

**MINUTES OF THE NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY**

Held at the Hotel Dyckman in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota
September 15th to 19th, 1919

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15—MORNING SESSION

The Ninth National Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity was called to order by G. J. P. Wayne Montgomery Musgrave at 9:13 A. M., September 15, 1919, the sessions taking place in the convention room of the Hotel Dyckman in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Due to the absence of G. S. Arthur Irving Gates the Chair appointed, with the consent of the Convention, Charles Ernest Hall (A) as Acting G. S.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Herbert Allen Sawyer (A), Assistant Pastor of the Hennepin Avenue M. E. Church, Minneapolis.

G. J. P. Musgrave introduced Charles Thomas Wangenstein, H. S. P., of Rho Chapter, who delivered the Address of Welcome to the delegates and visiting brethren of the Convention on behalf of Rho Chapter and the Twin City Alumni Council.

Brother Musgrave made a few remarks relative to the work to be accomplished by this Convention.

The roll call showed the following chapters represented at the first session: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Eta, Theta, Iota, Kappa, Lambda, Mu, Nu, Omicron, Pi, Rho, Sigma, Tau, Upsilon.

The reports of chapters were called for and the following brothers responded on behalf of their respective chapters:

<i>Upsilon</i>	Truman Bruce Peters
<i>Rho</i>	Paul Jaroscak
<i>Beta</i>	Harold Truscott Davis
<i>Omicron</i>	Earl William Braun
<i>Tau</i>	Floyd Welcome Mosiman
<i>Delta</i>	Arthur Henry Savenye
<i>Mu</i>	John Main Coffee
<i>Alpha</i>	Cleaveland Jocelyn Rice
<i>Nu</i>	Frank Foli Hargear
<i>Kappa</i>	Harold Otto Pinther
<i>Lambda</i>	Charles Ernest Hall

The G. J. P. made some further remarks regarding expansion, organization, etc., and distributed to the delegates souvenirs sent by the L. G. Balfour Company of Attleboro, Mass., official jewelers to the Fraternity.

Adjournment until 2 o'clock took place at 11:50 A. M.

CHAS. E. HALL,
Acting G. S.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Monday afternoon session of the Convention was called to order by G. J. P. Musgrave at 2:03 P. M.

All chapters were present except Epsilon and Xi.

Chapter reports were continued as follows:

<i>Gamma</i>	Guy Franklin MacLeod
<i>Zeta</i>	Ralph Davis Roehm
<i>Pi</i>	Eugene Theodore Lindberg
<i>Theta</i>	Harry Dore Hause
<i>Sigma</i>	Everett Edward Kelly
<i>Iota</i>	John Roberts Aikins
<i>Eta</i>	Maurice John Pierce

Brother Henry Edgerton Chapin (Γ) was called upon and he made his report as Editor of THE TOMAHAWK.

Upon request these brothers spoke upon the following topics: Brother Savenye (Δ) and Brother Hargear (N), relative to the "Prayer meeting" as conducted in their respective chapters; and Brother Rice (A) regarding the old lantern parade at Yale.

At the suggestion of Brother Kenyon (Δ-P), Brother Hall (A) was chosen Secretary for the Committee of the Whole.

Moved by Brother Rice (A), seconded, and carried, that all delegates wishing to introduce motions at succeeding sessions put the same in writing and hand to the Secretary before the next session.

The G. J. P. appointed the following committees:

<i>Auditing:</i>	Charles Ernest Hall (A), Chairman
	Eugene Theodore Lindberg (Π)
	Raymond Harkison Kenyon (Δ-P)
<i>Ritual:</i>	Cleaveland Jocelyn Rice (A), Chairman
	John Main Coffee (M)
	Harold Otto Pinther (K)

The Convention adjourned at 3:44 P. M. until Tuesday morning.

CHAS. E. HALL,
Acting G. S.

TUESDAY SESSION—SEPTEMBER 16, 1919

The Tuesday Session of the Ninth National Convention was called to order at 9:23 A. M. by G. J. P. Musgrave. Roll call disclosed all chapters represented in the Convention except Xi.

The Epsilon delegate having arrived in the person of Edward Harold Hughes, the report from this delegate and his chapter was heard.

Brother Lindberg (II) was recognized and this brother made a request that the next Convention be held in Boulder, Colorado, as the guest of Pi Chapter. Consideration of this invitation was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Brother Musgrave read a communication from the Equitable Trust Company of New York. (See Appendix "B.")

The defalcation of George William Hunter, G. E., and the reasons for our funds being placed with the Equitable Trust Company were explained by G. J. P. Musgrave.

The formal report of the G. J. P. was read by that officer. After being commented upon the report was referred to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration. (For this report see Appendix "C.")

Brother Hawthorne (Ξ) having arrived, it was moved and seconded that Brother Hawthorne be recognized and seated as the official delegate from Xi Chapter. The motion was carried unanimously.

Brother Hawthorne responded with a few words relative to his chapter at Nebraska and stated that he expected a delegate from the active chapter within the next twenty-four hours who would make the proper report for his chapter.

The report of the Grand Prudential Committee written by Cyril Joseph Curran (A), its chairman, was read by Brother Kenyon (A-P). Consideration of this report was referred to the Committee of the Whole. (The report appears in Appendix "D.")

Brother Musgrave reported informally as Publication Manager of THE TOMAHAWK.

Informal discussion of matters in connection with THE TOMAHAWK followed.

The Grand Junior President reported that a certain unlicensed concern had taken it upon itself to cut dies of various fraternities, and had cut a die of the Alpha Sigma Phi coat-of-arms.

Informal discussion followed, during which the foregoing was discussed, together with other matters relating to policies to be followed by this fraternity. A few proposed constitutional changes were also discussed at this time.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the Convention elect a Chairman to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

Brothers Jaroscak (P), Lindberg (Π) and Coffee (M) were nominated. Brother Jaroscak was declared elected after the second ballot.

Moved that the Convention resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of matters already referred to it among other things, and that the delegates assemble again in regular session on Wednesday morning at the call of the Chair. Motion seconded, and carried at 11:57 A. M.

CHAS. E. HALL,
Acting G. S.

WEDNESDAY SESSION—SEPTEMBER 17, 1919

The Wednesday Session was called to order at 10:34 A. M. by G. J. P. Musgrave.

Roll call showed all chapters represented, including the official delegate from the active chapter at the University of Nebraska.

Brother Jones (Ξ) was recognized and made the official report for Xi Chapter.

The Chair announced that a representative of the petitioning body at the University of Chicago was in the hotel and would appear by request before the Convention at 11 o'clock. A committee to meet and escort the representative was appointed, consisting of the following brothers: Hargear (N), Pinther (K), and Davis (B).

Brother Rice (A) read several proposed amendments to the Constitution. These were considered informally until 10:51, when a recess of ten minutes was declared.

The Convention was again called to order at 11:12. The Committee brought forward Mr. Richard Candee Paine of Wash-

ington House, a local at the University of Chicago, and presented him to G. J. P. Musgrave, who in turn introduced Mr. Paine to the delegates assembled.

Mr. Paine gave an interesting talk concerning the history of his fraternity, its membership, both active and alumni, the general fraternity situation at the University of Chicago, and answered very satisfactorily numerous questions asked him by the Convention.

Adjournment for the day took place at 12:08 P. M.

CHAS. E. HALL,
Acting G. S.

THURSDAY SESSION—SEPTEMBER 18, 1919

G. J. P. Musgrave called the Thursday Session to order at 3:33 P. M.

Roll call disclosed all chapters present.

Moved by Brother Rice (A) that a Committee on Nominations for the Grand Prudential Committee be appointed. Seconded and carried.

The following were appointed: Raymond Harkinson Kenyon (A-P), Chairman; Marion Grinter Lasley (Σ), and Eugene Theodore Lindberg (Π).

The Ritual Committee, through its Chairman, Brother Rice (A), made its report. This report was discussed at some length. An informal vote showed that it was the sense of the Convention that the horseplay and the outside work be retained.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the report of the Ritual Committee be accepted and that the Committee be discharged.

Brother Aikins (I) was recognized, and he related briefly the story of the canoe incident in which the companion of Brother Donald Fether (I) was drowned in Lake Cayuga at Ithaca the past summer. Brother Aikins stated that Brother Fether was merely a victim of circumstances.

An informal discussion led to the following motions:

- (1) That this Fraternity stand by Brother Fether in his misfortune. Seconded and carried unanimously; and

(2) That the Fraternity defend Brother Fether in our exoteric magazine because our name has been used in connection with the case. Seconded and carried unanimously.

Moved by Brother Hargear (N), and seconded, that the Grand Prudential Committee be authorized to subscribe for *Banta's Greek Exchange*, one subscription for each chapter, the same to be charged to the chapters. Carried.

Moved by Brother Hughes (E) that an extra per diem allowance of One Dollar (\$1.00) for official delegates and national officers present be authorized, and that One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00) be appropriated for that purpose. Motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Brother Coffee (M) that a sufficient amount be appropriated to institute proceedings against the concerns guilty of infringement upon the copyright of our coat-of-arms, and the G. J. P. be instructed and authorized to prosecute the infringements. Seconded and carried.

Moved, duly seconded, and carried, that in case of the passage of the proposed amendment with respect to restoring the offices of G. S., G. C. S., and G. M., and the ratification thereof by the various chapters, the men elected to these offices at this Convention be the duly authorized officers.

Moved, duly seconded, and carried, that the Grand Prudential Committee be authorized to publish a list of the active members in each chapter at the close of each college year.

Moved by Brother Hargear (N) that the Grand Prudential Committee be requested to print the minutes of this Convention and also those of former Conventions, and to make the same available to the chapters. Motion seconded and carried.

An informal discussion on "customs" in the various chapters followed.

The Chair appointed the following brothers as a Committee on Resolutions:

Floyd Welcome Mosiman (T), Chairman
Harold Truscott Davis (B)
Arthur Henry Savenye (Δ)

The Convention adjourned at 5:55 P. M. to meet again Friday forenoon.

CHAS. E. HALL,
Acting G. S.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1919—MORNING SESSION.

The Friday morning session was called to order by Grand Junior President Musgrave at 9:41.

Roll call followed, showing all chapters represented except Kappa. Kappa delegate arrived at 10:20.

The Auditing Committee made its report upon the audit of the books of the Grand Junior President and those of the Publishing Manager of THE TOMAHAWK. (See Appendix "F.")

Moved by Brother Charles Wangenstein (P) that the report of the Auditing Committee be approved and filed. Motion seconded and carried.

The Committee on Nominations for Members of the Grand Prudential Committee, reported through Chairman Kenyon (A) that six names had been selected from the lists submitted to it, the first three names to be their first choice and the last three their second choice. The names selected were:

Robert Leo Jagocki (O)
Arthur Loomis Kirkpatrick (O)
Charles Adelbert Trafford, Jr. (B)
Dr. Henry Edgerton Chapin (T)
Harris Franklin MacNeish (A)
Ralph Milton Crumrine (I)

Moved by Brother Hargear (N) that the report of the Committee on Nominations be adopted. Motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Brother Hargear (N) that the Secretary cast a white ballot for Brother Jagocki, Kirkpatrick and Trafford as members of the Grand Prudential Committee. Motion duly seconded and carried.

These brothers were declared elected by the Chair.

Informal discussion in regard to fraternity jewelry led to the following motion, made by Brother Hargear (N):

That the Grand Prudential Committee be authorized to license at least four official jewelers to manufacture any jewelry except the official badge and sister pin, which shall be exclusively manufactured by a fifth official jeweler so designated. Motion was duly seconded and carried.

Brother Winslow (M) was called to the chair.

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The Committee of the Whole rose and reported the following resolutions and recommended their adoption:

1. That Brothers Hall (A) and Trafford (B) be designated as a Committee to select an official hatband and to attend to having the same copyrighted, the suggestion being made that the present hatband (with narrow stripe) be only slightly modified. Carried.

2. That each Alumni Council having been in existence for two successive years or more and having a minimum of fifteen active members, active members being those who have paid to date all local alumni council dues, shall be entitled to send one or more delegates to represent it in all National Conventions, one of whom shall be designated the official delegate and shall be entitled to one vote. Lost.

Brother Musgrave resumed the chair.

3. That each chapter may secure an original die, to be obtained only thru the Central Office, and be permitted to procure its stationery, dance programs, menus, etc., wherever it may see fit. Said die must be kept in the possession of the chapter owning same. Carried.

4. That it be the sense of this Convention that the old shield plaque be the official plaque of this Fraternity.

Moved, duly seconded, and passed, that the resolution be amended by adding after the word "Fraternity": "but that the square (Balfour) plaque be retained as official also, in order that the choice of plaques may be left to the discretion of the members."

The resolution as amended reads as follows:

"That it be the sense of this Convention that the old shield plaque be the official plaque of this Fraternity, but that the square (Balfour) plaque be retained as official also, in order that the choice of plaques may be left to the discretion of the members."

The resolution as amended was adopted.

5. That it be the sense of this Convention to retain the pseudonym "Alpha Sig" as official. Carried.

6. That in the matter of a suitable closing form for correspondence the writer be allowed absolute freedom. Carried.

7. That the present pledge pin be retained as official.

An amendment to this resolution was proposed by Brother Hargear (N) and duly seconded, as follows: "but that the Grand Prudential Committee be requested to improve upon its design."

The resolution then read:

"That the present pledge pin be retained as official, but that the Grand Prudential Committee be requested to improve upon its design."

The resolution as amended was adopted.

8. That the Executive Secretary be instructed to select suitable designs to be used as a recognition pin, submit the same to the Grand Prudential Committee for approval, and this Committee in turn to submit their choice to the chapters for final selection. Carried.

9. That this Convention recommend to the chapters that their members be informed that if they so desired to become life subscribers to THE TOMAHAWK they could do so upon graduation by paying into the National Treasury or into a separate fund for that purpose the sum of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars.

Moved by Brother Rice (A), duly seconded and passed, that this resolution be amended (1) by striking out the words "upon graduation," and (2) by adding a second sentence as follows: "Such fund shall be under the control and direction of the Grand Prudential Committee." The resolution as amended reads:

"That this Convention recommend to the Chapters that their members be informed that if they so desired to become life subscribers to THE TOMAHAWK they could do so by paying into the National Treasury or into a separate fund for that purpose the sum of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars. Such fund shall be under the control and direction of the Grand Prudential Committee." Carried.

10. That the Executive Secretary be instructed to have compiled a Song Book, and to draw upon the National Treasury for funds necessary to meet the cost of publication. It is recommended that the Executive Secretary co-operate with the chapters and musicians within the fraternity in compiling such Song Book.

Moved by Brother Hughes (E), duly seconded and passed, that this resolution be amended by the addition of a final sentence as follows: "It is further recommended that the Treasury be reimbursed for the publication of said Song Book by selling it at actual cost to the chapters." The resolution as amended follows:

"That the Executive Secretary be instructed to have compiled a Song Book and to draw upon the National Treasury for funds necessary to meet the cost of publication. It is recommended that the Executive Secretary co-operate with the chapters and musicians within the Fraternity in compiling such Song Book. It is further recommended that the Treasury be reimbursed for the publication of said Song Book by selling it at actual cost to the chapters."

The resolution as amended was adopted.

11. That this Convention accept the invitation of Zeta Chapter to hold the next Convention in the City of Columbus, Ohio.

Moved by Brother Hargear (N), and duly seconded, that the following substitute resolution be passed in preference to the one recommended:

"That the Grand Prudential Committee shall designate the time and place of the next Convention, that such Convention shall be held in the year 1921, and that the Grand Prudential Committee be requested to notify the chapters and alumni of their decision at least six months before such Convention."

The substitute resolution was adopted.

12. That this Convention recommend to each chapter that it install a double-entry accounting system, that where practicable the H. E. be placed under bond, and that the books be audited by a competent accountant or expert alumnus.

Moved by Brother Rice (A), duly seconded, that the following resolution be substituted for the one offered:

"That as soon as five chapters apply for a universal accounting system the Grand Prudential Committee shall take steps to supply such system to those chapters, and that Brother Musgrave be selected as Chairman, with power to select his assistants, of a Committee to investigate and recommend a proper system to the Grand Prudential Committee."

The substitute resolution was adopted.

13. That it shall be the privilege of any chapter or alumni council or individual member of this Fraternity to present to any other chapter or alumni council or an individual member of this Fraternity its or his views on any matter relating to general fraternity business or interest, but that in all cases of such communications in writing, copies of such communications shall be sent to the Grand Prudential Committee. Carried.

14. That the Grand Prudential Committee designate and use a Trust Company or National Bank as a depository for the funds of this Fraternity under such regulations as the Grand Prudential Committee shall deem advisable. Carried.

15. That the Grand Prudential Committee be authorized to keep on hand, or easily accessible, a sufficient supply of official and customary badges, pledge pins, coat-of-arms, seals, stationery, song books, pennants, hat bands, etc., and supply same to chapters and members of this Fraternity at prices fixed by the Grand Prudential Committee. Carried.

16. That suggestions be made from time to time by the chapters or members thereof to the Editor of THE TOMAHAWK and the Grand Prudential Committee in regard to the policy and for the benefit of THE TOMAHAWK. Carried.

17. That the National Fraternity shall defray all reasonable bona fide expenses of the official delegates to and from the National Conventions. Lost (see Constitution).

18. That the Grand Prudential Committee is hereby directed to exercise the privileges and duties referred to in Section 10 of Article XX of the Constitution (the 1917 Constitution). Carried.

19. That Section 5 of Article IV be amended by inserting the words, "of collegiate grade and national" after the word "Fraternity." The amended section to read:

"No chapter shall ever initiate members of any other Greek Letter Fraternity of collegiate grade and national in scope except those of a purely honorary or professional character." Carried.

20. That Sections 1 and 2 of Article VIII be amended by substituting "Grand Prudential Committee" for "G. J. P." each time it occurs. Carried.

21. That Section 1 of Article IX be repealed and the following new section substituted in its stead:

"The Grand Officers of this Fraternity shall consist of a G. S. P., a G. J. P., a G. S., a G. C. S., a G. E., a G. M., an Editor of THE TOMAHAWK, and the Grand Prudential Committee. Said Grand Prudential Committee shall consist of three members, all of whom shall reside within seventy-five (75) miles of the National Headquarters. The Chairman of said Grand Prudential Committee shall be the Executive President of this Fraternity." Carried.

22. That Section 1 of Article X be amended by inserting the word "the" after the word "all," and by inserting the words "in Article IX of this Constitution" after the word "named," the amended section to read as follows:

"All the officers above named in Article IX of this Constitution shall be elected by the delegates to the National Conventions of the Fraternity." Carried.

23. That section 2 of Article X be amended by inserting the word "twice" after the word "tie" in the last sentence, to read:

"If a tie twice results the election shall be decided by lot."

24. That two new sections be added to Article X to be known as Sections 3 and 4, respectively, as follows:

"Section 3. The Grand Prudential Committee shall elect from its members a chairman who shall thereupon become said Executive President. Carried.

"Section 4. The Grand Prudential Committee shall have authority to fill vacancies in office arising under this Constitution for the unexpired term for which the officers named thereunder have been chosen, and may recall said Editor of THE TOMAHAWK at any time, for reasonable cause. Any member of the Grand Prudential Committee whose residence is changed so that he resides more than seventy-five (75) miles from the National Headquarters shall immediately thereupon cease to be a member of said Grand Prudential Committee." Carried.

25. That Section 2 of Article XI be amended by striking out the entire last sentence, "When the Executive Secretary is impeached the charges shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary who shall in such event perform the duties provided in this section for the Executive Secretary." Carried.

26. That Section 3 of Article XII be repealed and a new section substituted in its place as follows:

"The G. S., the G. C. S., the G. E. and the G. M. shall perform such duties as shall be specially delegated to them by this Constitution and the National Conventions." Carried.

27. That five new sections be added to Article XII to be known as Sections 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, respectively, as follows:

"Section 6. The Editor of THE TOMAHAWK shall supervise the editorial work of THE TOMAHAWK, and shall have authority to appoint assistant editors to assist him in such part of THE TOMAHAWK." Carried.

"Section 7. The Grand Prudential Committee shall perform the duties of a National Executive Committee during the recesses of the National Conventions, have charge of the administrative and recording work of this Fraternity, have charge of the publication and distribution of THE TOMAHAWK and of the chapter letters, alumni notes, notices, communications and advertisements published therein. It shall have authority to employ an Executive Secretary, who shall not be a member of said Grand Prudential Committee, and such other assistants as shall be reasonably necessary; to fix their wages, terms of employment and conditions under which their duties shall be performed; and to appoint and employ the publication manager and managing editor of THE TOMAHAWK and to fix the emolument and conditions under which the same shall be published. Carried.

"Section 8. The Executive President shall perform the duties of an Executive Officer for this Fraternity during the recesses of the Grand Prudential Committee, and shall from time to time make reports to the full Grand Prudential Committee of his acts thereunder. Carried.

"Section 9. The Executive Secretary may perform all formal and routine functions of the Grand Prudential Committee; and communications to and orders for supplies from the Grand Prudential Committee may be addressed to him. Carried.

"Section 10. The Grand Prudential Committee shall maintain National Headquarters in or near the City of New York, in which shall be kept the archives of this Fraternity, and at which the Executive Secretary and his assistants shall be in attendance at the times prescribed by the Grand Prudential Committee." Carried.

28. That Section 10 of Article XIII be repealed. Carried.

29. That Section 11 of Article XIII be hereafter known as Section 10 of this Article, the same to be amended (1) by striking out the words "and such Grand Officers as the Convention shall designate," and (2) by inserting after the word "Chapter" the following: "Of the G. J. P., of the Executive President, of the Executive Secretary and", the section as amended to read thus:

"Section 10. The Expenses to the National Conventions of one delegate from each Chapter, of the G. J. P., of the Executive President, of the Executive Secretary, and of the Editor of THE TOMAHAWK shall be paid by the Fraternity." Carried.

30. That Sections 12, 13, and 14 of Article XIII be known hereafter as Sections 11, 12, and 13, respectively, of the same Article. Carried.

31. That Section 2 of Article XIV be reworded and amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Petitions shall be made to the G. J. P. who shall immediately make a thorough investigation of the qualifications of the members of the petitioning body for membership in this Fraternity, and promptly forward said petition with his report thereon to the Grand Prudential Committee, who shall in turn promptly refer the said petition with all recommendations thereon to the Chapters for their acceptance or rejection." Carried.

32. That Sections 3 and 4 of Article XIV be amended by striking out the word "application" each of the three times it occurs and substituting the word "petition" in its stead. Carried.

33. That Section 4 of Article XIV be further amended by striking out the word "two-thirds" and substituting instead the word "three-fourths." Lost.

34. That Section 8 of Article XIV be amended by striking out the letters "G. J. P." and substituting instead the words "Grand Prudential Committee." Carried.

35. That Section 9 of Article XIV be repealed and that Section 15 of this Article be substituted instead thereof. Carried.

36. That Section 12 of Article XIV be amended by striking out the word "Officers" and all that follows to the end of the

first sentence, and substituting instead thereof the following: "Prudential Committee, but its Charter may be revoked, suspended, or withdrawn only by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the Chapters." The amended sentence to read:

"Any Chapter violating the terms of this Constitution may be disciplined by the Grand Prudential Committee, but its Charter may be revoked, suspended or withdrawn only by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the Chapters." Carried.

37. That Section 14 of Article XIV be amended by striking out the letters "G. J. P." and by substituting instead the words "Grand Prudential Committee," and further by substituting the word "officers" for "offices" in the second sentence. Carried.

38. That all of Article XVI be repealed. Carried.

39. That Articles XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, and XXII become Articles XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX, and XXI, respectively. Carried.

40. That Section 1 of Article XXII (new Article XXI) be amended by striking out the letters "G. J. P." and by substituting instead the words "Grand Prudential Committee." Carried.

The Publication Manager of THE TOMAHAWK explained the reason for the delay of the August number, stating that it was to be issued during October as a Convention Number.

Moved, and duly seconded, that the present Editor and the present Publication Manager be authorized to complete the current Volume (XVI) of THE TOMAHAWK. Motion carried.

Adjournment took place at 1 P. M.

CHAS. E. HALL,
Acting G. S.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1919—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The final session of the 9th Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi was called to order by G. J. P. Musgrave at 3:19 P. M.

Roll call showed that all chapters were represented.

A further report by Brother Rice (A) of the Committee of the Whole was made proposing the following changes in the Constitution and By-Laws:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

1. That Section 5 of Article XII be amended (1) by inserting after the words "the Grand Junior President,—" the following: "the G. S., the Grand Secretary,—the G. C. S., the Grand Corresponding Secretary,—" (2) by omitting the word "and" before the letters "G. E.," and (3) by inserting after the words "the Grand Treasurer," the following: "and the G. M., the Grand Marshal," the section as amended to read:

"To the outside world the above named Officers shall be known as follows: the G. S. P., shall be the Grand Senior President, the G. J. P., the Grand Junior President,—the G. S., the Grand Secretary,—the G. C. S., the Grand Corresponding Secretary,—the G. E., the Grand Treasurer, and the G. M., the Grand Marshal. Certificates of resolutions and votes taken on behalf of the Fraternity with persons not in any way connected with it shall be held under these titles and shall be deemed legal when so used in its behalf."

2. That Section 6 of Article XIV, in regard to the form of Chapter to be issued, be amended so as to provide for the signatures of the G. S., the G. C. S., and the G. M., in addition to those named therein, and to be arranged in the following order:

"..... G. S. P.
..... G. J. P.
..... G. S.
..... G. C. S.
..... G. E.
..... G. M. "

AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS.

3. That Sections 3, 4, and 5 of Article I of the By-Laws be repealed and the following sections be substituted instead:

"Section 3. Each Chapter shall pay annual dues to be fixed by the National Conventions or the Grand Prudential Committee, which shall not exceed \$5.00 for each and every active member it may have for each and every academic year or any part thereof. Chapters shall not be responsible for such annual dues for initiates during the academic year in which they were initiated.

"Section 4. An initiation fee of \$10.00 shall be levied upon every candidate initiated into this Fraternity as an

Active Member after the first day of September, 1913, and shall be paid into the Fraternity Treasury by said candidate or for him by the Chapter into which he is initiated, on or before the day on which said candidate is initiated. Permits or receipts therefor shall be issued by the Grand Prudential Committee. No badges shall be furnished to said Chapter for such initiates until said initiation fees have been paid.

"Section 5: An initiation fee of \$3.00 shall be levied upon every candidate initiated into this Fraternity as a Faculty Member after the day this section becomes effective, and shall be paid into the Fraternity Treasury by said candidate or for him by the Chapter into which he is initiated, on or before the day on which said candidate is initiated. Receipts or permits therefor shall be issued by the Grand Prudential Committee."

4. That a new section to be known as Section 6 be inserted in Article I of the By-Laws to read thus:

"Section 6. Teaching fellows, instructors, tutors, prize scholars, and other faculty members not devoting their entire time to instruction and administrative work but devoting part time only thereto while pursuing studies are to be construed as Active Members and not as Faculty Members for the purposes of this Article."

5. That old Section 6 of Article I become new Section 7, and be amended by inserting the words "Except as herein expressly provided," at the beginning of said section. The section to read in part as follows:

"Section 7. Except as herein expressly provided, dues and other charges fixed by these By-Laws," etc.

6. That old Section 7 of Article I become new Section 8, and be amended by striking out the words "Alumni and Faculty" in the first sentence and the word "Alumni" in the second sentence, otherwise to remain as formerly.

7. That old Section 8 of Article I become new Section 9, and be amended (1) by striking out, the word "Alumni" in the first line; and (2) by striking out all that follows after the word "apply" in the last line but one; and (3) by substituting the following after the word "apply": "to Faculty Members after the

academic year in which they were initiated." The section as amended to read:

"Section 8. Active and Faculty Members, and Initiates shall receive THE TOMAHAWK free of charge during their connection with the institution of learning at which a Chapter is located, providing that this Section shall not apply to Faculty Members after the academic year in which they are initiated."

8. That Section 6 of Article V be amended by substituting "Grand Prudential Committee" for the letters "G. J. P."

Action was favorable on all the foregoing amendments as proposed by the Committee, the Amendments being adopted, subject to ratification by the various chapters.

Moved, and duly seconded, that the Grand Prudential Committee be authorized to issue a Directory this Academic year (1919-1920), new editions hereafter to be issued and supplied by the Grand Prudential Committee, the price not to exceed Two (\$2.00) Dollars per member. Motion carried.

Moved, and duly seconded that the Grand Prudential Committee be authorized to make an attempt to get a uniform Roster for all chapters of this Fraternity. Motion carried.

Informal discussions led by Brother Rice (A) in regard to the work of the Alumni Secretary, and by Brother Hargear (N) with respect to our editorial policy.

Brothers Carter (O) and Head (A) were appointed Tellers for the election of officers.

The election of Grand Officers resulted as follows:

G. S. P.—Simeon Eben Baldwin (A'58), 39
William Wallace Crapo (A'49), 21
Brother Baldwin was declared elected.

G. J. P.—Wayne Montgomery Musgrave (A'07, B'11), 60
Brother Musgrave was declared re-elected unanimously midst prolonged applause.

G. S. —Tracy Barrett Kittredge (N'13), 60
Brother Kittredge was declared elected unanimously.

G. C. S.—Raymond Harkison Kenyon (A'12-P'16), 60
Brother Kenyon was declared elected.

G. E. —No ELECTION upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried.

G. M. —Herbert Spencer Atkinson (Z '08), 60
Brother Atkinson was declared elected.

EDITOR OF THE TOMAHAWK—Henry Edgerton Chapin
(T '81), 60

Brother Chapin was declared re-elected.

GRAND PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE—(See Minutes of Morning Session, this date).

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by its Chairman, Brother Mosiman (T). Among others the following resolutions were presented:

"That the enthusiastic thanks of the Fraternity be extended to Rho Chapter, to the Twin City Alumni Council, and the members individually of these bodies for the wonderful hospitality and delightful entertainment received from them by this Convention."

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

"That the Fraternity express its high esteem for and its deep appreciation of the faithful and successful labor of G. J. P. Wayne M. Musgrave, the father of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, who by his earnest efforts during the past twelve years has made Alpha Sigma Phi what it is to-day."

The resolution was adopted unanimously. (Applause.)

"That this Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity express its high esteem and voice its appreciation to G. S. P. Cyrus Northrup for his loyal support during the past four years."

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Closing remarks were made by G. J. P. Musgrave.

The Ninth Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity adjourned, *sine die*, at 4:54 P. M. with thirty-two in the Mystic Circle.

CHAS. E. HALL,
Acting G. S.

APPENDIX "A"

Roll of the Ninth National Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi

The following members, listed according to chapters, were in attendance during the Convention. The official delegate of a chapter is indicated by an asterisk (*) placed before his name. A chapter letter in parenthesis (), after a name indicates that this member is affiliated also with the chapter whose letter is thus shown. Such affiliated members are listed under each chapter with which affiliated.

The Roll of Delegates:

Alpha—Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

Douglas Perry Head
Raymond LeRoy Hewitt
Wayne Montgomery Musgrave (B)
Cyrus Northrup
*Cleaveland Jocelyn Rice
Herbert Allen Sawyer
Frederick Hemingway Waldron Jr.

Beta—Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

*Harold Truscott Davis
Lester Weck Feezer
Wayne Montgomery Musgrave (A)
William Alvin Pittinger

Gamma—Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst.

Henry Edgerton Chapin
*Guy Franklin MacLeod

Delta—Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio.

Charles B. Elliot
*Arthur Henry Savenye

Epsilon—Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

*Edward Harold Hughes

Zeta—Ohio State University, Columbus.

*Ralph Davis Roehm

Eta—University of Illinois, Champaign—Urbana.

Harold Speer Reid
*Maurice John Pierce

Theta—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Martin Calkins Briggs
*Harry Dore Hause

Iota—Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

*John Roberts Aikins

Kappa—University of Wisconsin, Madison.

*Clarence Henry Beglinger

*Harold Otto Pinther

Lambda—Columbia University, New York, N. Y.

*Charles Ernest Hall

Raymond Harkison Kenyon (P)

Edmund Burke Thompson, Jr.

Mu—University of Washington, Seattle.

*John Main Coffee

Irving D. Winslow

Nu—University of California, Berkeley.

*Frank Foli Hargear

Xi—University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Clear Clement Golden

Harry David Hawthorne

*Carlisle Logan Jones

Omicron—University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

*Earl William Braun

James Hinman Carter

Pi—University of Colorado, Boulder.

*Eugene Theodore Lindberg

Rho—University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Charles Clifford Ashley

Leon Mervin Billings

Bozotech Chestmir Bren

Anders John Carlson

Charles Hiram Eldridge

Russell Seth Fallgatter

Floyd Manleigh Friar

Otto William Fritzke

Thomas Francis Gallagher

Warren Leonard Hanna

Harry Door Harper

Herbert LeRoy Holm

Clarence Jay Iverson

Harold Francis Janecky

*Paul Jaroschak

Raymond Harkison Kenyon (A)

Francis Romeo Kitzman

Howard Theodore Lambert

Reginald Richard Mitchell

Gerhard Frederick Neils

Clarence Edward Olson

Sidney Allen Patchin

Alfred Gerard Patterson

Robert Cunningham Rawson

Boyd William Robinson

George Adolph Schurr

Kenneth Hale Sims

Gordon Wadsworth Sprague

Peter Theodore Swanish

Raymond Kenneth Swanson

Frank Jay Tupa

Percival William Viesselman

Charles Thomas Wangensteen

Owen Harding Wangensteen

Sigma—University of Kentucky, Lexington.

*Everett Edward Kelly.

Marion Grinter Lasley

Tau—Stanford University, Stanford, California.

*Floyd Welcome Mosiman.

Upsilon—Pennsylvania State College, State College.

*Truman Bruce Peters.

APPENDIX "B"

A Communication

THE EQUITABLE TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK
COLONIAL BRANCH
222 Broadway

New York, August 25, 1919.

MR. WAYNE M. MUSGRAVE, Grand Junior President,
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,
51 Chambers Street,
New York.

MY DEAR MR. MUSGRAVE:

Through your courtesy we have been favored with the account of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity for several years, and understanding, that at the coming convention it is possible that some change may be made in the method of handling the funds of the Fraternity, we venture to express the hope that that account may be continued with us.

We trust that you have been satisfied with the services rendered, and can assure the Fraternity of the continuance of our best efforts.

Very truly yours,

E. L. JUDSON,
Manager.

APPENDIX "C"

Report of the Grand Junior President, Minneapolis, 1919

TO ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED:

Greeting:—Once more my gavel falls over the deliberations of the National Convention and I find representatives from Rho, Sigma, Tau, and Upsilon Chapters entitled to a seat therein. These chapters hail as follows:

Rho, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Sigma, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, Tau, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, Upsilon, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pennsylvania.

PENDING PETITIONS. At present petitions are pending for charters from Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. These should be discussed in Committee of the Whole and I will not at this time make any recommendations therein.

INTER-FRATERNITY CONFERENCE. During the last four years this Fraternity has been continued to be represented in this institution and at present is represented on the Executive Committee by its Treasurer who is a member of this Fraternity.

During the War this institution has had a great deal of work to do and a more detailed account of its activities in connection with the government will be found in its report that is printed and available for all. It has succeeded in securing the official recognition of fraternities as instruments of good from the War Department.

WAR ACTIVITIES.—Gentlemen: If there was ever a time when fraternity men had a just right to be proud of their work it is now when the social tendencies seem to be so unsettled. It is worthy of note that during the war not a single man wearing a Greek Letter badge showed a yellow streak, talked or acted pro-German, was a pronounced pacifist, aided or abetted treason, sedition, or disloyalty, or refused to serve the country for so-

called conscientious scruples; but they flocked to the colors without regard to personal sacrifices of any kind. Hundreds made the supreme sacrifice and our fraternity was well represented in every field of loyal devotion to country and kind.

But the opponents of college fraternities furnished all the so-called "Conscientious objectors" or any formal opposition to the work of devotion to which the nation had committed itself. Some of this was probably sincere but misguided, but very very much of it appeals to me as an exhibition of yellow cowardice on the part of the young men who were active in this so-called "college men's" work. They are entitled to all the questionable glory their treasonable efforts warrant.

Since the last Convention the Directory has been printed, distributed, and entirely paid for. The remaining copies on hand will be distributed without further charge. In this regard it will be recalled the boys were anxious to have a directory of the fraternity printed and voluntarily voted to finance the same by having the treasury advance the funds and then charge 50 cents to each initiate until this money was returned. Before this process was complete the edition had become practically worthless and I strongly recommend some improvement over this method if future editions are to be published.

HISTORY OF A Σ Φ. This work is going forward and the data accumulated for the end in view. It will not be hurried, however, as it is very necessary that accurate and as near complete information regarding the activities of our men in the recent war as can be obtained should be a part of the work when it emerges from the press.

NEW SONG BOOK. A second edition of the "Songs of Alpha Sigma Phi" should be published at the earliest possible moment. The failure of the individual chapters and men to co-operate to secure the newer songs is chiefly responsible for the failure to bring out a new edition.

SCHOLARSHIP. I repeat my suggestions of four years ago regarding a scholarship cup and conscious efforts to stimulate friendly rivalry among chapters for good work in college.

RITUALS. I can only repeat what I said four years ago regarding revision of our rituals.

TRANSFORMING ADMINISTRATION. Following the general understanding that developed at the San Francisco Convention four years ago amendments were prepared and enacted that transferred the administrative work of this Fraternity from the G. J. P. to the Grand Prudential Committee the Constitution was amended to take effect on October 1st, 1917. The war clouds gathered so rapidly that the Convention called for that fall in September had to be indefinitely adjourned and immediately after the power and authority had passed to the hands of this Committee, Brother Van Stone, who had been the leader of the opposition to the "one man domination" of the Fraternity was the first to suggest to me that it was necessary that I should continue to exercise its authority until the next convention and insisted that it was my duty as well. Believing that the activities would be so curtailed that I could perform the services and fearing that the constructive work of the past ten years would go to waste if I did not accept I consented to remain in charge of the Fraternity until after the next Convention unless my duties to my country prevented. At that time I expected and hoped some place might be accorded to me in the military service but the best they would permit me to do was to assist in the counter propaganda that sought to overcome and undermine the activities of the disloyal elements in the nation. It was my good fortune to make an extended tour through the northwest for the National Security League and also to speak in many parts of New England, New Jersey, and New York. Between times I practiced law and took care of A. S. P.

The time has now arrived for me to make my final report, and prepare to retire from the active management of the Fraternity in order that my entire energies may be devoted to my profession.

My long and varied experience in the administrative work of the Fraternity has shown the wisdom of having the economic fabric of the Fraternity well woven and its management so concentrated as to place responsibility where it rightfully belongs and then demand results. To this end we have a Prudential Comi-

mittee of three and I strongly recommend that it be continued as such and that its members be chosen from the same locality or the environment of New York with the understanding that as any member shifts his residence to some distant point he will resign and permit the remaining members to fill his place. To this end I also recommend that the Prudential Committee be given full authority to fill all vacancies.

It may be well to make a distinction between the working officers of the Fraternity and those which are more nearly honorary, or who perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Prudential Committee. The following officers are no longer needed to administer the affairs of the Fraternity: G. S., G. C. S., G. E. and G. M. I suggest that the duties heretofore assigned to them under the Constitution be repealed, and they be given such duties as the Prudential Committee assigns them from time to time. This will give a distinction between the working and honorary officers of the Fraternity and permit the social value of these offices to be maintained without invalidating our efforts to keep efficient administration.

I am willing to devote such time to the expansion work of the Fraternity as will be needed from my duties if it be the pleasure of the Convention to direct it, for the experience I have had, the connections I have made with fraternity officers, and my acquaintanceship with the colleges and fraternity situations generally are of such a nature that they are valuable to us as a whole. I am deeply interested in the future of this organization and want to see it expand in the right directions and under proper conditions.

EXPANSION POLICY. I cannot agree with a small minority of our Fraternity that evidently think we should employ a field agent to peddle A Σ Φ badges among college students generally. In the twelve years since I formulated the present policy we have advanced from two to twenty chapters, or 1,000%, and from 26 to 696 active members, or 2677% and not a single mistake has been made either in the rank of the institution selected or the personnel of the chapter created. A Σ Φ has the most unique chapter roll of any fraternity in the country with the single exception of Sigma Phi. I feel that we should not digress from the policy that has led us to such successful results and that we

should continue to plant chapters wherever the environment and personnel of the men are proper without regards to locality, keeping in mind, however, that we do not aspire to be the biggest fraternity if either the number of chapters or the numerical strength of men are the criterion of "bigness." There is no doubt that the west and south happen to possess more desirable institutions than the east and north. I should not be averse to going into either McGill or Toronto Universities if opportunities present. Thirty-five or forty chapters should be our limit and we need have no haste in securing the extra chapters that will be needed to reach these limits. Better that our fraternity should remain small enough that its various members may be able to remain brothers in fact instead of name, and that the evils of a traveling secretary or a division into provinces should be introduced to make trouble and useless expense with no compensating returns.

PSEUDONYM. Gentlemen, the term "Sig." with which we are all so familiar is not confined to our Fraternity and in fact does not belong to it. Sigma Phi originated it and by all the rules of honor and fairness should be entitled to its use alone. Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Alpha Sigma Phi, Delta Sigma Phi, and probably some others also use it freely. There is a name that we have neglected that no others would appropriate and it seems to me that we should seize and use it forthwith. It is made up of our three initial letters Anglicized and pronounced as one syllable, but in the plural, Asps. Think it over seriously and act upon it.

FINANCES. On June 20th, 1907, when we organized the present national fraternity we did not have enough money to pay for the die that was used in printing the first lot of stationery we used. On the first day of August, 1919, we had in the bank \$5,442.87 and the various chapters owed us about \$2,000.00 more. My policy has been to build up the finances of the fraternity during the war and yet not press too hard upon the individual chapters that were also struggling along under adverse circumstances. I think the Prudential Committee should have a free hand in administration, but no doubt it will be able to finance the fraternity from the present income of \$9.00 and \$2.00 net

respectively from the initiates and active members. Headquarters can be maintained, an Executive Secretary paid a reasonable salary, and a stenographer employed to assist. If the right type of man is employed he can look after the circulation of THE TOMAHAWK, assist the Editor, and keep the fraternity records in good condition. As there will be a transition period during which an opportunity to frequently consult me regarding something that is connected with present and past administrative work I have reserved a room for the exclusive use of the fraternity during a part of each working day in my office and the use of a stenographer's desk in the outer office for a monthly expenditure of \$50 a month if it is desired to keep the headquarters where they are for a time. I will not exact a lease, and the fraternity can leave at any time if it so desires. I merely offer this opportunity if you wish to avail yourself of it, as otherwise I can easily rent this room and the other privileges for as much or more than I am asking from the fraternity. You will have all the advantages of a \$2,000 office for \$600 per year. I do not want any resolution that will tie the hands of the Prudential Committee passed, however.

FRATERNITY JEWELRY. Last year my attention was called to the imposition of our fraternity jewelers in their reduction of the amount of gold they used in the plate or base of our pin and the substitution of lead as a filler for the interior. At the same time, I was offered 20 per cent. from our retail prices if the distribution was attended to by the central office. Extra charges had been made for war taxes over the old retail prices, and I accordingly decided to avail myself of this advantage and make the profits inure to the benefit of THE TOMAHAWK instead of the jewelers that were distributing the badges. The advertising that had amounted to but \$140 a year at a cost of over \$133 to printers for the mechanical work they performed was replaced by a profit of \$346.27 that was net to THE TOMAHAWK for the part of the year it was in force. I believe it will result in over \$600 per year for that publication and save the necessity of advancing the subscription price to the alumni. It must not be forgotten that the active members have always furnished the support of the publication.

ACCOUNTING SYSTEM. I believe the time has now come when an accounting system should be devised and used by every chapter of the Fraternity and supervised at headquarters regularly by monthly reports. Such a system should be so simple that it will not require an expert accountant to use it. The one adopted and published by the Inter-Fraternity Conference is too cumbersome and expensive for us. I suggest a loose-leaf affair that will be used in not more than two binders, whose leaves are so ruled that they will fit therein, and the fillers supplied by the Fraternity at cost. Such will probably cost us about \$700 to install, or about \$35 per chapter, with annual expense afterwards of not more than \$5 at the outside to maintain. A budget system should be provided for and the Steward's and Treasurer's accounts kept separate. I shall be glad to act upon a committee to perfect such a system that will be practical, simple, and thorough.

STATIONERY. Since the convention in Columbus I have followed the directions and never printed any envelopes with the fraternity's name and address thereon. I thought it a mistaken policy then, and as the tendency now is to print and distribute envelopes and other mail matter, I strongly urge upon this convention the repeal of that old legislation and permit the Prudential Committee to follow its own decisions therein. Practically all fraternities now permit the free use on their stationery of their names and addresses.

With sincere thanks for your courtesy and kindness, I remain,

Sincerely yours in A. S. F.,

WAYNE M. MUSGRAVE.

BALANCE SHEET—July 31, 1919

Covers Transactions from August 1, 1915 to July 31, 1919

	Debit	Credit	Assets	Liabilities	Loss	Gain
Due from Chapters.....	\$1,477.50	.....	\$1,477.50	.....	.....	.....
Due from Members.....	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....
Checks and Check Books.....	156.10	\$92.10	64.00	.....	.....	.....
History of A Σ Φ.....	10.00	317.00	.....	\$307.00	.....	.....
*Cash.....	21,667.45	16,224.58	5,442.87	.....	.....	.....
*Expense.....	8,728.22	.....	.....	.....	\$8,728.22	.....
*Dues.....	.....	4,279.00	.....	.....	.....	\$4,279.00
*Licenses.....	.....	10,500.00	.....	.....	.....	10,500.00
Directories.....	592.33	613.00	.....	.....	.....	20.67
Furniture and Fixtures.....	491.63	.....	350.00	.....	144.63	.....
*Shingles.....	191.70	272.97	.....	.....	.....	81.27
Fines.....	12.75	137.25	.....	.....	.....	124.50
Interest.....	.....	125.20	.....	.....	.....	125.20
San Francisco Convention.....	2,398.19	.....	.....	.....	2,398.19	.....
A Σ Φ net worth, July 31, 1915.....	.....	3,182.02	.....	3,182.02	.....	.....
TOMAHAWK.....	9.00	.....	.....	.....	9.00	.....
Pins, etc.....	1,352.65	1,348.40	.....	.....	4.25	.....
	\$37,091.52	\$37,091.52	\$7,335.37	\$3,489.02	\$11,284.29	\$15,130.64
		Net Gain.....	.....	3,846.35	3,846.35	.....
			\$7,335.37	\$7,335.37	\$15,130.64	\$15,130.64

* Income and disbursements for the years 1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18, and 1918-19 are as follows for the items above listed:
 Cash \$6,383.26, \$4,520.60, \$4,820.83, \$5,936.67. Disbursements \$5,681.18, \$3,818.90, \$2,416.61, and \$4,307.80.
 Expenses \$2,325.49, \$2,297.64, \$1,967.26, \$2,119.83.
 Dues \$1,465.00, \$1,258.00, \$866.00, \$990.00. Licenses \$2,410.00, \$2,240.00, \$2,930.00 and \$2,020.00.
 Shingles, cost \$79.65, \$21.30, \$30.60, \$60.15. Sold, \$52.77, \$45.60, \$71.15, \$103.45.

APPENDIX "D"

Report of the Chairman of the Grand Prudential Committee

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK,

September 12, 1919.

TO ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY
IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED:

I expected to have a report for the Convention printed so that it could be distributed among those present, but it is now too late for that. I am therefore going to attempt in this letter to give you some of my ideas as to what should be done with reference to carrying on the work of the national organization.

THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. The first point to be considered is the location of our office. There is nothing to be gained by moving it west and a great deal to lose. In the first place, whoever takes up the work must be guided very largely for the time being by Brother Musgrave, and that would be impossible if the office were to be taken away from New York. All the inter-fraternity affairs take place in New York, and we would lose whatever advantage there is in association with other fraternities. I do not think there is any city in the country unless it be New York in which you will find at all times representatives of all the chapters. Anyone who has lived at Lambda Chapter House knows that at some time or other some member from every chapter is sure to come in during the course of the year. This is, of course, of great advantage, but the most effective argument in my opinion against moving our national offices is that such a proceeding would destroy the continuity and sense of permanence we ought to have toward the national organization. I believe that the Grand Chapter should be regarded as firmly fixed in New York as Alpha Chapter is at Yale.

I go into this at some length because I have heard rumors to the effect that moving the national offices to Chicago or some other city is to be brought up. I sincerely hope that no such action is taken.

THE GRAND PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE. I will next treat of the Grand Prudential Committee. We expected a great deal of this, but it has been a failure. In the first place, I was the only member of it who resided in New York. Brother Bisseil was in New Haven for a time, but afterwards went to Pittsburgh and other cities, and it was difficult or impossible for the most part to have the advantage of his consideration of the problems coming before the Committee. Brother Van Stone was located near New York a short period, but he afterwards went to Chicago and was thus removed from the Committee's activities. We held one or two sessions together, and our other sessions were held by mail, but this was entirely unsatisfactory, as the time wasted in writing back and forth and mutual misunderstandings over various points that came up made it almost impossible for us to act as a unit. Until the war came on I was able to co-operate with Brother Musgrave to some extent, but the fraternity could not have two heads, and my part was limited to voicing my own opinions and those of such others as came to my notice with reference to whatever matters were under consideration. When the war came on I offered to resign, but Brother Musgrave requested me to continue in the office and I have done so. Since April, 1917, however, I have had nothing to do with fraternity matters.

This all suggests that the only way in which the Committee can act effectively is for all of its members to be permanent residents of New York City or its environs. It should not be difficult to elect the proper men, as I believe almost every chapter has some one in the city and the Convention can act on the recommendations of various delegates.

We are at a time when a mistake would be disastrous, and I feel that every expression of opinion upon the problems to be determined will be helpful. I think I have covered most of what I wanted to say and the rest does not matter. I regret exceedingly that I cannot be with you, but I am in such a position now that I cannot leave Rochester.

Fraternally yours,

CYRIL J. CURRAN.

APPENDIX "F"

Report of the Auditing Committee

We report that we have audited the books of the G. J. P. and compared the balance thereon with that of the bank and find them to agree.

We have also examined the check book and stubs of THE TOMAHAWK handed to us by the Publication Manager, and find them to agree with the canceled checks and statements of the First National Bank of New Haven, Connecticut, the depository, to date. In view of the fact that the ledger of THE TOMAHAWK was not accessible for inspection at this time we were unable to audit and check the entries and totals therein.

Done at the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, this 18th day of September, 1919.

CHAS. E. HALL (A), *Chairman*;
EUGENE T. LINDBERG (II),
RAY H. KENYON (A-P).