

# ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY

## MINUTES

### 1970 NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 26, 27, 28, 29, 1970

Americana Hotel

Bal Harbour, Florida

The Convention was called to order at 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 1970 by Executive Secretary Burns who presented to the assembly Grand Senior President Blackburn, Permanent Chairman of the Convention. Grand Marshal W. R. Augustine led the assembly in the Ceremony of Invocation.

Brother Burns introduced members of the Grand Council. Administrative Secretary Madison called the roll of delegates and reported a quorum was present. The Chairman declared a quorum to be present, and the business before the assembly proceeded.

Brother Burns presented the Report of the Grand Council, appended hereto as Exhibit A, concerning the state of the Fraternity. The written report of the Grand Council was referred to the Convention by Brother Burns who then presented the report with a series of slide projections. He stressed the importance for each delegate to give a comprehensive report to his Chapter.

Grand Treasurer Mason discussed the financial reports, which had been distributed to the Delegates. (Exhibit B)

After some announcements by Field Secretaries Mulligan and Hammond, Brother Blackburn delivered the Grand Senior President's address to the Convention (Exhibit C).

Brother Trubow, in his capacity as National Province Program Coordinator, introduced the Grand Province Chiefs, their Associates and Assistants present at the Convention, as follows:

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| Province I  | Grand Province Chief Richard Brenner<br>2756 Willowhaven Drive, La Crescenta, California 91214<br>Associate Grand Province Chief Richard Detjen<br>18206-58th Avenue, NE, Seattle, Washington 98105 |
| Province II | Associate Grand Province Chief Richard Gibbs<br>1501 East 6th, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74120<br>Assistant Grand Province Chief Geoffrey Grimes<br>2229 Edgemont, Apt. 3, Waterloo, Iowa 50702               |
| Province IV | Grand Province Chief James Brown<br>Oakland Metal Fabricators, Inc.<br>22600 Sherwood Avenue, Warren, Michigan 48091  |

- Province V      Grand Province Chief George Lord  
                  Bennett & Quatman, 327 N. Elizabeth, Lima, Ohio 45801
- Province VI     Grand Province Chief Edwin A. Rasberry, Jr.  
                  Wilson Clinic, Wilson, North Carolina 27893
- Province VII    Grand Province Chief Richard Sanders  
                  3865 Colony Road, South Euclid, Ohio 44118
- Province VIII   Grand Province Chief James Chapman  
                  6546 Roosevelt Avenue, Charleston, W. Va. 25304
- Province IX     Grand Province Chief William Klaban  
                  718 West Hamilton, State College, Pennsylvania 16801
- Province X      Grand Province Chief George Dinsmore  
                  Dept. of Civil Engineering, Lehigh University  
                  Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

At 4 p.m., the Convention adjourned to discussion groups until 5:30 p.m. on the topic, "The College Campus - What's Going On?" The several Province Chiefs held open house for the Delegates and other attendees from their Provinces from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The dinner speaker was the Reverend Emmet Gribbin, Jr., great-grandson of Fraternity Founder Louis Manigault. Reverend Gribben presented to Alpha Sigma Phi for its archives a letter written by Louis Manigault to his brother. Stephen Ormsby Rhea, a founder of the Fraternity, is mentioned in the letter.

From 8 to 10 p.m., the Delegates had group discussions on the topic, "Chapter Programs for the Campus Today."

On Thursday, August 27, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., the Delegates conducted group discussions on the subject, "The Supportive Role of the Province and the Fraternity in Chapter Programming." (Exhibits D 1-2-3)

At 9:30 a.m., the Convention was called to order by Brother Blackburn and a quorum was declared present.

Raymond E. Glos, Past Grand Senior President, and Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced that the Committee was prepared to receive nominations from Delegates to the Convention.

Because many of the subjects scheduled for the Mini-Conference had been covered in the discussion groups, and in the interest of giving the Delegates

more time to work together on committees and other matters related to Convention business,

It was moved by Dave Rapier of Washington, and seconded, that the Mini-Conference be cancelled, and that the regular business sessions scheduled for Thursday afternoon, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. be held instead from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., at which time the Convention shall adjourn until the Ritual Exemption at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried by a two-thirds vote.

At 10:30 a.m. the Chairman declared the business meeting adjourned.

At 12:30 p.m., Brother Allen, presiding for the business session, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

Ron Ort of Missouri Valley delivered the Extension Committee Report (Exhibit E)

Moved by Bill Taron of Stanford and seconded, that the report be accepted and referred to the Law Committee for the purpose of presenting necessary implementing resolutions. Motion carried.

Daryl Cooper of Missouri Valley presented the Report of the Awards Committee. (Exhibit F)

Moved by Daryl Cooper and seconded, that an additional question be added to the Awards Report form, page 8, part 12, as follows: "4. Were all reports related to pledging and initiation properly submitted to the Fraternity Office?"  
Motion carried.

Moved by Daryl Cooper and seconded, that the Grand Council

establish an "Extension Award" to be presented to a  
Chapter at each National Convention; such award to  
recognize the time and effort expended by a Chapter on  
behalf of extension activity. Motion carried.

Moved by Ed Harris of Atlantic Christian and seconded, that the  
Report of the Extension Committee be accepted. Motion  
carried.

Tom Krauth of Lawrence Tech gave the report of the Educational Conference Committee (Exhibit G)

Moved by Dave Rapier of Washington and seconded, that  
the Report of the Educational Conference Committee be  
accepted. Motion carried.

Bill Clark of Bethany gave the Scholarship Committee Report (Exhibit H).

Moved by Bill Clark and seconded, that Article III, Section 8,  
of the Fraternity Constitution be amended to read as follows:  
"No person shall be a pledge of, or initiated by, a Chapter in  
contravention of the regulations of the institution of learning at  
which the Chapter exists."

Moved by Patrick Strutzel of Northern Michigan and seconded,  
that the proposed amendment be amended to provide that a  
Chapter could initiate a man in accord with the regulations of the  
IFC of the School concerned.

Moved by Jim Tarala of Oregon State and seconded, that the

proposed amendments to Article III, Section 8, be referred to the Scholarship Committee for further study, and that the Scholarship Committee report to the Convention at the business session the following morning. Motion carried.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Friday morning, August 28, at 8:30 a.m., Raymond E. Glos, Chairman, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present. Doug Brown of Lycoming presented the report of the Publications Committee. (Exhibit I)

Moved by Doug Brown and seconded, that the Report of the Publications Committee be accepted. Motion carried.

Bob Hutchinson of UCLA presented a further report from the Scholarship Committee and, on behalf of the Scholarship Committee, asked leave to withdraw the pending motions proposing an amendment to Article III, Section 8, of the Fraternity Constitution. Without objection, the motions were withdrawn.

Moved by Bob Hutchinson and seconded, that Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution, be amended to read as follows:  
"No person shall be a pledge of, or initiated by, a Chapter in contravention of the rules of the institution of learning at which the Chapter exists."

In response to a parliamentary inquiry, this motion was ruled in order, since a notice of intention to consider amendments to Article III of the Fraternity Constitution had been properly communicated to all Chapters, and the proposed amendment concerning membership qualifications, was within the context of such notice.

The motion carried by a three-fourths vote.

Tim Bremer of Tri State presented the Report of the Public Relations Committee (Exhibit J).

Moved by Tim Bremer and seconded, that the Report of the Public Relations Committee be accepted. Motion carried.

Pat Strutzel of Northern Michigan presented the Housing Committee Report (Exhibit K).

Moved by Pat Strutzel and seconded, that the Report of the Housing Committee be accepted. Motion carried.

Bill Taron of Stanford presented the Finance Committee report.

Moved by Bill Taron and seconded, that the Convention Fee be increased to \$150 per chapter, per annum, with the understanding that the Educational Conference and the Convention shall be consolidated, and held annually upon a college campus.

Moved by George Trubow and seconded, that the word "annually" be stricken from the motion. The amendment carried.

At the request of George Mehalko of Purdue, that the question be divided, the Chair ordered that the clauses pertaining to an increase of the Convention Fee to \$150, the consolidation of the Convention and the Educational Conference, and the requirement that the combined Convention and Educational Conference be held on a college campus, be discussed and voted upon separately.

The clause increasing the dues to \$150 was accepted.

The clause requesting the combining of the Educational Conference and the Convention was stricken.

Moved by John Swanger of Lehigh and seconded, that the last clause of the proposal be stricken and that the following language be substituted:  
"....and held at a location that is economically feasible."

The substitute for the clause was accepted. The Chair put the question as follows:

"That the Convention Fee be increased to \$150 per annum, and that the Convention be held at a location that is economically feasible."

The motion carried by a two-thirds vote.

Moved by Bill Taron and seconded, that Article XIII of the By-Laws be amended to delete the requirement that the badge be included as part of the initiation fee. The motion was defeated.

Moved by Bill Taron and seconded, that the pledge fee be increased from \$20 to \$25.00. The motion carried by a two-thirds vote.

A recess was ordered at 1:00 p.m.

The Chairman called the convention to order at 1:45 p.m. and a quorum was declared present.

Mark Napierkowski of Marietta presented the Law Committee Report. (Exhibit L)

Moved by Mark Napierkowski and seconded, that the Convention elect a Grand Council Advisory Committee comprised of three undergraduate members and an alternate who would serve for a term of one year, and that the official Delegates at the National Educational Conference be empowered to elect members to such Committee. The motion was carried.

Moved by Mark Napierkowski and seconded, that the Grand Council urge Alumni and House Corporations to apply for status as "Chartered Alumni Councils." Motion carried.

Moved by Mark Napierkowski and seconded that the Grand Council caused to be established the Chapter office of "Extension Chairman" (H. E. C. ) as a regularly elected officer of the Chapter and that the investiture of this office be included in the Ritual.

Motion carried.

Moved by Napierkowski and seconded that informal recognition of "Little Sister" groups as female auxiliaries to Chapters be accorded by the Grand Council, and that appropriate procedures for implementation be developed. Motion carried.

Raymond E. Glos presented the Report of the Nominations Committee for election of members to the Grand Council Advisory Committee. The nominations were as follows: Tim Bremer of Tri State; Ralph Cohen of Stevens, Bill Cox of Illinois Tech; Ron Ort of Missouri Valley; Dave Rapier of Washington; and Steve Voss of Eastern Michigan. The nominees made brief presentations to the Convention.

After balloting and counting, it was announced that members elected to the Advisory Council were Ort, Rapier and Voss, with Cox serving as alternate.

Brother Glos gave a further report of the Nominations Committee, nominating for vacancies on the Grand Council, Robert E. Miller, Michel A. Coccia, and Alfred B. Wise. George Lord was nominated from the floor.

After balloting and counting, it was announced that Brothers Lord, Miller and Wise had been elected to the Grand Council.

Further nominations for officers of the Grand Council were proposed as follows: Grand Senior President, Robert E. Miller; Grand Junior President, George B. Trubow; Grand Secretary, Robert A. Allen; Grand Treasurer, W. Gardner Mason; and Grand Marshal, George E. Lord. No further nominations were received.

Moved by Thad Kowalik of Connecticut and seconded, that the officers be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

Jack Lynch of Illinois present the Alumni Affairs Committee Report. (Exhibit M)

Moved by Jack Lynch and seconded, that the Grand Council appoint a National Alumni Adviser.

Moved by Bob Hutchinson of UCLA and seconded, that

the aforementioned officer be designated as "Alumni Affairs Director". The amendment carried.

Moved by Jack Lynch and seconded, that the Alumni Affairs Committee Report be accepted. The motion carried.

George Mehalko of Purdue presented the Pledge Training Committee Report (Exhibit N)

Moved by George Mehalko and seconded, that the Pledge Training Committee Report be accepted. Motion carried.

The Convention was declared adjourned at 3:30 p.m. for the purpose of Chapter Conferences and other business.

The Convention was called to order at 8:45 a.m., Saturday morning, August 29, and a quorum was declared present.

Dave Galloway of Illinois gave the Report of the Purposes and Objects Committee (Exhibit O).

Moved by Dave Galloway and seconded, that the Report of the Purposes and Objects Committee be accepted.

Motion carried.

Thad Kowalik of Connecticut presented the Province Advisory Committee Report (Exhibit P).

Moved by Thad Kowalik and seconded, that the Report of the Province Advisory Committee be accepted.

Motion carried.

George Lord presented a further report of the Law Committee.

Moved by George Lord and seconded that the Educational Conference be declared by the Grand Council an annual meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Al Cauble of Indiana and seconded, that a pin

be designed and established as an official "Little Sister"

pin. Motion defeated.

Grand Senior President Miller announced that he was referring to the Grand Council Advisory Committee the question of an appropriate "Little Sister" ritual and design for a "Little Sister" pin.

Brother Richard Sanders gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. Each resolution was read separately, moved by Brother Sanders, and passed. (Exhibit Q)

James Hammond gave the Report of the Ritual Committee (Exhibit R)

Moved by Ron Ort of Missouri Valley and seconded,

that the Report of the Ritual Committee be accepted.

Motion carried.

Ron Ort requested that an Omega Ritual and Black Lantern Ceremony be referred to the Ritual Committee for standardization for possible use by Chapters. Grand Senior President Miller referred the matter to the Ritual Committee.

Moved by Al Cauble of Indiana and seconded, that a committee

be established for the purpose of investigating the possibility

of co-ed housing for Alpha Sigma Phi Chapters; that committee

should consist of undergraduates and one alumni adviser, and that it

should report its finding to the next Convention. Motion carried.

The Grand Senior President referred the question of coed housing to the Grand Council Advisory Committee and indicated that a member of the Grand Council would be designated to assist in that particular question.

It was moved by Jim Bernard of Cornell and seconded, that

a committee be designated to study the concepts and principles

of a co-educational fraternity, and that this Convention approve

in principle the concept of a co-educational fraternity. Motion was

defeated.

Moved by Jim Bernard and seconded, that a committee be

designated to study the principles and concepts of a  
co-educational fraternity. Motion carried.

It was moved by Randy Rinehart of Washington and seconded,  
that a committee be designated to study the possibility of  
Alpha Sigma Phi establishing some relationship with students  
of Junior College and Community College campuses.

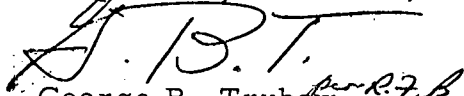
Motion carried.

It was moved by George Lord and seconded, that all resolutions  
and motions approved by the Convention that affect By-Laws be  
approved as By-Law changes and that changes be drafted accord-  
ingly. Motion carried by a two-thirds vote.

George Lord moved that any matters approved by the Convention  
that touch upon the Constitution be referred to Chapters for their  
vote. Motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by George Trubow that the 1970 Convention be  
adjourned, sine die. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
George B. Trubow, *per R.F.B.*  
Grand Secretary

August 29, 1970

EXHIBITS

Exhibit A	Report of Grand Council
Exhibit B	Report of Grand Treasurer
Exhibit C	Grand Senior President Blackburn's Address
Exhibit D	1. Report of Group I 2. Report of Group II 3. Report of Group III
Exhibit E	Extension Committee Report
Exhibit F	Awards Committee Report
Exhibit G	Educational Conference Committee Report
Exhibit H	Scholarship Committee Report
Exhibit I	Publications Committee Report
Exhibit J	Public Relations Committee Report
Exhibit K	Housing Committee Report
Exhibit L	Law Committee Report
Exhibit M	Alumni Affairs Committee Report
Exhibit N	Pledge Training Committee Report
Exhibit O	Purposes and Objects Committee Report
Exhibit P	Province Advisory Committee Report
Exhibit Q	Resolutions Committee Report
Exhibit R	Ritual Committee Report

**NOTE:**

Exhibits A and B were distributed at the National Convention.  
Exhibit C and D-2 - no written reports received.  
Exhibit L - included as a part of the Resolutions Committee  
Exhibit Q - Exhibit A, August 29, 1970 Grand Council Minutes

# 1970 NATIONAL CONVENTION MINUTES

## EXHIBIT D - 1 REPORT OF GROUP I

Brother Blackburn's group in its first session discussed various views and opinions concerning the amount and types of student, faculty, and administrative involvement on our campuses today. Our consensus was that communication seemed to be the major breakdown - a breakdown not only between the administration and students but between the community and students as well. We generally agreed that our chapters, as well as the Greek structure as a whole at the respective campuses, must act immediately to establish relations and communications between the administration and community and the students.

Our second meeting dealt basically with drugs and drug use in some chapters. Our discussions ranged from the effects on the brotherhood to the amount of work accomplished by the respective chapters where a drug situation exists. We reach the conclusion that marijuana was used more extensively than hard drugs which are seldom used. We also reached the conclusion that pot use is established prior to pledging and initiation, as opposed to being generated within the chapters and passed on to the younger brothers.

It has become more of a need to cope with, rather than prevent the use of drugs. A person is influenced by his environment, and we must set the environment to guide the campus community. Furthermore, we discussed the fears that Chapters have of the National and we tried to determine where the National stands concerning drugs and what would be the consequences if a chapter gets busted. We came up with no concrete conclusions as to where National stands on this issue except for the resolution passed at the 1968 Convention. It read:

"Be It Resolved: that the National Office take prompt steps to inform Chapters of legal consequences of the use and possession of marijuana and other drugs."

We also touched briefly on the idea of rushing faculty and the benefits which could be obtained through actions such as this.

In our final meeting, we came to the conclusion that the idea of having something available in the Chapter house (i. e., language recording setups, etc.) not available anywhere else on campus was a necessity to help draw rushees. We discussed where our rushees came from - formal rush lists or through contacts of brothers already in the Fraternity. We also touched on how rushees look at the fraternity system and whether or not they shy away because of a fear of losing their individuality. In conclusion, we talked about the need to make the pledge program more flexible.

Stephen Karl Voss  
Eastern Michigan University

August 27, 1970

Be It Resolved: that the National Office take prompt steps to inform Chapters of legal consequences of the use and possession of marijuana and other drugs.

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## EXHIBIT D - 3

### REPORT OF GROUP III

In Brother Trubow's group, we came to the conclusion that the focal point of student unrest is their lack of involvement in making decisions that concern them. Naturally, today's fraternity system is feeling the effect of this problem and must cope with the situation.

Being a member of today's fraternity, a brother can be as involved as he cares to be. However, the fraternity man finds himself shackled by a stigma that has inappropriately been placed upon the Fraternity.

In the discussion of problems one finds it very easy to recognize them, say they must be acted upon, but then not give any solution. It would be wrong for a Chapter to take a stand, either liberal or conservative, on an issue because this leads to catagorization which we are attempting to avoid. Even if a House were 100 % for something, it should not take a stand because this commitment stays with the Chapter long after the 100 % have left and a new group of brothers are involved.

The way to approach a problem is through the individual. He should be encouraged to express his thoughts and act accordingly outside the Fraternity. It is through "doing his own thing" that he meets his peers who respect him as an individual with no bias, favorable or unfavorable, because he is a fraternity man. After he is involved to any extent that satisfies him, outside the chapter, he returns to the house as a brother with a common bond for additional involvement in fraternity, and that is fulfilling and desirable.

Dave Rapier  
University of Washington

August 27, 1971

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## EXHIBIT E

### EXTENSION COMMITTEE REPORT

The recommendations contained in the Report of the Extension Chairman are fully endorsed by this Committee.

Ballots for the colleges to be approved for extension were distributed and are to be returned during tomorrow's business session.

The matters of extension concerning Chapter competition, finances, province strength, chapter strength and attrition were explained and deliberated upon.

An extension-orientation program is recommended. At the present time, most chapters have a limited knowledge of extension policies and procedures. The chairman of the Chapter's Extension Committee must work closely with the candidate group and the Fraternity field representative. There must be constant communication with the Fraternity Office.

Geographical zoning is being implemented for extension. Upon receipt of the name of the Chapter's Extension Chairman, the Fraternity Office will send materials and the extension manual, extension brochure and colonization manual, to the chairman.

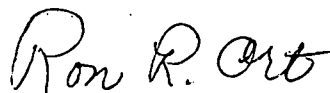
The purpose of geographical zoning is to consolidate extension work in one area. A field representative can work an area until a charter is given. However, the field representative will not enter the area until the chapter responsible has a solid contact with a prospective group.

It is recommended that the Grand Council consider establishing extension chairman as a constitutional office in the Chapter, to exemplify the importance of extension and give prestige to the individual who receives the post.

The expenses for extension were discussed and it was made clear that all trips should be planned carefully so they will be valuable. All vouchers are approved by the Grand Treasurer.

It was suggested by the committee that the Province Extension Chairman be elected from among Chapter extension chairmen.

Respectfully submitted,



Ron R. Ort  
Missouri Valley

August 27, 1970

## EXHIBIT F

### 1970 NATIONAL CONVENTION AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee met Wednesday, August 26, and Thursday, August 27. Some issues for consideration were set forth in a letter from Ralph Burns dated August 10, 1970.

Business as follows:

#### I. Additions to Awards Report form:

1. Changes and additions 1-7 were considered adequate.
2. The change on Part 8 was found unnecessary since this figure is established by the Grand Council before the convention, as follows:

"This figure represents each year the median enrollment of institutions where chapters are located, thus placing 50 per cent of the chapters in each group. This figure shall be determined each year by the Fraternity Office."

3. A further addition was proposed - Page 8, Part XII add question 4:  
"Were all reports related to pledging and initiation properly submitted to the national office?"

#### II. New Awards:

1. Chapter Awards; New Awards.

Extension Award - New award to be given to a chapter at conventions, a biennial award based on time and effort, not necessarily the number of new colonies established.  
(Proposed award)

The Grand Council will establish criteria. Recognition should also be given to chapters establishing a new colony by means of a certificate of recognition mailed from the Fraternity Office.

2. Individual Awards -

"Outstanding undergraduate award" - given to outstanding undergraduates for service to the Fraternity. This idea should be sent to chapters for consideration and voting at the 1971 Educational Conference.

3. Special Award - service outside Fraternity by undergraduates.

The Extension Award and the addition to the Award Report Form were proposed and accepted by the members of the convention.

Daryl Cooper, Chairman

## EXHIBIT G

### 1970 NATIONAL CONVENTION EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

It was recommended that the basic structure and format of the conference remain the same. However, it was felt that it would be to the betterment of all concerned if chapters from schools of the same size and relative situation be grouped together at conference meetings.

The location of the 1971 Conference has not yet been selected, but five chapters have been contacted for this purpose: Purdue, Indiana, Illinois, Illinois Tech and Loyola. Interest has been shown by Bethany and American as well.

In choosing the conference site, various factors should be considered:

1. Location - the school must have a fairly central location.
2. Accommodations - must have inexpensive housing within a small area.
3. Meeting rooms - must have two qualities: namely, availability and accessibility.
4. Entertainment - there should be some nearby forms of recreation for the Brothers.

A new director for the conference has not been chosen as yet. Announcements will be made soon as to the time, place and conference director.

Thomas E. Krauth, Chairman

EXHIBIT H

1970 NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee: Randy Cesco, Ohio State  
Ralph Cohen, Stevens  
Mike Dennis, Lawrence Tech  
Dr. Ed Rasberry, Atlantic Christian  
Bill Clark, Bethany

Proposal: The committee recommends that the convention accept a proposed amendment to Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution, because a chapter should be able to hold a pledge as long as the institution allows him to remain enrolled. The chapter should be able to work out any problems arising from a resultant situation themselves.

Memorial Fund:

The Committee believes that the Memorial Fund of the Fraternity should be put to the greatest use possible. Programs that chapters wish to undertake in the field of academic or cultural advancement could be partly financed through this fund. Some programs discussed were a library at the Stanford Chapter, a digital calculator at Stevens, and a variety of programs dealing with disadvantaged people outside the campuses.

The Scholarship Committee discussed some goals and objects that could be brought out to the delegates. Much depends upon the type of institution and the chapter itself. With this criteria in mind, the use of files especially and quiet hours are sometimes not feasible. Study seminars are highly recommended. Recognition of scholarship achievement of Brothers is considered a valuable practice.

The Committee believes that the Awards for Scholarship Improvement on campus and Highest Scholarship index on campus should be divided into two categories based on the number of fraternities on campus as is the Grand Senior President's Award,

It also has been recommended that the Highest Scholarship Award for the entire Fraternity be awarded in the same manner.

(The proposed amendment of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution, was passed by the convention.)

EXHIBIT I

1970 NATIONAL CONVENTION PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

This committee wishes to commend the Staff at National Headquarters for the fine convention program prepared by them.

To aid the chapters in rushing, a very attractive new rushing pamphlet is now available.

A new, up-dated and thoroughly revised edition of the Pledge Manual is also available.

We can report also that a rough draft of a new Pledge Trainer's Manual is now being studied.

This committee highly recommends that all chapters make a special effort to forward their chapter roundups to the Editor of the TOMAHAWK in time to be included in both issues that contain this section.

The TOMAHAWK is received by the 2,000 undergraduate members but, more important, each issue is forwarded to approximately 24,000 alumni members. This affords a great opportunity to inform your alumni of the activities of his chapter.

The committee further suggests that the Winter issue of the TOMAHAWK contain only articles submitted by the undergraduate Brothers. The Editor of the TOMAHAWK would be responsible for the selection of the articles to be printed.

It is further suggested that the Grand Council present a monetary award for the best article(s) submitted and select the recipient(s) of the award(s).

James A. Brown, Chairman

EXHIBIT J

1970 NATIONAL CONVENTION PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Recommendations for Convention Sites:

1. Washington, D.C. - Marriott Motor Hotel - Arlington, Virginia  
Shoreham Hotel and Motor Inn
2. Lake Ozark, Missouri - Lodge of the Four Seasons
3. In conjunction with a sorority convention.

We were mainly considering a centrally located site to keep in line with our budget, and a location appealing to all houses.

Discussed various public relations projects on campuses, but because of our small committee only a few ideas were exchanged. We, therefore, would like an annual public relations report from National, to keep various chapters up on activities in public relations and this list of ideas to be distributed to all chapters.

Tim Bremer

## EXHIBIT K

### 1970 NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Housing Committee, recommend to the Grand Council that:

1. The possibility of making the Tomahawk fund available for the purpose of guaranteeing loans for building be thoroughly discussed;
2. The A-S-P Corporation funds can be used to underwrite a portion of the interest on commercial mortgages or loans so that the charge to the chapter not be excessive. If interest is 8% on a particular loan, the A-S-P fund could pay 4%, and when the loan is paid the Chapter would reimburse the A-S-P fund.

Recommendations to undergraduate chapters and the Fraternity Office:

1. Each chapter corporation should examine its sinking fund position with respect to furniture replacement and major repairs.
2. The National should prepare guidelines recommending appropriate reserves.
3. Any chapter endeavoring to put on an alumni fund-raising campaign should contact the National office for names and addresses of alumni. Also, each chapter should utilize the valuable resources and know-how available to them from those experienced in fund-raising, including undergraduates who have worked on drives and alumni engaged in fund-raising as their profession.
4. Pre-conditions to any fund-raising campaign is a strong, well-established relationship with the alumni of the chapter, and a reasonably comfortable relationship with the University Administration.
5. Each chapter should utilize an active and interested alumnus to get things rolling. The undergraduates cannot be expected to stir up the needed enthusiasm of the alumni by themselves.
6. Each chapter should do its best to get alumni involved and keep them involved. Invite them to the house and on outings. This can build a strong and lasting relationship so that when alumni help is needed it will be there. This prevents hitting them cold. STRESS ALUMNI RELATIONS.
7. Newly-initiated chapter should establish a corporation as soon as possible.

George Dinsmore, Chairman

## EXHIBIT M

### 1970 NATIONAL CONVENTION ALUMNI AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Alumni Relations Committee believes a distinct problem exists in the traditional relationship between alumni and undergraduate Brothers. Too often, the traditional line which divides alumni from college Brothers often becomes a barrier to fraternal involvement.

It is our feeling that alumni cannot be ignored in the development of fraternity programs. Aside from the lifetime fraternal hand, alumni involvement is essential to chapter health and stability.

We would be naive to imply that alumni position support is not of monetary concern. In virtually all cases, the alumni are relied upon to provide and maintain a house for the Brothers. But, it cannot be hoped that the alumni will respond to monetary requests when no other contacts from the Fraternity are made.

We urge a strong revitalization of the chapter office of Alumni Relations, and we urge the establishment by the Grand Council of a national position of alumni development with necessary funding.

The local chapters must assume the responsibility in the undergraduate years to form a strong regard for the Fraternity. The Alumni Relations Chairman should work closely with the Pledge Training program. The responsibilities of alumni relations should be well known to the Brothers so that they are aware of the problem before they, in fact, become a part of it.

Alumni should be regarded as much more than "funders". We suggest the use of alumni as speakers and advisors in programming. We do not suggest this on purely chapter lines. Area alumni from any chapter could and should be called upon to be involved in programs.

A National Alumni Advisor could oversee the following activities:

1. To make accurate and complete lists of alumni with basic biographical data, particularly professional occupation.
2. To provide each chapter continually updated lists of chapter alumni.
3. To develop a strong core group of alumni in each chapter who will assume the responsibility of developing alumni interest. It is our feeling that undergraduates cannot exclusively develop interest among alumni; whereas the need can be made easily defined and instilled by available personnel on the Province or National level.
4. To help build in each alumni group, an interest in alumni and chapter activities through the use of alumni newsletters, alumni organized functions, and activation of regional alumni councils. In this way, the alumni find their contribution is more than purely an isolated monetary gesture.

Geoffrey Grimes, Chairman

## EXHIBIT N

### 1970 NATIONAL CONVENTION PLEDGE TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Pledge Training Committee was concerned with both the type of pledgeship and the length. We began by establishing some overview of the various chapters.

There were two very striking aspects of pledgeship that came to the fore:

1. With the great variety of size and type of chapters, it was obvious that no single program would be effective everywhere.
2. Pledge programs are getting shorter and more liberal. The pledge is almost becoming an associate member.

The future of the Fraternity, of course, is in its future members and the type of training they are given. With this in mind, this committee suggests that all chapters send in an annual report of their pledge program, including goals and results. More information will be sent to the chapters in this regard.

With chapter cooperation, some guidelines can be set during the next Educational Conference.

The committee would also like to stress the importance of realizing that today's freshmen are different. The chapter should look carefully to see if their programs are producing active members or simply survivors.

The final conclusion was that chapters differ in size and attitudes. What works at I.U. might not work at American. The hope is that within the next one or two years, the National can send out guidelines or hints that can help chapter having pledge training difficulties.

As stated in the first meeting, there can be no universal panacea; however, there are many similarities between the chapters. These we want to search out and document.

The Chairman of the Committee has requested that chapters at Purdue, Atlantic Christian, PMC Colleges, R.P.I., plus the Clven Club at Ferris State, submit to him by November 1, 1970, an outline of their respective pledge training programs. By April 10, 1971, a follow-up report on the results of the original pledge training ideas from these chapters should be sent to the chairman. These reports will be consolidated and submitted to the Grand Council for final analysis.

Richard Detjen, Chairman

# ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY

## 1970 NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 28, 1970

### REPORT OF PURPOSES AND OBJECTS COMMITTEE

A report concerning the values of the purposes and objectives of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. The Committee desires that the delegates would ponder the following observations and conclusions.

It would seem there is an ever-increasing emphasis in life nowadays on communication, interpretation, production, consumption, etc., and all too often in haste we tend to grasp only the superficial aspects and characteristics of these things. Hence, eventually we lose sight of basic ideals and guidelines; too often we tend to act haphazardly on the issues of the day without consulting the core of our beliefs and principles. Consequently, we tend to look but not see, hear but not listen, read but not absorb, and speak of things that might be, yet retain the things that should be changed.

Keeping this in mind, consider the stated purposes of this association:

"To foster education, to maintain charity, to promote patriotism.

To encourage culture, to encourage high scholarship.

To assist in the building of character, to promote college loyalties.

To perpetuate friendships, to cement social ties within its membership.

And to foster the maintenance of college homes by chapters for their undergraduate members."

Perhaps the same question occurs to you as occurred to the Purposes and Objects Committee: "Of course, these purposes appear very valid and applicable to our situation today, but since we are living in a world that stresses change and modification, aren't there some new objects or purposes that should be added to bring us uptodate with our changing society?"

It is the conclusion of the Purposes and Objects Committee that the few purposes and objectives now observed should be retained and reemphasized in the pledge manual and chapter Rituals.

If this is so, if no new "purposes and objects" are needed, how do we answer the verbal assaults from both within and without the fraternity system that it is falling behind the times, holding to the conservative apron strings of ancient founders, that it is irrelevant in a society that seems to stress individuality?

If you examine the purposes and objectives, you cannot help but come to the conclusion that they are infinitely relevant. How can an association that encourages friendship, education, charity, patriotism and Brotherhood be irrelevant to any concerned and self-respecting society?

If the system is floundering, obsolete or stagnant, it is because of our failure to interpret the Fraternity's purposes and objectives in a new, creative and refreshing way that best can encourage ourselves and our Brothers to be relevant, vital members of society. How many times do you seriously and deeply ponder our purposes when absorbed in the sometimes frustrating daily decision-making process?

It also would seem that a re-assessment of faith is needed.....

....faith in our governing bodies, our Brothers, our systems, purposes, and ourselves. As has been rather apparent recently, we tend to direct our criticisms at other persons and institutions, demanding -- seldom suggesting that they change.

Criticism is certainly valuable and a necessary part of the analytical decision-making process, but all too often it tends to be ill-conceived and selfishly rooted. Perhaps we should go through a process of self-criticism before we direct our grievances elsewhere. Perhaps appreciation and praise are better stimuli for progress, change and contentment.

In the area of the Rituals, the Committee found a number of matters of concern. If we are to be truly honest with ourselves, we have to admit that as we practice our Rituals or pretend to practice them, we as Brothers tend to be hypocrites. How can we exemplify truth to others if we cannot be truthful to ourselves? In some cases, the fact that a few of the "obsolete" regulations have been ignored or disobeyed due to personal values or changes in personal moral and ethical codes, has caused us to ignore and overlook many of the regulations and declarations that are still valid. For example, if we find restrictions on social promiscuity undesirable or obsolete, we tend to rationalize and conclude that all other concepts within the Rituals are also obsolete.

Here again, we may have lost touch with the true purposes and objects of our social order. Let us be frank with ourselves. We should update the principles in which we can truly believe rather than to practice a token that we hypocratize.

This brings us to consider our freedom and right to make this

social order what we want it to be. Many times we take our obligations in this regard too lightly. With freedom and rights that we have, we must add just that much self-discipline. Let us not run from that responsibility but face it as any challenge. Any moron or snob can perform as the puppet of a manipulative power. However, if such external dependence is to be removed we must turn inward to ourself for security and assurance. Let us not desecrate the privileges of freedom. By bringing about a rebirth in our thinking and interpretation of our established purposes and objects, we can bring about desired changes in our order. The answer lies internally within our system, not externally as we would sometimes suggest.

Let us remember:

1. Freedom of decisions lie in our institutional values and in the observance of the Grand Council of this freedom and these values.
2. The motivation for change lies in our needs.
3. The ideals by which we should dictate change lie in the principles contained in our Rituals.
4. The means for change lie in ourselves.

Dave Galloway, Illinois  
Chairman, Purposes and Objects  
Committee

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Bal Harbour, Florida

EXHIBIT P

1970 NATIONAL CONVENTION PROVINCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Observation:

The province system is basically not understood or appreciated by the Brothers in Alpha Sigma Phi except perhaps in Province II and III. This results mainly from lack of organization, no chapter cooperation, and distance difficulties in transportation. Thus little province action, and there is much room for improvement.

This committee strongly recommends that:

1. There should be province meetings between chapters at least once a year with the Grand Province Chief. These meetings should include two representatives from each chapter in the province (the HSP and an elected active member). The meeting should consider chapter difficulties such as rush, chapter organization, and extension. Extension is especially important because it is through chapter cooperation that extension really works. (For example, cooperative action in Province III brought in Loyola and Indiana U.) Province meetings should be like small "conventions" in which problems are discussed and some solutions are suggested.
2. The Grand Council should appoint Grand Province Chiefs for any province lacking one and requirements that province meetings be held should be enforced.
3. The chapters in each province should help each other in alumni relations, because a strong chapter is one with a strong alumni organization.
4. The committee and the Grand Province Chiefs recommend that Cincinnati be switched from Province VII to V; and Toledo from V to VII. This change would simplify servicing by the Grand Province Chiefs.

(This suggested change has been implemented by the Grand Council.)

George B. Trubow, Chairman

## EXHIBIT R

### 1970 NATIONAL CONVENTION RITUAL TEAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Ritual Committee: Mike Sunderman, Al Cauble, Randy Goeglein  
from Indiana U.  
John Swanger, Lehigh  
Dave Galloway, Illinois  
Bill Clark, Bethany  
Randy Rinehart, Washington  
Ron Ort, Missouri Valley  
Jeff Howison, Ohio Northern  
Dick Brenner, George Dinsmore - Grand Province  
Chiefs  
Jim Hammond, Field Representative and Assistant  
Chairman  
George Lord, Chairman & Grand Marshal

#### The Plan:

The Ritual Exemplification Team will be responsible for evaluation of the entire Ritual. Ideas will be sent to the Fraternity office, in care of Jim Hammond by September 25. These notes, along with notes formulated by Augie Augustine, past Grand Marshal, will be distributed to all members of the committee. The Ritual has been divided among the committee members. For instance, Goeglein and Sunderman will each take Scene One and individually revise or rewrite it as they think necessary. This will be done for each of the scenes and Jim Hammond will coordinate the selections of recommended versions.

Since a new chapter office is to be included (that of H.E.C.) the Ritual Committee requests that the Extension Chairman and Extension Field Representative formulate the duties of said office so that it can be presented to the Grand Council for approval.

It is our desire to have the entire Ritual finished by the time of the 1971 Educational Conference so that it can be presented to the Grand Council for approval. The Ritual will then be bound and ready for distribution in Autumn, 1971.

We hope to have a large ring binding for the Ritual, heavier bond paper, and a heavy stock cover so that the Rituals will last longer.

The Ritual Committee will also collect "Little Sister Rituals" so as to suggest a uniform ritual, if necessary.