

**Minutes**  
**Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity**  
**1996 National Leadership Conference & Convention**  
**Union Station Hyatt Hotel**  
**August 14 - 18, 1996**  
**St. Louis, Missouri**

1. The Grand Senior President of Alpha Sigma Phi, Stan G. Thurston, Iowa State '66, called the Convention to order at 10:05 a.m. on Friday, August 16, 1996.
2. The Executive Vice President of Alpha Sigma Phi and Secretary of the Convention, Steven V. Zizzo, Illinois '84, called the roll. Chapters not answering the roll were: Alpha Xi (Illinois Institute of Technology), Beta Gamma (Bethany College), Beta Epsilon (Lehigh University), Beta Mu (Wake Forest University), Beta Xi (Hartwick College), Beta Chi (American University), Gamma Xi (Widener University), Gamma Rho (Lycoming College), Delta Alpha (Loyola University of Chicago), Delta Eta (East Carolina University), Delta Mu (William Patterson College), Delta Nu (Lock Haven University), and Delta Pi (University of Delaware.)
3. The Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Nominations were presented to the Convention by committee chairman Chris Sieben.
4. It was moved by Westminster, seconded by Penn State, and PASSED BY A HAND VOTE OF 33-13 that:  
  
Debate on the official slate of Grand Council nominations be closed.
5. It was moved by the Nominations Committee and PASSED BY A HAND VOTE OF 40-16 that:

The official slate of the Nominations Committee be passed.

**Official Slate of the Nominations Committee**

- John B. Gibson Jr., Indiana '85
- Stuart A. Spisak, Westminster '78
- Mark A. Williams, Rio Grande '79
- Scott Olson, Iowa State '65
- Edward Leedom, Bowling Green '86

6. The Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Credentials, Resolutions, and Law were presented to the Convention by committee chairman Ryan Brown, the delegate from Delta Sigma Chapter at the University of Coastal Carolina.
7. It was moved by the Credentials, Resolutions, and Law Committee and PASSED BY VOICE VOTE that:

WHEREAS CAPTAIN HENRY A. DIETZ, UNITED STATES NAVY (RET.), NU '25, DELTA BETA XI '56, BROTHER OF THE LATE CARL A. DIETZ, NU '21 (WHO ENTERED OMEGA CHAPTER IN 1974) AND FATHER OF CLYDE L. DIETZ, PSI '70, HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, CALIFORNIA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, WITH UNITED STATES NAVY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, AS COUNTY COUNCIL TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, AND AS A PROFESSOR OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA LAW SCHOOL, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER DIETZ WAS A LONG TIME SUPPORTING MEMBER OF THE BAY AREA ALUMNI COUNCIL AND ITS PRESIDENT FOR TWO TERMS, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER DIETZ WAS CO-CONVENTION CHAIRMAN FOR THE 1956 ALPHA SIGMA PHI NATIONAL CONVENTION AT CARMEL, CALIFORNIA, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER DIETZ WAS A LOYAL SUPPORTER OF NU CHAPTER, ACTIVE IN ITS RE-ESTABLISHMENT, AND GAVE HIS SWORD TO THE CHAPTER FOR RITUAL WORK, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER DIETZ PASSED INTO OMEGA CHAPTER IN 1995

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE 1996 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION EXPRESS ITS HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE FRATERNITY, OUR SENSE OF LOSS AT HIS PASSING, AND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WHEREAS BROTHER JAMES FISHER, BETA DELTA '40, DELTA BETA XI '60, ENTERED INTO THE OMEGA CHAPTER IN 1996, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER FISHER SERVED HIS CHAPTER AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSING CORPORATION AND SUPPORTER OF GAMMA MU CHAPTER AT MORRIS HARVEY COLLEGE, (NOW UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA), AND

WHEREAS BROTHER FISHER SERVED AS THE PRESIDENT OF KANAWHA ALUMNI COUNCIL OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI FROM 1953 TO 1960,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE 1996 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI EXPRESS ITS HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE FRATERNITY, OUR SENSE OF LOSS AT HIS PASSING, AND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WHEREAS BROTHER JOHN M. WEHNER, JR., OMICRON '43, DELTA BETA XI '60 ENTERED INTO OMEGA CHAPTER IN NOVEMBER 1995, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER WEHNER SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE ALPHA SIGMA PHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PHILADELPHIA FOR SIX YEARS, AND WAS A DONOR TO THE THIRD FOUNDING OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER WEHNER SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN WORLD WAR II, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER WEHNER WAS VICE PRESIDENT FOR JOURNAL SALES FOR J.B. LIPINCOTT COMPANY,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE 1996 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI EXPRESS ITS HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE FRATERNITY, OUR SENSE OF LOSS AT HIS PASSING, AND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES OT HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WHEREAS BROTHER MAITLAND B. MCKENZIE, NU '22, DELTA BETA XI '41, PASSED INTO OMEGA CHAPTER IN 1995, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER MCKENZIE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA ALPHA SIGMA PHI ASSOCIATION, WAS APPOINTED CHAPTER CUSTODIAN DURING WORLD WAR II, ALSO SERVING AS GRAND PROVINCE CHIEF OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI IN THE 1960'S, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER MCKENZIE CULMINATED OVER FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE CORPORATION BOARD, SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA ALPHA SIGMA PHI ASSOCIATION FROM 1974-1981, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER MCKENZIE WAS A SUPPORTING MEMBER OF PSI CHAPTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, AND ATTENDED MORE BAY AREA FOUNDERS DAY BANQUETS THAN ANY OTHER ALUMNUS TO DATE.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE 1996 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI EXPRESS ITS HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE FRATERNITY, OUR SENSE OF LOSS AT HIS PASSING AND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WHEREAS BROTHER DR. L. PASCHAL MONK, GAMMA NU '61, DELTA BETA XI '65, ENTERED INTO OMEGA CHAPTER ON MARCH 21, 1996, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER MONK HAS SERVED AS FACULTY ADVISOR TO GAMMA NU COLONY AND CHAPTER OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI THROUGHOUT ITS EXISTENCE, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER MONK WAS A SUPPORTER OF ALUMNI ACTIVITIES IN THE SACRAMENTO AREA FOR TWO DECADES AFTER THE GAMMA NU CHAPTER BECAME INACTIVE IN 1970,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE 1996 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI  
EXPRESS ITS HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR HIS  
DEDICATION TO THE FRATERNITY, OUR SENSE OF LOSS AT  
HIS PASSING, AND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO HIS  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WHEREAS BROTHER JACK M. MERRILL, MU '39, DELTA BETA XI '87,  
PASSED INTO OMEGA CHAPTER IN 1995, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER MERRILL DEVOTED EXTENSIVE TIME TO HIS  
CHAPTER AND ITS ALUMNI ORGANIZATION AFTER  
RETIRED FROM A CAREER AS AN INVESTIGATOR FOR THE  
STATE OF WASHINGTON, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER MERRILL SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE MU  
CHAPTER HOUSE ORGANIZATION, AND LEADER OF THE  
MU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, AND ALSO SERVED AS THE  
GRAND CHAPTER ADVISOR OF MU CHAPTER, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER MERRILL ATTENDED SEVERAL PROVINCE  
CONCLAVES, NATIONAL CONVENTIONS, AND LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCES OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER MERRILL ENCOURAGED THE ALUMNI AND  
UNDERGRADUATES TO TAKE HIS CHAPTER TO A POSITION  
OF UNDENIABLE EXCELLENCE, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER MERRILL'S DEDICATION TO ALPHA SIGMA PHI  
AND RESTORING AND SHOWING OF CLASSIC STUDEBAKER  
AUTOMOBILES KEPT HIM CONSTANTLY ON THE GO,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE 1996 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI  
EXPRESS ITS HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR HIS  
DEDICATION TO THE FRATERNITY, OUR SENSE OF LOSS AT  
HIS PASSING AND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO HIS  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WHEREAS BROTHER WILLIAM S. NEEDHAM, THETA OF PHI PI PHI '26, NU '42, DELTA BETA XI '79, ENTERED INTO OMEGA CHAPTER ON APRIL 17, 1995, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER NEEDHAM SERVED AS ALUMNI SECRETARY OF THETA OF PHI PI PHI IN THE 1930'S AND IN ADDITION SERVED AS A LONG TIME MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF THE BAY AREA ALUMNI COUNCIL OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER NEEDHAM WAS A LOYAL SUPPORTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN CO-CHAIRING FUND DRIVES FOR THE BERKELEY BUSINESS SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER NEEDHAM ESTABLISHED A CAREER OF EMPLOYMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES AND SERVED THE UNITED STATES AS A LIEUTENANT IN THE NAVY FROM 1943-1946,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE 1996 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI EXPRESS ITS HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR HIS DEDICATION TO HIS FRATERNITY, OUR SENSE OF LOSS AT HIS PASSING AND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WHEREAS BROTHER FRANK FITCH, DELTA EPSILON '79, ENTERED OMEGA CHAPTER IN 1996, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER FITCH WAS AN OFFICER OF DELTA EPSILON CHAPTER AND A STUDENT LEADER AT RIO GRANDE, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER FITCH LIVED BY ALPHA SIGMA PHI'S REASON FOR BEING BOTH AS AN UNDERGRADUATE AND ALUMNUS AND INSPIRED ALL OTHER BROTHERS TO DO SO.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE 1996 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI OFFER OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF BROTHER FRANK FITCH.

WHEREAS BROTHER BRIAN PEOPLES INITIATED IN ALPHA SIGMA PHI AT GAMMA XI WIDENER UNIVERSITY IN 1992, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER PEOPLES ENTERED OMEGA CHAPTER IN 1996, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER PEOPLES GRADUATED FROM WIDENER UNIVERSITY AND DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS A SCHOLAR, AN UNSELFISH COMMUNITY SERVANT, A MAN OF SPIRIT, AN ATHLETE, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER PEOPLES SERVED ALPHA SIGMA PHI AS AN EXEMPLARY OFFICER, AS A GENTLEMAN OF CHARACTER AND AS A PURPOSEFUL MEMBER,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE 1996 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI EXPRESS ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY OF BROTHER BRIAN PEOPLES.

8. It was moved by the Credentials, Resolutions, and Law Committee and PASSED BY VOICE VOTE that:

WHEREAS ALFRED B. WISE, ALPHA MU '46, DELTA BETA XI '50, EVIN C. VARNER, JR. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD 1984, SERVED ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY AS GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT, GRAND TREASURER, GRAND COUNCILOR, AND GRAND PROVINCE CHIEF, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER WISE SERVED AS TRUSTEE OF THE ALPHA SIGMA PHI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FROM 1979 THROUGH 1994, AND AS ITS SECRETARY FROM 1994-96,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE 1996 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION EXPRESS ITS SINCERE THANKS FOR BROTHER WISE DEDICATION AND SERVICE, AND CONGRATULATIONS ON HIS TERM AS TRUSTEE, DURING WHICH TIME CAPITAL OF THE FOUNDATION INCREASED MORE THAN TWENTY FOLD.

WHEREAS DR. ROBERT E. MILLER, GAMMA GAMMA '49, DELTA BETA XI '64, EVIN C. VARNER, JR. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD 1988, SERVED ALPHA SIGMA PHI AS GRAND SENIOR PRESIDENT, GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT, GRAND COUNCILOR, AND

WHEREAS BROTHER MILLER SERVED AS A TRUSTEE OF THE ALPHA SIGMA PHI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FROM 1970 TO 1976 AND 1979 TO 1994, DURING WHICH PERIOD THE FOUNDATION GREW FROM UNDER ONE QUARTER MILLION TO MORE THAN SIX MILLION DOLLARS IN CAPITAL

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE 1996 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION EXTEND TO BROTHER MILLER ITS THANKS FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICES IN HIS TENURE AS A TRUSTEE OF THE ALPHA SIGMA PHI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION.

9. The Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Alumni Affairs were presented to the Convention by committee chairman Peter Harris, the delegate from Gamma Lambda Chapter at Barton College.

10. It was moved by the Alumni Affairs Committee and PASSED BY VOICE VOTE that

WHEREAS Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity recognizes the importance of volunteerism as a part of the lifelong commitment to the brotherhood

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 - 1997 academic year be designated "The Year of the Volunteer."

WHEREAS the attendees of the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention recognize the necessity of a lifelong commitment to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we hereby reaffirm our commitment to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity by pledging to remain actively involved beyond our undergraduate years.



WHEREAS the commitment of volunteers and volunteerism to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity should be praised, as well as encouraged, and

WHEREAS the volunteer work of all Brothers, especially alumni, is necessary to the continuation of the fraternity

BE IT RESOLVED that both the undergraduate chapters and the national fraternity as a whole thanks all those individuals who have contributed to the fraternity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to perpetuate the recognition of the volunteers at both the chapter and national level, the chapters shall individually recognize those volunteers and shall also submit those names to Headquarters for formal recognition.

WHEREAS the donors to the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, as well as the Educational Foundation are a vital part to the continuing operation and enhancement of the fraternity, as well as the National Leadership Conference and Convention

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we offer our deepest gratitude and thanks to their continuing support of the undergraduate membership of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

11. Comments for the Good of Society.

12. Hearing no further new business Grand Senior President Stan G. Thurston, adjourned the Convention at 10:40 a.m., to re-convene at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, August 17, 1996.

13. Grand Senior President Stan G. Thurston, Iowa State '66, reconvened the Convention at 8:40 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, 1996.

14. The Executive Vice President of Alpha Sigma Phi and Secretary of the Convention, Steven V. Zizzo, called the roll. Chapters not answering the roll were: Alpha Xi (Illinois Institute of Technology), Beta Gamma (Bethany College), Beta Epsilon (Lehigh University), Beta Mu (Wake Forest University), Beta Xi (Hartwick College), Beta Chi (American University), Gamma Lambda (Barton College), Gamma Xi (Widener University), Gamma Rho (Lycoming College), Delta Alpha (Loyola University of Chicago), Delta Zeta (University of North Carolina, Charlotte), Delta Eta (East Carolina University), Delta Mu (William Patterson College), Delta Nu (Lock Haven University), Delta Xi (State University of New York at Plattsburgh), Delta Pi (University of Delaware), and Delta Sigma (Coastal Carolina College.)
15. The Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Scholarship were presented to the Convention by committee chairman Jamie Grant, the delegate from Delta Phi Chapter at Grand Valley State University.
16. It was moved by the Scholarship Committee and PASSED BY VOICE VOTE that:

#### POSITION STATEMENT ON ACADEMICS

- WHEREAS Alpha Sigma Phi is the Fraternity "TO BETTER THE MAN" and all of its functions and actions should exemplify our Code of Conduct, and
- WHEREAS Alpha Sigma Phi was founded as a secret literary society, and our founders' vision was based on superior scholastic standards, and
- WHEREAS every Alpha Sigma Phi member was and is first a student, then a brother; no higher mission exists within the context of the undergraduate experience than academic excellence,
- BE IT RESOLVED that Alpha Sigma Phi regards scholarship as vital to the continuation of the traditions and values of the Fraternity, and
- BE IT RESOLVED that all chapters work pro-actively to foster the priority of academic excellence within the context of Fraternity activities, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the position of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity that every brother should focus on academic excellence for personal benefit in order that they may be a contributing member of our brotherhood.

17. It was moved by the Scholarship Committee to refer the following recommendations to the National Scholarship Committee:

The following scholarship programs being presented are RECOMMENDATIONS only. We ask for floor approval in order that this package can be referred to the National Scholarship Committee. The National Scholarship Committee will work on the package and submit it to the Educational Foundation Trustees through the national staff.

#### NEW MEMBER GRANT PACKAGE

Each new member will receive a Grant in Aid based on the following criteria established and recommended.

- The term a man pledges will count as the term where grades are being considered.
- Their term grades will be compared to the All Greek Male Campus G.P.A. The HA will submit the proper paperwork to qualify. Grants will be awarded based on the following grading scale as it shows achievement over the All Greek Male Campus G.P.A. The scale is:

.25 over equals \$25 grant

.50 over equals \$50 grant

.75 over equals \$75 grant

1.0 over equals \$100 grant and cap on grant program

#### CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AWARD

We are recommending the following for an award to be developed similar to the current Gary A. Anderson Award.

The new award will be for chapters to submit their scholarship programs for recognition.

The National Scholarship Committee will have the responsibility to construct the program.

#### ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP

We recommend that the HA, Scholarship Chairman, be an additional representative to the Academy of Leadership.

When this is accomplished a major tract of the AL will deal with procedures to improve scholastic performance of our brothers.

This is justified by our proposed Position Statement on Academics and by the fraternity Mission.

## DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

We recommend that scholarship information be mailed directly to the following groups as well as maintaining the current mail procedures in HSP packets.

- \*Chapter HA
- \*Financial Aid Offices on each campus
- \*Greek Affairs personnel
- \*Chapter Advisors

## SCHOLARSHIP CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Individual Scholarship Opportunities...  
(available each term)

- Brother earns a 4.0 G.P.A./\$200
- Brother earns a 3.5-3.9 G.P.A./\$150
- \*Term G.P.A. increases by 1.0/\$100
- \*Term G.P.A. increases by 0.5/\$50
- \*Improved G.P.A. must meet or exceed 2.0*

## SCHOLARSHIP CONVENTION COMMITTEE

One time individual scholarships...

- Brother earns 3.25-3.49/\$100
- Brother earns 3.00-3.24/\$75
- Brother earns 2.75-2.99/\$50
- Brother earns 2.50-2.74/\$25

Individual graduation recognition items...

- Cum Laude- Book Button
- Magna Cum Laude-Shield Button
- Summa Cum Laude-Official Fraternity Ring

## SCHOLARSHIP CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Chapter based awards...

- Top Alpha Sigma Phi Chapter G.P.A./\$250
- Top 10% of Alpha Sigma Phi Chapter G.P.A./\$50

Most improved Alpha Sigma Phi Chapter/\$50  
Chapter awards continued...

- Top Fraternity G.P.A. on Campus/\$150
- G.P.A. exceeds greek male campus average/\$50
- G.P.A. increases by .25 in one academic year/\$50

18. The Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Expansion were presented to the Convention by committee chairman Jason Lee, from Alpha Psi Chapter at Presbyterian College.
19. The chairman of the committee on Expansion discussed the committee's work, but brought no resolutions to the floor.
20. The Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Finance were presented to the Convention by committee chairman Drew Thawley, from Epsilon Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University.
21. It was moved by the Finance Committee and PASSED BY UNANIMOUS HAND VOTE that:

It is the resolution of the Finance Committee that Article XIV, Section 1 of the By-Laws be amended effective August 18, 1996, as follows:

At Section 1, specifying the initiation fee by striking the words, "one hundred ten dollars (\$110.00)" and substituting the words, "one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)" and with respect to undergraduate dues, to strike the words, "sixty dollars (\$60.00)" and substitute the words "eighty dollars (\$80.00)".

22. The Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Credentials, Resolutions, and Law were presented to the Convention by the committee.
23. It was moved by the Credentials, Resolutions, and Law Committee and PASSED BY VOICE VOTE that:

WHEREAS Brother John Hoyt, Alpha Zeta '29, Delta Beta Xi '34, entered into the Omega Chapter in October 1995, and

WHEREAS Brother Hoyt served as President of the Board of Directors of Alpha Zeta Chapter at UCLA in the 50's, also a recipient of the F.F. Hargear Key, a predecessor to the current Hargear award, and

WHEREAS Brother Hoyt was a leader of the Alpha Zeta Housing Corporation in the 1940's and 1950's and a long time loyal supporter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. Brother Hoyt pledged the largest individual contribution to the fraternity at that time to the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation in the early 1980's. Brother Hoyt was also named one of the two, third founders of Alpha Sigma Phi,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi express its heartfelt appreciation for his dedication to the Fraternity, our sense of loss at his passing and our deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

WHEREAS Brother Oscar Hass, Psi '23, Delta Beta Xi '54, passed into the Omega Chapter in 1994, and

WHEREAS Brother Hass was a true and Loyal supporter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and Psi Chapter for many generations, and

WHEREAS Brother Hass was the senior alumnus present at more Psi homecomings than most alumni have attended,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi express its heartfelt appreciation for his dedication to the Fraternity, our sense of loss at his passing and our deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

WHEREAS Brother Calvin S. Sifford, Eta '46, Delta Beta Xi '50 entered into the Omega Chapter on August 9, 1995, and

WHEREAS Brother Sifford was a leader in the post WW II reactivation of the University of Illinois Chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity, Grand Province Chief, and

WHEREAS he was a contributor to the development of Alpha Sigma Phi's first series of chapter officer manuals,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi expresses its heartfelt appreciation for his dedication to the Fraternity, our sense of loss at his passing and our deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

WHEREAS Brother Robert C. Morris, Mu '46, Delta Beta Xi '87 entered into Omega Chapter January 6, 1996, and

WHEREAS Brother Morris served for many years on the Board of Directors of Mu Chapter Corporation, dealing primarily with financial matters of the Corporation, and

WHEREAS Brother Morris dedicated his career to assisting clients developing financial security through his insurance and mutual funds concern- the Robert C. Morris Agency,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi express its heartfelt appreciation for his dedication to the Fraternity, our sense of loss at his passing and our deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

24. It was moved by the Credentials, Resolutions, and Law Committee and PASSED BY VOICE VOTE that:

WHEREAS Grand Senior President Stan G. Thurston, Phi '66, Delta Beta Xi '77, has served Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity as Grand Junior President, Grand Treasurer and Grand Councilor prior to entering his present office as Grand Senior President, and

WHEREAS Brother Thurston is completing his second full term on the Grand Council, and is constitutionally ineligible for re-election this year, and

WHEREAS Brother Thurston served as a trustee of the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation and has served on the Chapter Corporation Board of Phi Chapter as Director and President

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention express its profound thanks to Brother Thurston for his dedication and expertise, and to Brother Thurston and his family for the time spent furthering the mission and interests of Alpha Sigma Phi.

WHEREAS Dr. Larry Spees Epsilon '57, Delta Beta Xi '82, has served as Grand Junior President, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal, and Grand Councilor of Alpha Sigma Phi, and

WHEREAS Brother Spees is completing his second full term on the Grand Council and is constitutionally ineligible for re-election this year and,

WHEREAS Brother Spees has inspired choral harmony as a Grand Council song leader at Conventions, Leadership Conferences, Academies of Leadership, and other National meetings, and otherwise consistently dedicated time and expertise to further the interests of Alpha Sigma Phi,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention express its profound thanks to Brother Spees, and to his family with heart felt appreciation for his service to the Fraternity.

WHEREAS Brother Andrew Barrett, Alpha Xi '89, is one of the co-chairmen of the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention, and

WHEREAS Brother Barrett graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, and

WHEREAS Brother Barrett is currently employed at McDonnell Douglas Aerospace as a Senior Design Engineer in landing gear systems, and

WHEREAS Brother Barrett is also pursuing his M.B.A. at Washington University, St. Louis, and is planning to graduate in 1998,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi express its gratitude for the hard work and dedication of Andrew Barrett in making the conference a success.

WHEREAS Brother Mark D. Still, Mu '75, Delta Beta Xi '87, has served as one of the co-chairmen for the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi, and

WHEREAS Brother Still has served as Grand Marshal for the Grand Council, and



WHEREAS Brother Still has served as Grand Chapter Advisor for Mu Chapter at the University of Washington, and

WHEREAS Brother Still received the Delta Beta Xi award in 1987 and a Grand Senior President's Citation in 1994,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi express its sincere thanks for Brother Still's dedication for a wonderful convention and congratulations on a job well done.

WHEREAS Brothers Jason Lee, Alpha Psi '93, Chris Sieben, Delta Upsilon '95, Drew Thawley, Epsilon '94, served as Undergraduate Representatives to the Grand Council, and

WHEREAS These Brothers helped the Grand Council in every facet conceivable in the past year,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi express heartfelt thanks for their tireless efforts to support the fraternity on a national scale.

25. It was moved by the Credentials, Resolutions, and Law Committee and  
PASSED BY VOICE VOTE that:

WHEREAS Susan B. Krammes faithfully served Alpha Sigma Phi from 1992-1994 as a clerical assistant to the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation, and from 1994-1996 worked as a Membership Service Assistant, and

WHEREAS the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi would like to thank Susan Krammes for her work to the organization, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi express its heartfelt appreciation for her dedication to the fraternity and the undergraduate brothers wish to extend their thanks and admiration to her efforts to create and perpetuate brotherhood throughout the fraternity.

WHEREAS Brother S. Alen McKnight, Jr., Beta Mu '93, joined the Fraternity Headquarters as Director of Expansion in 1995, and

WHEREAS Brother McKnight actively and enthusiastically executed the purposes of the expansion program,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity express its gratitude for the service of S. Alen McKnight, Jr. and convey its best wishes for his success in his career at Aerotek, Inc .

WHEREAS Hazel Dargatz has given long and devoted service to Alpha Sigma Phi, and

WHEREAS Hazel Dargatz has served as Secretary of Headquarters since 1988 and as a Administrative Assistant to the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention express its profound thanks to Hazel Dargatz with heartfelt appreciation for her service to the fraternity.

WHEREAS Brother Glen D. Olson, Gamma Zeta '92, served Alpha Sigma Phi as Director of Chapter Services and Conference Director, and

WHEREAS Brother Olson joined the Alpha Sigma Phi staff in January 1994 as a Chapter Leadership Consultant and was promoted to Senior Chapter Leadership Consultant in July 1994 and to Director of Chapter Services in December 1994, and

WHEREAS Brother Olson served Gamma Zeta as President, Vice President, Editor and Athletics Chairman, and

WHEREAS Brother Olson in addition to Alpha Sigma Phi duties and responsibilities was a member of the Association of Fraternity Advisers, Order of Omega, Kappa Tau Alpha Honor Society, the United States Army Reserve and serves as the President of the Gamma Zeta Alumni Council,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED Alpha Sigma Phi brothers wish to extend their gratitude for the dedication and loyalty that Brother Olson has displayed to the success of Alpha Sigma Phi.

WHEREAS Beverly J. Moody of Marion, OH joined headquarters in 1984, leaving in 1996, and

WHEREAS Mrs. Moody served the Fraternity in several capacities, beginning as Office Manager, succeeding to Director of Administrative Services in 1988, was promoted to Vice President for Administration in 1993, and assisted with thirteen national conferences in her time on staff,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the undergraduate brothers, alumnus, and staff of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity extend their deepest thanks and appreciation for all of Beverly J. Moody's services.

WHEREAS Merilyn J. Sipes, of Delaware Ohio, has done an outstanding job serving Alpha Sigma Phi headquarters staff for 36 years. Merilyn was the comptroller for Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation, and

WHEREAS Mrs. Sipes was presented the sister pin of the fraternity at the 1984 National Leadership Conference, by Richard R. Gibbs in recognition of 25 years of service,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention express its profound thanks to Merilyn J. Sipes with heartfelt appreciation for her service to the Fraternity.

WHEREAS Brother G. Scott Grissom, Alpha Alpha '78, served the headquarters staff as Director of Alumni Services from November of 1994 to 1996, and

WHEREAS Brother Grissom earned his B.A. degree from the College of Architecture from the University of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS Brother Grissom served Alpha Alpha Chapter as Vice-President, Sergeant at Arms, Alumni Director, Assistant Pledge Trainer, IFC Representative, Expansion Chairman, Prudential Committee and Social Chairman, and

WHEREAS Brother Grissom was an architectural consultant for the Glass Specialists, Inc. in Oklahoma City prior to joining headquarters staff, and

WHEREAS Brother Grissom has been a member of the Alpha Alpha Housing Corporation since 1983, and

WHEREAS Brother Grissom served as Alpha Alpha Chapter Grand Chapter Advisor for four years, and

WHEREAS Brother Grissom is a charter member of the Oklahoma Alumni Council and served as Vice-President , and

WHEREAS Brother Grissom received the Alpha Alpha Chapter Outstanding Alumnus award in 1982,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi express its heartfelt appreciation for his dedication to his Fraternity and the undergraduate brothers wish to extend their thanks and admiration to him for his efforts to create and perpetuate brotherhood throughout the interfraternal world.

WHEREAS Sandra J. Jagusch faithfully served Alpha Sigma Phi as an Administrative Assistant to the fraternity from 1987-1996, and

WHEREAS the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi wish to thank Ms. Jagusch for her work with the organization,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi express its heartfelt appreciation for her dedication to the fraternity and the undergraduate brothers wish to extend their thanks and admiration for her efforts to create and perpetuate brotherhood throughout the interfraternal world.

26. It was moved by the Credentials, Resolutions, and Law Committee and  
PASSED BY VOICE VOTE that

WHEREAS the 1946 National Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and of Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity approved the consolidation of the two fraternities under the name of the former, and

WHEREAS the consolidation enabled the Old Gal to flourish through the ensuing half century, reaching 54 active chapters in 1951, and 61 active chapters in 1968, and

WHEREAS 14 of the former chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi remain as active chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 1996 National Leadership Conference and Convention recognize the wisdom and foresight of those brothers who brought about the consolidation and express our thanks on this half century milestone.

27. The Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Ritual were presented to the Convention by committee chairman Robert Blaisdell, the delegate from Delta Tau Chapter at Murray State University.

28. The chairman of the committee on Ritual discussed the committee's work, but brought no resolutions to the floor.

29. The Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws were presented to the Convention by committee chairman Dan Manning, the delegate from Alpha Rho Chapter at New Jersey Institute of Technology.

30. It was moved by the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws:

WHEREAS The 1994 National Convention's constitution committee required the Grand Council to establish a committee to update, revise, and modify the existing Constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi,

WHEREAS A committee, headed by Robert Wade, Bowling Green, worked with the Grand Council to accomplish such a revision, And Whereas, the 1996 Constitution and By-Laws Committee has reviewed the Grand Council's recommendations and made revisions and corrections,

THEREFORE The Constitution and By-Laws Committee moves that the revised Constitution and By-Laws of Alpha Sigma Phi be adopted by this convention one minute after the adjournment of this convention and that the Grand Council be given the authority to make grammatical changes to the document, provided such changes do not change the intent or meaning of the Constitution and By-Laws.

#### DISCUSSION AND PROPOSED CHANGES FOLLOWED

33. It was moved by the Oklahoma Alumni Council, seconded by the Beta Delta Alumni Council and PASSED BY HAND VOTE to amend Article III, Section 12 of the Constitution to read:

"...ritual equipment and paraphernalia of the Chapter or alumni group shall become the property of the Fraternity."

34. It was moved by R.P.I, seconded by the Beta Delta Alumni Council and NOT PASSED BY A HAND VOTE OF 16-27 that Article XIII B, Section 7 of the By-Laws be amended to strike the following sentence:

The Grand Council may increase fees and dues an amount not to exceed the consumer price index at the end of the fiscal year.

35. It was moved by the Beta Delta Alumni Council, seconded by the Oklahoma Alumni Council and PASSED BY A HAND VOTE that Article IV, Section 8 of the Constitution be amended to read:

"...all records, and archives of the council shall become property of the Fraternity."

36. It was moved by the Oklahoma Alumni Council, seconded by the Central Ohio Alumni Council and PASSED BY A HAND VOTE that Article VI, Section 5B of the Constitution be amended to read:

"In matters concerning undergraduate fees and dues, each Chapter, each Grand Council Member, and the undergraduate representatives to the Grand Council shall have one vote collectively. "

37. It was moved by Stevens Tech, seconded by the Oklahoma Alumni Council and PASSED BY A HAND VOTE that Article XXVIII, Section 9, of the By-Laws be amended to read:

The Pledge Ceremony: As prescribed by the Ritual it can only be performed by members of a recognized colony of Alpha Sigma Phi only if administered by at least two duly initiated brothers-undergraduate, alumnus, or staff members of Alpha Sigma Phi. No colony shall be issued photo copies, printed copies or any portion of the Alpha Sigma Phi Ritual for any reason.

38. It was moved by the Oklahoma Alumni Council, seconded by the Beta Delta Alumni council and NOT PASSED BY A HAND VOTE that Article IX, Section 10 of the Constitution be amended to read:

...suspended by a member, upon suspension, revocation of Charter, or expulsion, shall be delivered by the subject of discipline to the Fraternity Headquarters.

39. It was moved by the Oklahoma Alumni Council, seconded by the Beta Delta Alumni Council and PASSED BY A HAND VOTE that Article X, Section 1 of the By-Laws be amended to read:

"Expansion Chief: The Grand Senior President shall appoint, subject to confirmation by a vote of a majority of the Grand Council or until the next National Convention. "

40. It was moved by the Oklahoma Alumni Council, seconded by the Beta Delta Alumni Council and PASSED BY A HAND VOTE OF 29-5 that Article X, Section 4 of the Constitution be amended to read:

"... Any vote not returned to the Executive Vice President (if the notice issued by him) or Grand Secretary (if the notice issued by him) by a member, Chapter, or Chartered Alumni Council entitled to vote shall be considered an abstention vote."

41. It was moved by Grand Junior President Larry G. Spees, seconded by Grand Marshal Robert G. Cabello and NOT PASSED BY A HAND VOTE to:

End debate.

42. It was moved by the Oklahoma Alumni Council, seconded by the Central Ohio Alumni Council and PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE that Article XIII B, Section 5 of the By-Laws be amended by adding an additional sentence to read:

Each Chartered Alumni Council shall pay annual dues of fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus two dollars (\$2.00) per member per year for each member in excess of twelve.

43. It was moved by the Oklahoma Alumni Council, seconded by the Central Ohio Alumni Council and PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE that Article XIX, Section 2B of the By-Laws be amended to read:

"... Any vote not returned to the Executive Vice President (if the notice issued by him) or Grand Secretary (if the notice issued by him) by a member, Chapter, or Chartered Alumni Council entitled to vote shall be considered an abstention vote."

44. Hearing no further motions from the floor Grand Senior President Stan G. Thurston called for a vote on the main motion. The motion PASSED BY A HAND VOTE OF 44-0.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee moves that the revised Constitution and By-Laws, with the ratified Amendments, of Alpha Sigma Phi be adopted by this convention one minute after the adjournment of this convention and that the Grand Council be given the authority to make grammatical changes to the document, provided such changes do not change the intent or meaning of the Constitution and By-Laws.

45. The Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Standards and Ethics were presented to the Convention by committee chairman Sanjay Ibrahim, the delegate from Beta Theta Chapter at Rutgers University.

46. It was moved by the Standards and Ethics Committee and PASSED BY VOICE VOTE that:

WHEREAS In 1994-1995 Alpha Sigma Phi developed a pilot community/brotherhood building program to help our chapters in the development of healthy interpersonal relationships.

WHEREAS This program offers chapters the opportunity to conduct a retreat with a professional facilitator who works to help the chapter build a stronger sense of brotherhood.

WHEREAS Through activities, workshops, videos, and lectures, members challenge themselves and the chapter to achieve greatness.

BE IT RESOLVED The committee on Standards and Ethics recommend the Brotherhood Building Program be continued, as well as expanded, in order to make this program accessible to more chapters.



BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the committee recommends a follow-up program between 4-6 weeks upon completion of the Brotherhood Building Program.

47. It was moved by the Committee on Standards and Ethics and PASSED BY VOICE VOTE that:

WHEREAS the Ralph F. Burns New Member Program will be the most innovative and creative programs in the Fraternity world.

WHEREAS this national conference will be provided to all new members who were initiated/pledged in the previous year.

WHEREAS all new members will share in common experiences as they develop leadership and communication skills while learning about themselves and their fellow brothers.

WHEREAS this program will unite new brothers from around the nation for a once in a lifetime conference.

BE IT RESOLVED the committee on Standards and Ethics recommend that the Ralph F. Burns New Member Program be endorsed nationally by all chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the committee on Standards and Ethics recommend that allocations be given from the 1997-1998 budget as to commence the Ralph F. Burns New Member Program as a pilot program in the summer of 1997, which will include at least 2 new initiates from each chapter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the committee recommends that the program be fully implemented by the summer of 1999.

48. It was moved by the Standards and Ethics Committee and PASSED BY VOICE VOTE that:

WHEREAS Alpha Sigma Phi's Mission is *To Create And Perpetuate Brotherhood.*

WHEREAS Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity endeavors at all times to give its brothers the highest quality of membership possible.

WHEREAS a New Member Program that is based on our ritual and mission is needed for the continued success of Alpha Sigma Phi.

BE IT RESOLVED the committee on Standards and Ethics recommend that the New Member Education Program be a national guide for the continued success of the pledge program of Alpha Sigma Phi.

49. The Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Nominations were presented to the Convention by committee chairman Chris Sieben, from Delta Upsilon Chapter at Virginia Tech.

50. It was moved by the Beta Delta Alumni Council, seconded by R.P.I. and NOT PASSED BY A HAND VOTE to:

Re-open nominations for the Grand Council.

51. It was moved by the Nominations Committee and PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE to slate the following officers:

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| • Kevin Garvey   | Grand Senior President |
| • Stuart Spisak  | Grand Junior President |
| • Robert Cabello | Grand Secretary        |
| • John Gibson    | Grand Treasurer        |
| • Mark Williams  | Grand Marshal          |
| • Scott Olson    | Grand Councilor        |
| • Ed Leedom      | Grand Councilor        |

52. It was moved by the Finance Committee and PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE that:

The initiation fee will increase from one hundred ten dollars (\$110.00) to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) and undergraduate dues will increase from sixty dollars (\$60.00) to eighty dollars (\$80.00) effective immediately.

53. Comments for the Good of the Society.

54. Grand Senior President Stan G. Thurston adjourned the Convention at 11:05 a.m.