



ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY

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Minutes of the 54th Grand Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Norfolk, VA

Friday, July 28, 2016

Opening Ceremony and Plenary Session #1:

Grand Chapter was called to order by Grand Marshal Byron Hughes at 10:00 am, followed by the Parade of Flags, an introduction of the living past Grand Senior Presidents in attendance, an introduction of the Grand Council, and an introduction of the President and CEO.

Canadian and American National Anthem.

Grand Junior President Maurer delivered the Grand Chapter Blessing.

Grand Councilor Hoffman led the assembled in the Brotherhood Creed.

Grand Marshal Hughes declared that all persons present were entitled to be so.

Grand Treasurer Brown read the list of chapters not in good standing. They included Theta Chapter, Upsilon Chapter, Psi Chapter, Alpha Omicron Chapter, Gamma Lambda Chapter, Delta Delta Chapter, Delta Rho Chapter, Epsilon Nu Chapter, Eta Beta Chapter, Eta Kappa Chapter, Eta Nu Chapter, Eta Rho Chapter, Zeta Gamma Chapter, Zeta Iota Chapter, Zeta Sigma Chapter and Zeta Phi Chapter.

Grand Secretary Rusk announced that there was the required number of Delegates.

President and CEO Gordy Heminger declared the Grand Chapter open and Grand Senior President Proctor welcomed all to Grand Chapter.

Grand Senior President Proctor appointed Grand Historian Robert Kutz as Grand Parliamentarian for these proceedings.

President and CEO Heminger reviewed the functions of Grand Chapter and provided an overview of how business will be conducted.

Opening Ceremony concluded. Plenary Session #1 begins. – 10:30

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The CR&L Committee asked for motion to approve the Grand Chapter standing rules as outlined in the program book. Motion by the CR&L Committee requires no second. Past Grand Senior President Ritter moved to amend the proposed Grand Chapter Standing rules to remove bylaws from Rule #9 and strike rule #14 altogether. Amendment was seconded by the Beta Zeta Chapter and the motion passed.

Grand Council Nominations closed. Motion by Gamma Chi Alumni Association, seconded by Past Grand Senior President Garvey. Motion passed.

The Nominations Committee presented the slate for the Grand Council. The slate included Josh Orendi (Bethany), Jeff Hoffman (Member-at-Large), David Yonenson (Maryland), and Rodney Rusk (Central Michigan).

The Nominations Committee made a motion to approve the slate. Motion passed.

Grand Marshal Hughes declared that Grand Chapter was in recess until 1:00pm.

Plenary Session #2:

Grand Chapter was called to order by Grand Senior President Bryan Proctor at 1:03 pm

Roll Call – Present: Gamma, Delta, Delta Alumni Association, Epsilon, Epsilon Alumni Association, Zeta, Eta, Theta, Theta Alumni Association, Iota, Kappa, Mu, Nu, Omicron, Pi, Sigma, Upsilon, Phi, Phi Alumni Association, Psi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Mu, Alpha Nu, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Omicron Alumni Association, Alpha Pi, Alpha Rho, Alpha Tau, Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma, Beta Delta, Beta Zeta, Beta Theta, Beta Mu, Beta Mu Alumni Association, Beta Nu, Beta Xi, Beta Omicron, Beta Rho, Beta Tau, Beta Chi, Beta Psi, Gamma Gamma, Gamma Delta, Gamma Zeta, Gamma Zeta Alumni Association, Gamma Theta, Gamma Iota, Gamma Kappa, Gamma Lambda, Gamma Upsilon, Gamma Chi, Gamma Chi Alumni Association, Gamma Psi, Delta Beta, Delta Delta, Delta Epsilon, Delta Zeta, Delta Eta, Delta Theta, Delta Iota, Delta Nu, Delta Xi, Delta Omicron, Delta Pi, Delta Rho, Delta Rho Alumni Association, Delta Tau, Delta Tau Alumni Association, Delta Upsilon, Delta Phi, Delta Phi Alumni Association, Delta Chi, Delta Psi, Epsilon Delta, Epsilon Eta, Epsilon Theta, Epsilon Iota, Epsilon Kappa, Epsilon Lambda, Epsilon Mu, Epsilon Nu, Epsilon Xi, Epsilon Omicron, Epsilon Pi, Epsilon Sigma, Epsilon Upsilon, Epsilon Phi, Epsilon Chi, Epsilon Chi Alumni Association, Epsilon Psi, Zeta Alpha, Zeta Beta, Zeta Gamma, Zeta Delta, Zeta Epsilon, Zeta Zeta, Zeta Zeta Alumni Association, Zeta Eta, Zeta Theta, Zeta Iota, Zeta Kappa, Zeta Kappa Alumni Association, Zeta Lambda, Zeta Lambda Alumni Association, Zeta Mu, Zeta Xi, Zeta Xi Alumni Association, Zeta Omicron, Zeta Pi, Zeta Rho, Zeta Sigma, Zeta Tau, Zeta Upsilon, Zeta Phi, Zeta Chi, Zeta Psi, Eta Alpha, Eta Beta, Eta Beta Alumni Association, Eta Gamma, Eta Epsilon, Eta Eta, Eta Theta, Eta Iota, Eta Lambda, Eta Mu, Eta Xi, Eta Omicron, Eta Rho, Eta Sigma, Eta Tau, Eta Upsilon, Eta Phi, Eta Chi, Eta Psi, Theta Alpha, Theta Beta, Theta Gamma, Theta Delta, Theta Epsilon, Theta Zeta, Theta Eta, Theta Theta, Theta Iota, Theta Kappa, Theta Lambda, Past Grand Senior President Dexter, Past Grand Senior President Garvey, Past Grand Senior President Spisak, Past Grand Senior President Gibson, Past Grand Senior President Ritter; Undergraduate Grand Councilor Harris, Undergraduate Grand

Councilor Geiselhart, Grand Councilor Waters, Grand Councilor Orendi, Grand Councilor Hoffman, Grand Councilor Grissom, Grand Marshal Hughes, Grand Secretary Rusk, Grand Treasurer Brown, Grand Junior President Maurer and Grand Senior President Proctor.

Absent:

Zeta Delta Alumni Association, Zeta Lambda Alumni Association, Eta Kappa, Eta Nu.

Delegates Not in Good Standing: Theta Chapter, Upsilon Chapter, Psi Chapter, Alpha Omicron Chapter, Gamma Lambda Chapter, Delta Delta Chapter, Delta Rho Chapter, Epsilon Nu Chapter, Eta Beta Chapter, Eta Kappa Chapter, Eta Nu Chapter, Eta Rho Chapter, Zeta Gamma Chapter, Zeta Iota Chapter, Zeta Sigma Chapter and Zeta Phi Chapter.

Grand Senior President Proctor provided a State of the Fraternity address.

Foundation Board Chairman Zizzo provided brief remarks and presented a check to the Fraternity in the form of a Grant for \$527,000.

Nominations Committee Report:

- 2016-18 Grand Council Slate presented that included: Grand Senior President – Matt Maurer (Bowling Green), Grand Junior President – Jeff Hoffman (Member-at-Large), Grand Secretary – David Yonenson (Maryland), Grand Treasurer - Tom Brown (Indiana), Grand Marshal – Byron Hughes (Salisbury).
- Grand Councilors - Josh Orendi (Bethany), Rodney Rusk (Central Michigan), Scott Grissom (Oklahoma and Ohio Wesleyan), Bryan Proctor (Grand Valley), Sam Harris (Oakland and Wayne State), Christian Barnes (Murray State), Ryker Moore (Utah State).
- Motion to approve the slate by the Nominations Committee. Motion Carries.
- Past Grand Senior President Rich Ritter made a motion to disband the Nominations Committee. Second by Zeta Theta Chapter. Motion Carries.

Credentials, Resolutions and Law Committee Report:

CONSTITUTIONAL CHARGES:

- **Charge 1: Article II, Section 2, A and B** Classes of Membership – Change the word “Undergraduate” to “Student” to allow Graduate Students to join.
- **Charge 2: Article V, Section 12** Change Undergraduate Grand Council members’ terms from two years to one year.
- **Charge 3: Article VII, Section 2** Add “members” so that it reads “chapters and members are charged to protect esoteric content.
- **Charge 4: Article VII, Section 4** Remove Section
- **Charge 5: Change all references of “national” organization/fraternity/office** to “international” fraternity/organization/office.
- **Charge 6: Change all references of FIPG Risk Management Policy** to Alpha Sigma Phi Risk Management Policy.
- **Charge 7: Change all references of Colony** to Provisional Chapter

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- **Charge 8: Ensure that any duplication** in the Constitution and Bylaws is eliminated.
- **Charge 9: The Constitution and Bylaws should be changed, when appropriate,** to reflect any legislation passed at the 2016 Grand Chapter to ensure there are no discrepancies in the governing documents.
- **Charge 10: The Constitution and Bylaws should be changed, when appropriate,** to correct any grammatical or spelling errors, provide the changes do not alter or amend the meant or intent.
- **Charge 11: Use of the White Robe** replace White Robe with Black Robe and White Stole.

CR&L Committee Chair Kris Koko made a motion to approve Charges of the CR&L Committee.

Discussion:

Zeta Mu moves to amend the slate to divide out Charge 11. Second by the Beta Xi Chapter. **Motion Carries,** use of the White Robe will be voted on separately from the slate.

Alpha Iota moves to amend the slate to divide out Charge 1. Second by the Beta Theta Chapter.

Motion Defeated.

Eta Phi moves to amend the slate to divide out Charge 7. Second by the Alpha Mu Chapter.

Motion Defeated.

Zeta Theta moves to amend the slate to divide out Charge 2. Second by the Alpha Xi Chapter.

Motion Defeated.

Grand Senior President Proctor called the motion as amended to question.

Motion Carries

The CR&L Committee made a motion to replace the White Robe with a Black Robe accompanied by a White Stole in both exoteric and esoteric ritual.

Discussion:

Eta Phi made a motion to amend the motion on the floor to leave the use of the robe to the discretion of the Chapter. Second by Beta Xi Chapter.

Eta Phi Colony made a motion to amend the amendment to give chapters the choice in private ceremonies, but require the Black Robe with the White Stole in public ceremonies. Second by Alpha Xi Chapter.

Motion Defeated.

Grand Senior President Proctor called the initial amendment to question.

Motion Defeated.

Zeta Kappa Alumni Association made a motion to amend the motion to use a Stone Robe to represent the motion. Second by Zeta Chi Chapter.

Motion Defeated.

Grand Senior President Proctor called the motion to discontinue the use of the White Robe in both exoteric and esoteric ritual, to be replaced by a Black Robe with a White Stole to question.

Motion Carries.

Alpha Iota Chapter made a motion to disband the CR&L Committee, seconded by Past Grand Senior President Spisak.

Grand Senior President Proctor declared that Grand Chapter was in recess until 5:30PM at 2:21 PM.

Initiation Exemplification

Plenary Session #4 and Closing Ceremony

Grand Chapter was called to order by Grand Senior President Maurer at 5:33 pm

Roll Call – Present: Gamma, Delta, Delta Alumni Association, Epsilon, Epsilon Alumni Association, Zeta, Eta, Theta, Theta Alumni Association, Iota, Kappa, Mu, Nu, Omicron, Pi, Sigma, Upsilon, Phi, Phi Alumni Association, Psi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Mu, Alpha Nu, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Omicron Alumni Association, Alpha Pi, Alpha Rho, Alpha Tau, Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma, Beta Delta, Beta Zeta, Beta Theta, Beta Mu, Beta Mu Alumni Association, Beta Nu, Beta Xi, Beta Omicron, Beta Rho, Beta Tau, Beta Chi, Beta Psi, Gamma Gamma, Gamma Delta, Gamma Zeta, Gamma Zeta Alumni Association, Gamma Theta, Gamma Iota, Gamma Kappa, Gamma Lambda, Gamma Upsilon, Gamma Chi, Gamma Chi Alumni Association, Gamma Psi, Delta Beta, Delta Delta, Delta Epsilon, Delta Zeta, Delta Eta, Delta Theta, Delta Iota, Delta Nu, Delta Xi, Delta Omicron, Delta Pi, Delta Rho, Delta Rho Alumni Association, Delta Tau, Delta Tau Alumni Association, Delta Upsilon, Delta Phi, Delta Phi Alumni Association, Delta Chi, Delta Psi, Epsilon Delta, Epsilon Eta, Epsilon Theta, Epsilon Iota, Epsilon Kappa, Epsilon Lambda, Epsilon Mu, Epsilon Nu, Epsilon Xi, Epsilon Omicron, Epsilon Pi, Epsilon Sigma, Epsilon Upsilon, Epsilon Phi, Epsilon Chi, Epsilon Chi Alumni Association, Epsilon Psi, Zeta Alpha, Zeta Beta, Zeta Gamma, Zeta Delta, Zeta Epsilon, Zeta Zeta, Zeta Zeta Alumni Association, Zeta Eta, Zeta Theta, Zeta Iota, Zeta Kappa, Zeta Kappa Alumni Association, Zeta Lambda, Zeta Mu, Zeta Xi, Zeta Xi Alumni Association, Zeta Omicron, Zeta Pi, Zeta Rho, Zeta Sigma, Zeta Tau, Zeta Upsilon, Zeta Phi, Zeta Chi, Zeta Psi, Eta Alpha, Eta Beta, Eta Beta Alumni Association, Eta Gamma, Eta Epsilon, Eta Eta, Eta Theta, Eta Iota, Eta Kappa, Eta Lambda, Eta Mu, Eta Xi, Eta Omicron, Eta Rho, Eta Sigma, Eta Tau, Eta Upsilon, Eta Phi, Eta Chi, Eta Psi, Theta Alpha, Theta Beta, Theta Gamma, Theta Delta, Theta Epsilon, Theta Zeta, Theta Eta, Theta Theta, Theta Iota, Theta Kappa, Theta Lambda, Past Grand Senior President Dexter, Past Grand Senior President Garvey, Past Grand Senior President Spisak, Past Grand Senior President Gibson, Undergraduate Grand Councilor Harris, Undergraduate Grand Councilor Barnes, Undergraduate Grand Councilor Moore, Grand Councilor Rusk,

Grand Councilor Orendi, Grand Councilor Proctor, Grand Councilor Grissom, Grand Marshal Hughes, Grand Secretary Yonenson, Grand Treasurer Brown, Grand Junior President Hoffman and Grand Senior President Maurer.

Absent: Past Grand Senior President Ritter.

Grand Senior President Maurer appointed Grand Councilor Proctor as Plenary Chairman.

Grand Councilor Proctor, hearing no new business, turned the Chairmanship back over to Grand Senior President Maurer.

Grand Senior President Maurer closed the 54th Grand Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gordy Heminger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

Gordy Heminger
President and CEO