National Interfraternity Conference. After considerable discussion no action was taken on this item.

41. 1954 Convention

A motion was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded by Brother Cramblet and passed that the 1954 Convention be held at the Gratiot Inn, Port Huron, Michigan, and that the Executive Secretary proceed to reserve the dates of September 8-11, 1954, for said Convention, the exact dates of the Convention to be decided at a later date.

42. Ritual

Brother Hargear, Chairman of the Ritual Committee, led the discussion on the ritual. He stated that the ritual had been under study for a period of several years and all the members of the Grand Council had an opportunity to study it thoroughly. A motion was presented by

Brother Hayes, seconded by Brother Akre, and passed that the Grand Council adopt the ritual as submitted and the Executive Secretary be authorized to print said ritual in the appropriate form, with the further suggestion of Brother Cramblet that after the candidate takes his oath in the third scene he thereafter be referred to as a Brother in later scenes.

43. Extension

Brother Cochran presented a discussion on extension, raising the general question to the Grand Council, "What kind of a program of extension do we want?" He stated that our present program is one of opportunism, securing chapters in a very slow way as opportunities are presented. He stated that we could encourage transfers from present active chapters to locations for colonization, that a revolving fund could be set up whereby a full time man could be employed, that we could try to raise money on a voluntary basis for extension purposes. Considerable discussion took place on the question. Further study was to be made and a report to be made to the Grand Council. The following action was taken:

Brother Hargear presented a motion, seconded by Brother Cochran, and passed that the Grand Council approve the setting aside of \$5000.00 in the Reserve Fund for extension purposes subject to the agreement and concurrence of the Reserve Loan Committee and that permission be given to the Chairman of the Extension to proceed to raise an additional

\$5000.00 on a voluntary basis for extension purposes.

44. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M., June 21, 1953.

Ralph F. Burns

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Executive Secretary

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