

MINUTES: GRAND COUNCIL OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

PLACE OF MEETING: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 330 West 42nd Street, New York, N. Y.

DATE AND TIME: SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 21, 1940

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lloyd S. Cochran  
Malcolm Dresser  
Maurice J. Pierce  
Edmund B. Shotwell  
George E. Worthington  
Ralph F. Burns, Executive Secretary

GUEST PRESENT: Dr. Hugh M. Hart

In the absence of Dr. Gramblet whose illness prevented him from attending, the chair was occupied by Brother Pierce, Grand Junior President of the Fraternity.

Dr. Hart was welcomed and the Council commented that they were very happy to have him attend the meeting. Brother Pierce mentioned that the advice and assistance of the Phi Pi Phi men was proving a real asset to the fraternity.

96. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded and passed that the minutes of the meeting of July 22nd be approved as submitted. Brother Cochran asked if the minutes of the preceding meeting could not be sent out again with the agenda of the coming meeting. It was his opinion it would be worth-while to review the resolutions and motions of the preceding meeting. Decision was that in the future Brother Cochran's suggestion be followed.

97. Report of Executive Secretary: The Executive Secretary read his report. The Council agreed that discussion would take place on the items contained in the report later and in the order outlined by the agenda. Motion was presented by Brother Shotwell, duly seconded and carried that the Executive Secretary's report be accepted and filed.

98. National Finances:

A. Statements as of December 31, 1939:

1. General Fund: Brother Pierce stated that a solution to our problems as well as a program of future action will be dictated by our present financial condition. Following this a brief statement of the financial status of the Fraternity was made with accent on the fact that on the basis of dues and initiation fees collected an equitable balance has been realized not taking into consideration Phi Pi Phi funds.

In answer to Brother Cochran's statement that he had long been disturbed by the continued downward trend it was pointed out by Brother Burns that the new chapters were more likely to increase the figure estimated for

initiation fees in the budget. Brother Pierce stated that perhaps this was the closest we have come to operating within our budget.

Brother Cochran stated that AΦ is not a money-making organization and he would not take pride in showing a large profit for any year. He felt that we are duty bound to spend the money collected for the benefit of the chapters and asked what could be done to increase the revenue figures. He also asked if we are doing all we can within the budget and the personnel we now have to raise our initiation figures. He stated that we should go before the convention with one year of operating within our budget.

Brother Burns advocated closer chapter supervision as well as particular emphasis on scholarship. Thought was given to the practice of the chapters carrying pledges indefinitely.

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Motion was presented by Brother Shotwell, duly seconded and carried that in order to ascertain whether chapters are holding pledges too long, a request for list of pledges, names only, shall be obtained from each chapter in January of each year and names of those held over one year shall be noted and sent to alumni advisors with request that they encourage the chapter to initiate or drop those so carried over.

Discussion ensued relative to the hiring of additional help in the National Office. The possibility of hiring a traveling secretary or a clerk in the office to handle routine duties were the lines discussed. It was felt that additional help was essential if the national program were to be continued. The Council agreed that if more alumni could be interested and exerting their influence on the chapters the stronger the chapters would be and in consequence the greater the revenue of the National Organization.

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Motion was presented by Brother Shotwell, duly seconded by Brother Cochran and carried that the Executive Secretary be empowered to hire additional help for the National Office increasing the expenses thereby at the rate of not over \$25 per week for a period from January 20, 1940 until the Convention.

All agreed that the position of clerk could be reviewed at that time and the Council to decide as to whether the position should be continued permanently. It was hoped that it would be a self-liquidating expense.

Brother Burns pointed out that he would be able to give closer supervision to all chapters if he were not required to stay out on the road for such long periods of time. He advocated returning to the National Office at more frequent intervals.

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Motion was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded by Brother Dresser and carried that the salary of the Executive Secretary be increased \$10 a month retroactive from January 1, 1940.

Brother Pierce recommended that at the convention a report be submitted to the chapters listing cash received from the National Council of Phi Pi Phi, as well as amounts received at the time of installations from alumni and active members

and that the report also include a listing of all expenses incurred under the merger such as paraphernalia, installation, rehabilitation costs involved in the Mississippi and Case chapters. It was his opinion that said report would indicate that monies received would approximately cover what National Organization would have collected if each one of the five chapters were charged \$100 charter fee plus \$33 for each man initiated.

2. Tomahawk Fund: Brother Pierce mentioned that the Tomahawk Fund is increasing at the rate of about \$3000 a year. The latest statement from the trustees indicate an on-hand balance of \$63,888.57.

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Motion was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded by Brother Cochran and carried that the report of the trustees be accepted and placed on file and that a letter of commendation be prepared expressing the appreciation of the Grand Council for the splendid effort and work which the trustees have put in in connection with their responsibilities. It was the opinion of the Council that Brothers Shotwell and Burns in drafting the letter to the Trustees assume in a tactful manner that the cash available for investment be permanently invested or at least transferred to a savings account where it would draw interest rather than remain in the checking account.

B. Approval of Expenses:

5 Motion was presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and passed approving the purchase of dictating machines: Shaver costing \$102.82 and transcriber costing \$35.20. In addition to these two machines there will be a dictating machine for which National Office has not yet been billed. It is a second-hand machine and should cost about the same price as the transcriber.

6 Motion was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded and carried approving the loan of \$200 to the Kentucky Chapter.

7 Motion was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded by Brother Dresser and carried approving the merger expense in connection with the Case Chapter of \$5 a month to Brother Wilbert Port acting as chapter advisor retroactive from October of 1939 and continuing through the school year of 1939-40.

8 Motion was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded by Brother Dresser and carried approving the merger expense in connection with the Mississippi Chapter of \$40 covering rent for chapter rooms and including the approval up to \$100 if deemed advisable by the Grand Council.

9 Motion was presented, duly seconded and carried approving the expense of the Grand Council Meeting of January 21, 20, 1940.

C. Endowment Fund:

Brother Burns reported that Dr. Cramblet had written him concerning the Endowment Fund as follows: "I am personally in favor of asking the chapters to consider an assessment per member equal to the annual dues, the same to go into the National Endowment Fund, monies to be available for needs of active chapters as soon as the

fund is large enough to be worthwhile. A program of this kind should bring in \$3,000 or \$4,000 a year and we would probably find ourselves in a position to save certain other chapters in the future. I am sure that a few thousand in the treasury of national headquarters would have been a real help in certain emergencies in the past. With a program of this kind endorsed by the active chapters, we will be in a position to appeal for support from the alumni of the fraternity and perhaps receive some substantial assistance".

Discussion followed particularly along the lines of Dr. Cramblet's suggestion and the reaction of the chapters to such a program. Brother Worthington cited the cases of Sigma Nu, SAE, and Delta Tau Delta; these fraternities assessing their members monthly, semi-annually and annually for their endowment funds.

It was suggested by Brother Pierce that each member of the Grand Council write an expression of his ideas on the endowment fund to Dr. Cramblet.

It was further suggested that the Executive Secretary survey the methods used by other nationals in raising endowment funds.

All agreed to await further action concerning the endowment fund until Dr. Cramblet had additional time to study the same and make specific recommendations.

D. Fidelity Bond:

Brother Pierce cited the letter sent to all treasurers advising them we could include them on a fidelity bond. This idea came to us from Phi Pi Phi. We have had some replies and the office is following up on the others. Renewal date on our bond is July. He proposed to cancel the bond we now have and that we have bond cover the office rather than the individual holding office. In doing this the company issuing the bond depends on us to get a bond application form filled out from each treasurer and each time a new treasurer is elected that a new form is turned over to the company. In the event of loss they then have information on which to check. From a legal standpoint we will have protection on every chapter listed on the memo. Bond will cover any monies to fraternity or chapter. Cost is a premium of \$2.50 per year per thousand dollars to be billed to each chapter.

Following questions were raised with regard to this type of bond. Whether the chapters would give their approval to such a program and whether the position of the chapter treasurer would be covered if we were delayed in getting the application in. It was pointed out by Brother Pierce that the chapters would not have to approve such a program but through suggestion on the part of the National Office we could have them conform to such a program. The National Office would be able to check at the time a new treasurer is elected to see that a new application was registered with the bonding company. He also stated there was a requirement that the chapter's accounts be audited at least once a year though this may be done by CPA, public accountant, prudential committee, etc.

10 Motion was presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried that action on the Fidelity Bond be approved.

99. Convention:

- A. Time & Place: Brother Pierce recalled that at the July meeting of the Council it was voted that the convention be held during 1940 in Ohio.

Brother Burns commented that should the convention be held at Ohio Wesleyan it would have to be the last week in June or the first week in September. In considering Baldwin-Wallace we must think of the proximity of Cleveland. He then read a letter from the HSP of Baldwin-Wallace inviting the convention to come to Berea. It was Dr. Hart's suggestion that the business sessions be held in Berea and the banquet in Cleveland.

It was the opinion of the Council that the convention should not be held in mid-summer due to the fact that delegates often had summer positions and in consequence would not be able to attend.

- 11 Motion was presented by Brother Shotwell, duly seconded by Brother Dresser and carried that the 1940 convention be held in the Cleveland area and that it be known as the Ohio Convention.

- 12 Motion was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded and passed that the convention be held in the Cleveland area with business sessions, if practical, at Berea and the time, if practical, sometime during the week ~~and~~ following Labor Day. He further elaborated that it was not the intention of any of these motions to tie the hands of the Executive Secretary or the Executive Committee or to make any suggestions directory but merely advisory.

- 13 Motion was presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded by Brother Worthington and passed that in the announcement of the convention that chapters be informed that one of the qualifications of delegates is that each will have at least half a school year before leaving the active chapter.

Throughout the discussion on the time and place of the convention it was the opinion of the group that as soon as possible the fraternity should return to one of the old type conventions with a very strong appeal to the alumni. It was realized that the financing of that type of convention was not possible at this time.

- B. Costs: Brother Burns suggested pro-rating the cost of the railroad expenses of the chapter delegates to each chapter. This would run about \$75.00. The National Organization would stand the expense of the Grand Council as well as the delegates' expenses at the Convention, except in the case of those chapters owing a back balance. Those chapters would stand their own expense and the National Organization would issue them credit on their account.

Brother Cochran advocated taking the amount of money owing prior to June 30, 1937 and adjusting it, billing every chapter on the basis of 10¢ on the dollar and paying the expenses of all chapters free and clear on that basis by June 30, 1940.

The members were in agreement that some arrangement should be made concerning this balance owed prior to June 30, 1937. Several chapters are making payments on their old balances and should the proposal of Brother Cochran's be adopted they might feel they had been foolish in attempting to pay off their indebtedness.

It was also pointed out that through increased interest on the part of alumni it might be possible to collect considerably more on the old balances than we are doing. It was felt that a proposal such as this would make for inequality among the chapters and it was further noted that no harm is being done to any chapter by allowing these accounts to stand on our books against them.

After a very full discussion Brother Cochran withdrew his proposal on the basis that sufficient reasons had been advanced as to why it should not be followed.

The Council considered Brother Burns' suggestion of pro-rating expenses to each chapter. It was believed this might be a dangerous precedent and possibly would be received more whole-heartedly by the chapters if the financial picture of the fraternity was presented to them at the convention and this plan of financing the convention suggested for future conventions. Brother Hart stated that one of the selling points for the Phi Pi Phi chapters was the fact that A&F always paid the expenses of their delegates.

Dr. Hart advocated raising the national dues to \$7.00; \$2.00 to be set aside for convention expense. It was pointed out that national dues if raised at this time would not help the 1940 convention. However, it was thought that at the 1940 convention consideration might be given to increasing the dues to \$7.00 per man; the \$2.00 addition to be transferred to a convention fund.

14 Motion was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded by Brother Shotwell and passed that we will pay the equal of the expenses of one delegate from each chapter who owes nothing to National Headquarters as of June 30, 1940 and for those chapters who have an unpaid balance on June 30, 1940 arising from charges made prior to the school year 1939-40 there is to be issued a credit equal to that which would have been paid had their account been settled in full.

Brother Worthington in considering the advisability of a registration fee such as was charged at the 1937 convention in Champaign remarked that he did not believe the alumni and alumni councils should be subject to this assessment. Brother Shotwell added that in his opinion the new chapters should not be charged.

15 Motion was presented by Brother Dresser, duly seconded by Brother Shotwell and carried that at the Ohio Convention to be held in 1940 a registration fee of \$20.00 be charged to each chapter installed prior to the college year 1939-40.

The Executive Secretary was asked that for information at the convention he secure from other national fraternities the basis on which they financed their convention.

- C. Program: It was Brother Burns' opinion that the convention program should not cover too large a field but ascertain the most important subjects and then cover them thoroughly. Convention should follow similar lines as that of the Champaign convention thinking in terms of problems facing the chapters and their solution.

Dr. Hart suggested that on the last day of the convention previous to the final banquet that a meeting of the alumni be called at which time the chairman of the convention could summarize the activities of the convention and in such a manner as to permit the alumni to know what has gone on. He also suggested that letters be written to all chapters inquiring what topics they wished discussed and then on the basis of replies received locate particular men to speak on the subjects. This will make the chapters realize the convention is for them.

Brother Worthington commented that there should be at least one inspirational speech and Brother Dresser asked if that talk could not include a brief history of the fraternity and the thought of our centennial in 1945.

The Council asked that all members of the Grand Council not in attendance at the meeting submit to the Executive Secretary their thoughts with reference to convention program. A tentative program will be submitted to the Grand Council for approval.

#### 100. Chapters and Alumni:

##### A. Chapters For Consideration:

1. Colorado: Brother Pierce read a portion of the report of the Executive Secretary on the Colorado Chapter. Brother Burns stated that the reports received from the chapter during the last two weeks were most encouraging. The greatest problem is the stimulating of the alumni to get behind the chapter and its program.

Brother Pierce stated that two things had contributed to the Colorado situation: lack of continuity in the position of treasurer of their house building fund which resulted in poor management of the chapter house finances and poor business practices on the part of the chapter.

Brother Burns reported that four men in the active chapter refused to join in the chapter program and the Council agreed that this situation would not be tolerated. Brother Shotwell prepared a letter to be sent to the HSP of the Colorado chapter regarding inactivity of these men and asking for his recommendation.

Thought was given to placing a resident advisor in the chapter next year. Brother Burns reported that the university has no scholarships for resident advisors but that the dean of men had told him it might be arranged. The only man who has applied for a position as resident advisor for next year is Dan Andrew and there are several places where he is needed.

It was the consensus of opinion that the Executive Secretary on his trip to Colorado would be able to again survey the situation. The dean of men should be contacted again with respect to a scholarship for an alumni advisor. The resident advisor could do a great deal of work with the alumni and a better relationship between the alumni and actives would result.

2. Iowa: Brother Burns reported that two pledges in the chapter had worked out their initiation fee to the chapter. This included the national fee of \$33.00. The chapter now does not have the cash to pay the national initiation fee and has written requesting that we defer the payment of fees.

16 Motion was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded by Brother Shotwell and carried that the Executive Secretary be empowered to take whatever action he deems advisable in accepting a note for the two Iowa chapter pledges who had paid their national initiation fees to the chapter; this note to be secured in such manner as he can arrange and in any event to be paid before the end of this school year.

There was discussion concerning the opportunity of saving \$40,000 to \$60,000 in refinancing the Iowa Chapter House. Brother Pierce stated that in his opinion if the alumni and chapter could raise from \$3000 to \$5000 they could easily get a building and loan association to finance. It was the opinion of the council that the Executive Secretary on his visit to Iowa seek to enlist the support of the alumni in a program that would have as its goal the refinancing of the chapter house.

The Council agreed that a resident advisor at Iowa for the school year 1940-41 was advisable. Brother Burns reported that the University had no scholarships for resident advisors but that the alumni were willing to finance an advisor.

3. Ohio State: Our problem at this chapter is the pressure being exerted by the University on the chapter to the effect that the boys sign notes agreeing to pay off past indebtedness at the rate of \$150 a month. This is due the Fraternity Manager's Association for food, furniture and other supplies. On December 29, 1939, Delber Kinsel of the Fraternity Manager's Association called long distance requesting the National Organization to guarantee the payment of this obligation. The Executive Committee in New York discussed this and made the following proposal:

- (1) ~~At~~ will agree to work out with the Chapter in arrangement with the FMA for the satisfactory payment of the said chapter's balance with the FMA as of December 28, 1939, in the amount of \$841.11, which is not to be construed that the National Fraternity is assuming this financial obligation.
- (2) The National Organization will exercise supervision and control over the chapter in as far as it can in seeing the chapter meets this obligation.
- (3) We would guarantee on a month to month basis beginning with January, 1940 any obligations assumed by the chapter to the FMA, in the event they would discontinue credit to the chapter if a month's bill was not paid in full.



No word has been heard from Mr. Kinsel as to whether this proposal is satisfactory.

Brother Pierce suggested that should the pressure get too heavy that Dr. Cramblet write to the FMA stating it was poor business practice on their part to extend so much credit to the chapter and that they agree to make more reasonable arrangements.

Brother Burns noted that the chapter resident advisor, Dick Franklin, was doing an excellent job and that he would remain at the chapter next year. He further remarked that Ned Potts, chapter alumni advisor, was cooperating to the fullest extent with the National Organization and had been of real assistance in the reorganization of the chapter. Spirit in the chapter is good and they have made real progress this year.

It was the consensus of opinion that inasmuch as the resident advisor, Dick Franklin, and the chapter alumni advisor, Ned Potts, were on the job that further action could be handled by correspondence.

17 Motion was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded by Brother Dresser and carried that the Grand Council approve the Executive Secretary's report of his action in Columbus and wish to commend him for the excellent manner in which he handled the Ohio situation and for the success which attended his action.

4. Yale: Brother Pierce reviewed the situation and read recent correspondence between the National Office and the chapter and Cleave Rice.

Brother Cochran advocated a time limit on the Yale notes -- possibly 60 days. It was his opinion that the chapter in writing in for extension of time would be more aware of the obligation.

18 Motion was presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded by Brother Worthington and carried that the Executive Secretary attend Alpha Chapter meeting on Thursday night of this week and present to the active chapter our insistence that the records on initiates so far this year be completed immediately; that the balance of payments for fall initiations of 1939-40 amounting to \$494.00 be in our hands prior to our authorizing any further initiation and at the same time he call their attention to the action of the July meeting of the Grand Council in which we are expecting from them national dues payment for the year 1939-40, and at that time he also outline the normal procedure and obligations to be followed at the time of pledging and initiating and that a suitable notification of the coming of the Executive Secretary be sent to the chapter and to the trustees.

Brother Burns stated that in his opinion it would be advisable to have Ray Marcus, the former treasurer of the chapter, attend the Thursday meeting with him.

- ✓ Motion was presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded by Brother Worthington and passed that if it can be conveniently arranged that the Grand Council authorize the traveling expenses of two other Alpha men, to be selected by the Executive Secretary to accompany him on this trip.

Brother Cochran commented that the Grand Council should offer to cooperate with Cleave Rice on the forthcoming trustee meeting and that the Executive Secretary would attend the meeting if the trustees wished.

5. Kentucky: Brother Pierce reviewed events at the Kentucky chapter. Brother Burns stated that alumni and the chapter are going ahead in an effort to secure a house for next year. The chapter is holding regular meetings, charging dues, etc.

The Council agreed that this situation could be handled by correspondence.

6. Mississippi: During November word was received from the Mississippi group that they did not feel they could carry on because of lack of personnel and money to pay their obligations. In reviewing circumstances it was deemed advisable to support them to the extent of paying their rent for the balance of this year with the understanding that they would put forth every effort to build the chapter to the point where we could install them. Rental on chapter rooms is \$20.00 per month.

- Brother Worthington reported that he was much encouraged. We have had splendid reports from them. He further stated that he would be available for the Alabama initiation at which time it is hoped the group can be installed.

It was the opinion of the Council that the action taken in guaranteeing their rent would be a stimulating force for them to carry on.

7. Case: At the time of installation there were only ten active men in the chapter. In an effort to stimulate the chapter a resident chapter advisor was placed, Brother Wilbert Port.

Discussion developed that it was the belief of the Council that holding the convention in this area would do much to strengthen the chapter.

Dr. Hart stated that he felt confident that with the interest of the Sig alumni they will survive. He further mentioned that again it was the problem of a chapter in a large city. The Cleveland alumni are active and are interested in seeing that this chapter continues.

It was the consensus of opinion in the Council that with the Cleveland Alumni Council active and interested, the chapter resident advisor on the job, and the convention held in the area of the Case Chapter that conditions would improve.

- B. Visitation: During the discussion of conditions at Colorado and Iowa the question was raised as to whether the Executive Secretary planned to visit these two chapters again this year. Brother Pierce read excerpts from a letter sent by Brother Floyd Mosiman urging west coast visitation and stressing the importance of the west coast chapters having direct contact with National Headquarters.

Comment further revealed that it had been two years since the Executive Secretary had visited the west coast and although one or two men from the coast chapters would be in attendance at the convention that such attendance would not mean a great deal to the chapter as a whole. It was also noted that at the last two conventions we had more or less gone on record that each chapter in the National Organization would be visited at least once a year.

After consideration of the visitation budget it was deemed advisable that a west coast trip be made.

- 20 Motion was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded by Brother Shotwell and carried that visitation be made along the lines discussed and that at the same time the Executive Secretary look into the problem of placing a resident advisor at Colorado for the school year 1940-41.

In considering east coast visitation it was decided that the members of the Executive Committee could arrange to visit most of the chapters in this area. Brother Worthington advised the Council that he would visit the Alabama chapter on his trip through the south.

It was emphasized that the Executive Secretary on his visitation stress the importance of the national convention and that he endeavor to create enthusiasm among the alumni and alumni councils to send representatives to the convention as well as to aid the chapters, if necessary, in financing an undergraduate delegate.

101. Extension:

A. Report of Chairman:

Brother Worthington submitted his report and made the following comments: He stated that the most immediate and worth-while program is in connection with the possibility of either organizing groups or establishing chapters at schools where Phi Pi Phi had chapters because of the fact there are a number of alumni in these areas who wish to be initiated into A.P.F. He further noted there was a strong local at Washburn College in Topeka, Kansas which the alumni were investigating and were interested in.

B. Reorganization:

1. Oklahoma: The Executive Secretary reported that no further progress had been made at Oklahoma inasmuch as we are awaiting the date when all of the former under-graduates of our chapter have left the university. The Council

agreed this was a wise policy to follow.

2. Minnesota: Discussion revealed that considerable correspondence had transpired between the National Office and the alumni in Minneapolis. At the National Interfraternity Conference Meeting the Executive Secretary spoke with the Fraternity Advisor at Minnesota and he advised that we move cautiously on an reorganization program due to the fact that a number of well-organized groups on the campus at Minnesota were having difficulties. This is another case of a large city school with the majority of the student body coming from the St. Paul and Minneapolis areas. The Executive Secretary stated that in his opinion he should spend from two to three days on the campus at Minnesota investigating every angle before any definite program was outlined or followed.
3. Carnegie Tech: Representatives of this group believe that an address by Dr. Cramblet would revive interest to the extent of causing the group to finance a Sig organizer. Brother Burns stated he would contact Dr. Cramblet as to a convenient date for him to meet with the Pittsburgh alumni. With the financial support of the Pittsburgh alumni (they have about \$3000 in the bank) there seems to be an excellent possibility of reorganizing the Carnegie Tech chapter.

Considerable discussion ensued concerning other campus possibilities. The interest which the Tulsa alumni were taking with regard to a local group at the University of Tulsa was noted.

The Council noted Brother Mosiman's suggestion of expansion at Washington State and the University of British Columbia.

21 Motion was presented by Brother Dresser, duly seconded by Brother Cochran and passed that the report of the Chairman of Extension be accepted and filed and that the Council express to Brother Worthington its commendation and appreciation of the value of his services to the National Organization.

Brother Worthington asked that each member of the Grand Council submit their suggestions with reference to the extension program.

102. Miscellaneous:

A. U.C.L.A.

This proposal was on the basis that the National Organization guarantee up to \$150 for the support of an assistant dean in charge of fraternity affairs at U.C.L.A.

Brother Clarke's letter was read as well as Brother Mosiman's comments.

22 Motion was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded by Brother Dresser and carried that the action of the National Interfraternity Conference be approved and that we participate on the same basis as the other nationals having chapters at U.C.L.A.

B. Chapter Constitution & Ritual Committee:

It was reported by Brother Pierce that suggestions had been made and given to Brothers Clarke and Cochran with reference to changes in the ritual. Brother Pierce then read the letter from Brother Clarke and his proposal to review the rituals with Brother George McDonald of Chi Chapter and former chairman of the ritual committee. Brother Cochran stated that he had about completed the re-writing of Scene IV of the rituals and would make his comments directly to Brother Clarke.

23 Motion was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded by Brother Dresser and carried that each member of the Grand Council review a copy of the rituals and make suggested changes and that they be forwarded to Brothers Clarke and Cochran within a reasonable time.

This motion followed Brother Clarke's proposal that members of the Grand Council send suggestions to him directly.

C. Chapter Resident Advisors:

Brother Pierce presented the credentials of Brother Dan Andrew, chapter president of the Illinois group. Brother Andrew wishes to continue his graduate work and to act as a chapter resident advisor next year. Brother Pierce stated that he would recommend Brother Andrew without reservation. It was the decision of the Council that the Executive Secretary contact Brother Andrew assuring him of a definite opening for the fall of 1940 but leaving the placing to be worked out between Brother Andrew, the Executive Secretary and Brother Worthington as chairman of extension.

24 Motion was presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried that a communication be sent to all chapters from the Grand Council requesting them to read the communication in chapter meeting notifying the members that we are inviting applications for partial or possibly complete scholarships for fraternity organizers and chapter resident advisors.

All members present agreed that the letter should comment on the fact that we have placed several chapter resident advisers.

D. Trial Court:

Brother Pierce read Brother Mosiman's letter relative to a trial court for delinquent members of Tau Chapter at Stanford University. Brother Mosiman suggested the appointment of Frank F. Hargear, California '16, Harold E. Craig, Stanford '18, and Edward Thayer, Iowa State '20, to act as a trial court in connection with the charges of non-fraternal conduct in refusing to accept their financial responsibilities to the fraternity.

25 Motion was presented by Brother Dresser, duly seconded by Brother Cochran and carried that a trial court be appointed to try those men against whom charges are preferred by Brother Mosiman as treasurer of Tau of A&F Corporation, or

covered by the current correspondence between Brother Mosiman and the National Office, for non-fraternal conduct in refusing to assume their financial responsibilities to their fraternity and that Brother Hargear, California '16, be the presiding justice of the court.

E. Scholarship Trophy:

26 Motion was presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded by Brother Worthington and carried that an official communication be sent to Mass. State Chapter, Ohio Wesleyan Chapter, Ohio State Chapter, Stanford Chapter, Iowa State Chapter, UCLA chapter, Westminster Chapter and Purdue Chapter complimenting them most highly on their leadership on the campus in which the chapter is situated.

This motion followed a complete discussion on the scholarship standing of our chapters for the school year 1938-39; said report being submitted at the Grand Council Meeting. It was the belief of those members present that the wording of the scholarship letter be left in the hands of Brothers Shotwell and Burns.

27 Resolution was presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded by Brother Dresser and passed that the Scott Scholarship Trophy be hereby accepted to be put into permanent scholarship competition for all chapters of AΛΦ and that it be further resolved that the donor of this trophy receive from the Grand Council a letter expressing its appreciation of his generosity for making this available to the chapters and that the Grand Senior President or Grand Junior President in conference with Dr. Hart appoint a committee who will have charge of the awarding of the Scott Scholarship Award regularly and within the scope of the conditions as originally offered by the donor.

F. Esoteric Letter:

28 Motion was presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried that an esoteric letter be sent to all chapters and chartered alumni councils conveying information that should be passed on to them emanating from this Grand Council Meeting.

G. Delta Beta Xi:

The Executive Secretary was asked to contact Brothers Hargear and Mosiman for recommendations to Delta Beta Xi. It was further decided that Brother Burns should contact Brothers Musgrave and Hall with reference to ritual for Delta Beta Xi.

Brother Dresser nominated the following men for membership in Delta Beta Xi: Edward Joseph Burke, Gamma '13, Sidney Burritt Haskell, Gamma '14, Sumner R. Parker, Gamma '16 and Homer J. Wheeler, Gamma '15.

29 Motion was presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded by Brother Worthington and passed that the names above discussed be voted on at the next meeting of the Grand Council and that the Executive Secretary mail invitations to all

present members of Delta Beta Xi asking them to send in further nominations with appropriate thumb-nail sketches of their contribution to be received for action also at the next meeting of the Grand Council.

H. Reports From Alumni Chapter Advisors:

Brother Cochran suggested that the Grand Council have reports on the current status of all the chapters from the chapter alumni advisors for the next meeting of the Grand Council. All members present agreed that this was important and advisable.

103. Adjournment:

Brother Pierce commented that he did not believe the budget would stand the expense of another full Grand Council Meeting and that inasmuch as the west coast members of the Grand Council would attend the Convention it was not necessary that they attend the next Grand Council Meeting.

Motion was presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn subject to the call of the Grand Senior President.

It was the consensus of opinion that the meeting should be the latter part of April or early in May.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 P.M. Sunday, January 21st.

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DATE AND TIME: SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 30, 1940.

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Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet  
Maurice J. Pierce  
Edmund B. Shotwell  
George E. Worthington  
Ralph F. Burns, Executive Secretary.

GUEST PRESENT: Dr. Hugh M. Hart

104. Minutes of Previous Meeting: MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and carried that the reading of the minutes of the meeting of January 20, 21, 1940 be suspended with and that they be approved.

105. Report of Executive Secretary: The Executive Secretary read his report. Dr. Cramblet inquired if the pledge reports received from the chapters indicated any real information as to why pledges had not been initiated -- whether this was due to scholastic standing, finances, etc. Brother Burns replied that the reports merely listed names of pledges and the date of their pledging. It was agreed that items contained in the report would be discussed in the order outlined by the agenda. MOTION was presented, duly seconded and carried that the report of the Executive Secretary be accepted and filed.

106. National Finances:

A. Statements as of June 30, 1940:

1. General Fund: Brother Pierce was asked by the chair to comment on the financial statements. He stated that the reserves were set up in accordance with the ruling passed at the January 20, 21, 1940 meeting of the Grand Council. It was pointed out by Brother Pierce that the reserve to cover life subscriptions to the Tomahawk for alumni life members of Phi Pi Phi was in accordance with the terms of the merger. This would eliminate any possibility of not transferring \$10 to the Tomahawk Trustees for the life subscription of a Phi Pi Phi alumnus even though we might consider it would not cost us \$10 to furnish him with a subscription to the Tomahawk for life.

Dr. Cramblet suggested that in the future a statement be presented to the Grand Council showing an analysis of receipts received from each chapter for the past three years.

MOTION was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded and passed that the financial reports be approved and filed.



2. Tomahawk Fund: Dr. Cramblet read a letter from Brother Hawkins, head statistician of the New York Telephone Company, relative to the actuarial study of the Tomahawk Fund. This study indicates that the fund does not have sufficient surplus to permit any transfer of money to another type of endowment fund. It is Brother Hawkins' opinion that \$10 is necessary to furnish a member with a life subscription to the Tomahawk.

Dr. Cramblet commented that Brother Hawkins' assumptions were based on using the principal which is not done.

MOTION presented by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried that the report of Brother Hawkins be accepted and that the national office cooperate with him in making a complete survey and that a vote of thanks be given to him.

Question was raised as to whether we are bound to use all Tomahawk income for the publication of the Tomahawk. It was pointed out that no administrative costs had been charged to the Tomahawk and that at the time of the annual audit the auditors would charge administrative expense in the amount equal to the difference between the actual cost of publication for the year and the income received.

Brother Burns reported he had written to the Tomahawk Trustees in January suggesting the transfer of money from the commercial checking account to the savings account and the consideration of their investing in stocks or bonds a portion of the large amount of cash uninvested at that time. Upon his return to the national office in May he received a verbal report from Brother Ben Young who stated that the Trustees had made a very careful survey of the bond and stock market and were inclined to believe that it was best to keep as much liquid cash on hand as possible so that they might take advantage of possible investments. Brother Young stated that any specific recommendations by the Grand Council as to good investments would be welcomed. The Trustees for the past twelve years have received a return of over 6% on their real estate investments.

All agreed that the Trustees were doing a splendid job. Comments were that the Trustees attempt to invest some of the cash on hand even though they might not receive 6% on their investment.

MOTION presented by Brother Shotwell, duly seconded and passed that the Tomahawk Trustees be thanked for their work in the year 1939-40 and that the Grand Council regretted the inability of the Trustees to attend the June 1940 meeting.

#### B. Approval of Expenses:

MOTION was presented by Brother Pierce, seconded and carried approving the expense of the Grand Council Meeting of June 29, 30, 1940 and that the Executive Secretary be instructed to incorporate the expense of this meeting in next year's expense.

- C. Endowment Fund: Discussion was opened by Dr. Cramblet. It was his opinion that the basis of any endowment fund was that payments into the fund be obligatory for active members. On this basis the alumni can be approached and encouraged to contribute. Dr. Cramblet inquired if a portion of the collection from the accounts receivable could be placed in the endowment fund. Decision was that this suggestion be referred to the Finance and Endowment Committee.

The Executive Secretary recommended the turning over of the History Fund into the Endowment Fund.

MOTION was presented by Brother Shotwell, seconded and carried that the \$350 in the History Fund be transferred to the Endowment Fund and that the Grand Council understand that further demands on this fund be paid not in excess of \$350.

The council members were in agreement that investment of the Endowment Fund should be in the hands of the Grand Council as recommended by Brother Hargear.

Consideration was given to the thought that old accounts receivable prior to September 1937 should be set up as book assets in the Endowment Fund; this consideration to be referred to the Finance and Endowment Committee.

MOTION was presented by Brother Pierce, seconded and passed that the Chair appoint a Finance and Endowment Committee to consist of the Chair as Chairman of the Committee, the Grand Treasurer and two other members of the Grand Council and four active delegates to the convention to report at the convention on matters pertaining to finance and endowment and that the Grand Council members on this committee prepare recommendations and necessary legislation for the consideration of this larger committee.

Grand Council recommended that the following topics be considered by the Finance and Endowment Committee:

- (1) Pledge dues.
- (2) Increase in active dues.
- (3) Alumni dues.
- (4) Alumni Council dues.
- (5) Increase in the national initiation fee.
- (6) Campaign among alumni for contributions to the Endowment Fund.
- (7) Old accounts receivable.
- (8) Consideration that each active member of the fraternity pay \$1 per year into the Endowment Fund.

MOTION presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and carried that the Grand Council members of the Finance and Endowment Committee study the problem of the indebtedness of chapters to the National Organization prior to 1937 and that they make recommendations to the Grand Council as well as to the convention for some method of adjustment or payment of those balances and that an interim report be made to the Grand Council before the convention.

MOTION presented by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried that the published statements not include anything but current liabilities owed by chapters to the National Organization.

- D. Budget 1940-41: There was considerable discussion with reference to the budget for the fiscal year 1940-41 and suggested figures were submitted. No definite action was taken as the Council members were of the opinion that recommendations of the Finance and Endowment Committee would effect budget calculations.

It was the suggestion of Brother Cochran that the budget indicate a convention reserve of \$1000 each year and a directory reserve of \$500 each year.

MOTION presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried that we set up on our books reserve accounts for excess tomahawk and directory expense and a reserve for convention expense and that these accounts be made a part of the budget each year.

Purchase of addressograph equipment was thoroughly discussed. The Grand Council was not in favor of the purchasing of such equipment as need for it is not sufficient to offset cost. It was suggested by Brother Pierce that the national office be instructed to have all necessary addressograph work done outside -- compute cost and use, etc.

- E. Hargear's proposal to assist chapters in their collections: (Brother Hargear's proposal is as follows:)

- (1) That the Grand Council sees that a strong editorial is printed and appears in the next issue of the Tomahawk in regard to unpaid indebtedness of Alumni, pointing out that we are starting a definite campaign to collect such indebtedness and that a Brother owes it to his Fraternity to at least make an effort to pay it, or pay something on account -- regardless how small an amount.
- (2) Recommend strongly to the Chapters and Chapter Alumni organizations that they take definite steps to legally collect such outstanding accounts as are not out-lawed.
- (3) That we inform the Chapters and Chapter Alumni organizations that in cases where Alumni debtors try to hide behind the statute of limitations, that they request us to appoint a trial court to decide whether or not they should be expelled from the Fraternity.

It was the opinion of the Council members present that we might invite trouble by requesting chapters to have trial courts. Chapters may be encouraged in a "get even" attitude relative to alumni accounts about which they are not well informed. Discussion revealed that on several occasions chapters have been asked to send to the national office the names of delinquents and an analysis of their accounts but in no case did we receive any.

MOTION presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried that the Grand Council incorporate in the minutes that Brother Hargear's proposal was considered and referred to the Finance and Endowment Committee.

MOTION presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried that (1) be adopted and that (2) and (3) be referred to the special Finance and Endowment Committee for proper legislation at the convention.

107. Convention:

- A. Time & Place: It was suggested that the delegates be instructed to register Monday night of Labor Day in order that business sessions might begin promptly Tuesday morning.
- B. Costs: Discussion revealed that the convention would create a deficit in next year's operations.
- C. Program: Brother Burns commented on the subjects which the chapters have requested be on the convention program. The first four listed below were received from the chapters and the remaining topics were suggested by the Grand Council.
  - (1) Proper conduction of rituals.
  - (2) Rushing.
  - (3) Chapter finance and management.
  - (4) Pledge training.
  - (5) Hell Week.
  - (6) Chapter News Letters.
  - (7) Alumni Activities.
  - (8) Extension.
  - (9) Fraternity Finances.
  - (10) Endowment Fund.
  - (11) Expense of National Office and Activities.
  - (12) Interfraternity Conference.
  - (13) Delta Beta Xi.

MOTION presented by Brother Shotwell, duly seconded and carried that the Chair appoint a Convention Program Committee.

The Chair then appointed a Convention Program Committee consisting of the New York members of the Grand Council and the Executive Secretary with the Grand Junior President as Chairman of this Committee.

Brother Cochran suggested that the Executive Secretary notify the delegates as to who their chapter advisors on the Grand Council are in order that they may discuss the condition of their chapter with their advisor. (Following assignments were made at the April 1938 meeting of the Grand Council:)

- Brother Cochran -- Yale, Cornell, University of Pennsylvania.
- Brother Burns -- Marietta, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio State.
- Brother Pierce -- Illinois, Michigan, Penn. State.
- ✓ Brother Worthington -- Wisconsin, University of Iowa, Missouri.
- Brother Dresser -- Columbia, Mass. State, Syracuse.
- Brother Mosiman -- Washington, University of California, Stanford.
- Brother Clarke -- Nebraska, Iowa State, Oklahoma.
- Brother Hargear -- Colorado, Oregon, UCLA.
- Brother Shotwell -- Kentucky, Middlebury, Alabama.

D. Grand Council Proposed Legislation:

MOTION presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded and carried that the Grand Council propose to the convention that Article VII, Section 8 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows: "Petitions for reinstatement by members suffering suspension or expulsion shall be directed to the Grand Council."

108. Chapters & Alumni:

A. Chapters For Consideration:

1. Colorado: The Executive Secretary reviewed the Colorado situation. The chapter has requested a loan of \$500 from the National Organization for a period of six months to one year.

MOTION presented by Brother Shotwell, duly seconded and carried that the Grand Council authorize the advancement out of the present endowment funds the sum of \$100 to Colorado bearing interest at 5% and secured by two or more alumni with a full explanation of the present amount of the fund and the demands on it and the possibility of additional help after the convention.

MOTION presented, duly seconded and passed that the Executive Secretary be instructed to send another letter to the Colorado alumni informing them of the progress which has been made.

2. Nebraska: Brother Burns reported he had contacted Brother Newhall in Chicago, a Nebraska alumnus, and that he was working with him to stimulate greater alumni activity in connection with the chapter and alumni corporation. Brother Clarke commented that the National Office could expect excellent cooperation from Brother Newhall if he were given the responsibility of the job.
3. Iowa State: There was nothing further to report to the Grand Council other than the material submitted to the Council in the agenda of the meeting. The Executive Secretary stated that it was his opinion that the local alumni had the situation in hand.

4. Wisconsin: Brother Worthington stated that he would make every effort to be at this chapter before the convention and would also contact the alumni.

Council was of the opinion that further information would be received at the convention and that nothing constructive could be done at this time.

5. Columbia:

MOTION presented by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried that the Columbia situation be referred to the Grand Council meeting at the convention and that a report be submitted by Brother Dresser at that meeting.

Brother Shotwell suggested that a letter be sent to Brothers Zeltner and Dresser from the Grand Senior President commending them on the work they have done in connection with the Columbia chapter.

6. Yale: Brother Shotwell as a member of the Board of Trustees of Alpha Chapter reported that the University was unwilling to purchase the house for the amount of money necessary to clear their obligations, but that they had received an extension on the mortgage. He read a portion of a letter from Brother Rice which indicated that the Grand Council may expect payment on the February delegation in September.

Brother Burns reported that the chapter had not paid their national dues for this year and Brother Cochran commented that the collection of the national dues would be a definite progressive step. Brother Cochran further stated that any progress made has been due to personal contacts and Dr. Cramblet recommended that the national dues should be set up as a part of the chapter program.

MOTION presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded and carried that the Executive Secretary and members of the Grand Council be authorized to spend several days at Yale during the early part of the fall and iron out the dues situation.

7. Kentucky: Dr. Cramblet told of his visit with Brother Cochran, the chapter president, who is enthusiastic about the prospects for the chapter next fall. Brother Burns remarked that a complete report on the chapter is expected in the national office shortly.
8. Case: Brother Burns reported that Brother Wilbert Fort, chapter resident advisor, had done an excellent job this past year. He has asked for an increase over the \$5 a month he receives from the National Office as there has been criticism by the active chapter that he does not pay for his room. Council members agreed that the fraternity could not afford to put \$15 a month back into the chapter

and were of the opinion that if this were properly presented to the chapter there would be no difficulty.

The Executive Secretary was instructed to contact Brothers Stevens, Evans, Wicks, Hawgood and Bickel asking them to investigate conditions at the chapter and to report to the Grand Council on the work which Brother Port has done this past year.

The chapter has requested a loan of \$250 to paint the outside of the house. Dr. Cramblet recommended that this appeal be referred to Brother Wicks and that he be asked to report to the convention on this.

9. Ohio State: Brother Burns reviewed the present condition of the chapter. Council members agreed that a \$1500 loan is impossible but that if a \$500 loan will assist them to remain on the campus the national organization should cooperate with them to this extent.

MOTION presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded and carried that the Executive Secretary be instructed to ascertain what might be done on the possible aid at Ohio State definitely limiting financial assistance to a \$500 loan.

Dr. Cramblet stressed that the national organization should definitely be assured that \$500 would keep them on the campus before the loan was made.

10. Iowa: The Executive Secretary made the following recommendations with reference to the Iowa Chapter:

- (a) Suggest we assist in the collection of money owed by alumni on old accounts as well as the house notes we hold.
- (b) Letter under Dr. Cramblet's signature to the alumni.
- (c) Consideration of the transfer of two or three men to Iowa, or placing two or three graduate students there to build up the chapter. Expense would have to be carried by alumni collections and possibly some financial assistance from the national organization.

MOTION presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded and carried that the Executive Secretary follow out the three suggestions proposed by him.

MOTION presented by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and passed appointing a committee with Brother Cochran as Chairman with full power to select members of the Grand Council and alumni for assistance.

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and wiping out a chap. debt of 80,000, pledging  
18 men to have a chapter, develop leadership  
etc.*

MOTION presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried that a report be secured from all chapter advisors and that the national office prepare a form for said report.

In discussing chapter problems it was noted that in most cases no significant action could be taken at the present time as additional information secured this summer would be the basis for definite action at the convention.

109. Extension:

A. Report of Chairman:

Brother Worthington stated that an extension report would be compiled during the summer and would be presented to the Convention. This would be a complete report.

Situation at Mississippi was reviewed. It was the opinion of the Council that unless the Phi Pi Phi men on the Mississippi campus could establish themselves as a substantial local we would be unable to spend further time and money organizing a new group.

Brother Worthington reported that Messrs. Eaton and Demitatis (former Phi Pi Phi local members) wished to be initiated by the Washington Alumni Council.

MOTION presented by Brother Worthington, seconded and passed that the initiation of Messrs. Eaton and Demitatis be authorized by the Grand Council.

Dr. Cramblet inquired concerning the survey of fraternities with reference to possible mergers. Brother Burns reported that he contacted Alpha Kappa Lambda while on the west coast and that their convention had gone on record as not considering a merger at this time. (Alpha Kappa Lambda has six chapters.)

The council members recommended that the fraternity be alert to contacts with small national organizations that might be interested in possible unions.

MOTION presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried that the extension report be received and incorporated in the files.

110. Miscellaneous:

- A. UCLA: Dr. Cramblet read a portion of a letter from Brother Hargear. The Executive Secretary gave a brief resume of the situation.

MOTION presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried that the Grand Council authorize the drawing of a check for \$50 representing the first payment which has been requested and that through correspondence we attempt to acquaint the alumni with the details and the advantages of the plan and and try to get them to take their share of the financial responsibility.



- B. Chapter Constitution Committee & Ritual Committee: Chapter constitution and ritual committee met following the adjournment of the Grand Council Meeting Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. It was decided that changes suggested by members of the Grand Council would be proposed to them at the time of the convention. The ritual to be conducted at the convention was decided upon. Additional suggestions from members of the Grand Council will be welcomed by Brother Clarke, Chairman of the Committee.

- C. Judicial Matters: Brother Burns reviewed the case of Howard V. Conkey. Discussion developed as to whether petition should come through the chapter or directly from the member expelled. Brother Shotwell read a letter from Brother Gladden W. Baker, associated with Mr. Conkey in the Travelers Insurance Company and attesting favorably to his character.

MOTION presented by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried that the Executive Secretary instruct Mr. Conkey to readress a petition to Iota Chapter in care of the Grand Council asking for reinstatement and the Grand Council will proceed thereon in accordance with the By-Laws action to be taken at the next meeting of the Grand Council.

- D. National Interfraternity Banquet: Dr. Cramblet read a letter from L. G. Balfour concerning the banquet.

MOTION presented by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried that the Executive Secretary take the necessary steps to publicize the National Interfraternity Banquet among the alumni and that it be publicized in the Tomahawk and that the Executive Secretary undertake to have our full quota attend.

- E. Centennial Celebration: Dr. Cramblet recommended the formation of a committee.

MOTION presented by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and passed that the Chair appoint a committee of one to present the material on centennial celebration at the convention.

Brother Cleworth was suggested by Dr. Cramblet.

- F. Delta Beta Xi: It was the opinion of the council members present that undergraduates should not be eligible for Delta Beta Xi membership. Brother Shotwell recommended that a letter be sent to Brother Tally from Dr. Cramblet commending him on his service to the fraternity.

MOTION presented by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried that names presented at the June 29, 30, 1940 meeting of the Council together with names suggested at the convention be further considered at the meeting for election in December and that the Executive Secretary be instructed to write to each member of Delta Beta Xi asking for nominations and stating again the requirements for membership, etc.

MOTION presented by Brother Shotwell, seconded and passed that Brother Tally be held ineligible for nomination and that a letter of explanation be sent to Brother Hargear.

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G. Miscellaneous:

MOTION presented by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried that the Grand Council appoint Brother C. G. Coburn as Assistant Editor of the Tomahawk and that the Grand Council extend to Brother Coburn their appreciation of his splendid work in connection with the Tomahawk.

MOTION presented by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and passed that the Grand Council go on record as being very appreciative of the way the records are kept and prepared. Chair asked that it be recorded as voting in the affirmative on this motion.

III. Adjournment:

MOTION presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn subject to call.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 P.M. Sunday, June 30, 1940.

MINUTES: GRAND COUNCIL OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

PLACE OF MEETING: Merner Pfeiffer Hall, Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio.

DATE AND TIME: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1940. 4:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet  
Maurice J. Pierce  
Benjamin Clarke  
George E. Worthington  
Edmund B. Shotwell  
Lloyd S. Cochran  
Hugh M. Hart, M.D.  
Ralph F. Burns, Executive Secretary.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paul L. Fussell  
Gordon Davis

112. Election of Officers: The following officers were unanimously elected by the Grand Council:

Grand Senior President	--	Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet
Grand Junior President	--	Maurice J. Pierce
Grand Secretary	--	Hugh M. Hart, M.D.
Grand Treasurer	--	Paul L. Fussell
Grand Marshall	--	Benjamin Clarke
Grand Councilor	--	George E. Worthington
Grand Councilor	--	Lloyd S. Cochran
Grand Councilor	--	Edmund B. Shotwell
Grand Councilor	--	Gordon Davis

113. Assignment of Responsibilities:

- (a) Extension -- Following discussion, Brother Worthington was appointed Chairman of Extension and Brothers Davis, Hart and Fussell were asked to assist him.
- (b) Executive Committee -- Brothers Pierce, Shotwell, Cramblet and Cochran were given this appointment because of their proximity to the national office.
- (c) Rituals, Constitution & By-Laws -- Brother Clarke was given this assignment.
- (d) Alumni Relations -- Brothers Hart and Fussell were appointed.
- (e) Visitation -- Brother Cochran was appointed.
- (f) Tomahawk -- Brother Shotwell was appointed.

114. Chapter Conditions: Brother Burns reported briefly the need of contact with the Iowa State Chapter, Iowa Chapter and the Wisconsin Chapter. The Executive Secretary was instructed by the Grand Council to visit these chapters before returning to New York and was empowered to take any necessary action. He was advised to pay his respects where possible at any other chapters enroute.

Following Brother Worthington's suggestion it was deemed advisable to send a letter from the national office under Brother Worthington's signature to all Wisconsin alumni asking for their support and announcing the arrival of the Executive Secretary.

115. National Dues: Considering the recommendation of the National Convention to raise the national dues during the school year 1940-41 from \$5 to \$7 per man, Brother Pierce presented a motion which was seconded by Brother Worthington and carried approving the recommendation of the convention. It was pointed out that the Grand Council had this power under the By-Laws without a recommendation.

116. Additional Help In The National Office: Brother Burns stated that Miss U'Sellis had been hired in the national office with the approval of the Grand Council last February with the understanding that her position be temporary until after the National Convention, September 1940. He further stated that with the increased program as outlined by the convention, it would be necessary to retain Miss U'Sellis. Discussion revealed that the budget would have to be considered and any final decision would be made later by the members of the Grand Council in New York City.

117. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M. to meet in November at the time of the National Interfraternity Conference.

MINUTES: GRAND COUNCIL OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

PLACE OF MEETING: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 330 West 42nd Street, N.Y.C.

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, Sunday, November 30, December 1, 1940.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lloyd S. Cochran  
Dr. Wilbur E. Cramblet  
Dr. Hugh M. Hart  
Maurice J. Pierce  
Edmund B. Shotwell  
George E. Worthington  
Ralph F. Burns, Executive Secretary.

118. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

MOTION was presented, duly seconded and passed that the minutes of the meeting of September 5, 1940 be approved.

119. Report of Executive Secretary: The Executive Secretary read his report. Dr. Cramblet remarked that he was speaking at a Greek Conclave at Ohio Wesleyan rather than at a Founders Day Banquet as noted in the report. It was agreed that items contained in the report would be discussed in the order outlined by the agenda.

MOTION was presented by Brother Worthington, seconded by Brother Pierce and carried that the report of the Executive Secretary be accepted and filed.

120. National Finances:

A. Statements as of October 31, 1940.

The Executive Secretary discussed briefly the financial statements calling to the attention of the Grand Council the Endowment Receivables; \$9423.33 having been transferred to the Endowment Fund in accordance with action of the 1940 Convention. Dr. Cramblet suggested that the Endowment Fund be handled in the same manner as the Tomahawk Fund --- separate bank account and separate financial statements. Decision was that this procedure be followed.

It was noted that the Endowment Fee charge of \$1 per man had not been figured in the estimated budget figures. Collection will increase the revenue for this year by approximately \$1000.00.

It was realized that a Grand Council Meeting in the spring of 1941 would increase conference expense over the allotted budget amount. All were in agreement that it was important that a meeting be held. Discussion developed that the council meeting could be held in Washington, D. C. and that this would enable Brother Davis to attend. Brother Worthington extended a very cordial invitation on behalf of the Washington, D.C. Alumni Council. Thought was given to holding the meeting at the Penn. State Chapter -- calling it a regional convention and inviting delegates from the nearby chapters. In this connection Brother Hart remarked that Phi Pi Phi had held regional conventions and that the delegates had received inspiration and benefit from them. Agreement was that the time and place of the next Grand Council Meeting could be handled by correspondence among the council members.

B. Approval of Expenses:

UCLA -- Executive Secretary stated there was a \$100 balance due to UCLA on the cooperative fraternity plan which we have approved.

Council members commented on Chairman Balfour's address to the National Interfraternity Conference in which he stated, "Our efforts, at the request of the administrative authorities, have resulted in giving UCLA the complete cooperation of all the fraternities represented on their campus, although we want it distinctly understood that never again will the Conference or its members be called upon for similar financial assistance unless the fraternities, after due consideration, accept this responsibility."

Dr. Cramblet recommended that the Grand Council be recorded as urging the chapter and alumni to assume their share of the expense of the cooperative fraternity plan. The fraternity has made one payment of \$50. He further suggested that Brother Fussell, the newly-elected council member on the coast, be asked to present to the chapter and alumni the recommendation of the Grand Council. Brother Fussell should be contacted and then the chapter and alumni.

Dr. Cramblet proposed that the UCLA expense of \$150 be shown in the budget as an unbudgeted expense rather than miscellaneous expense.

MOTION presented by Brother Worthington, seconded by Brother Pierce and carried that the consensus of opinion be that we follow along the lines of procedure as suggested by Dr. Cramblet.

Tickets for N.I.C. Banquet --

MOTION presented by Brother Worthington, seconded by Brother Hart and carried approving the expense of the eight tickets purchased by the National Organization for the N.I.C. Banquet for our guests: The Tomahawk Trustees, Dean Wachmer of Mass. State. and four undergraduates from Middlebury, Mass. State, Syracuse and Columbia.

Grand Council Meeting --

MOTION presented, seconded and passed approving the expense of the Grand Council Meeting of November 30, December 1, 1940.

Purchase of Safe -- Executive Secretary reported that on November 11, 1940 the national office had been robbed of about \$50 in cash and several dollars worth of postage.

MOTION presented by Brother Worthington, seconded by Brother Hart and carried that the Executive Secretary and the Executive Committee of New York be empowered to buy a suitable safe not exceeding \$35 and that they also be empowered to take out safe insurance.

C. Endowment Fund:

MOTION presented by Brother Hart, seconded by Brother Worthington and carried that the Executive Secretary bill all chapters for \$1 Endowment Fund fee for each active member.

MOTION presented by Brother Worthington, seconded by Brother Hart and passed that a committee consisting of Brothers Shotwell and Pierce be designated to work out the details for the administration of the Endowment Fund.

Dr. Cramblet commented that possibly by next spring we could have a statement of the Endowment Fund prepared for our chapters and alumni.

D. Pledge Fees:

MOTION presented by Brother Pierce, seconded by Brother Hart and carried authorizing the submission of the by-law proposed by the Executive Secretary to the chapters and chartered alumni councils by approximately February 1, 1941.

Proposed By-Law: -- The By-Laws, Article XI, (referring to Fees and Dues) be amended by adding thereto a new section as follows: "Section 13. Beginning with the academic year 1941-42 each chapter shall pay an annual endowment fee in the amount of \$2.00 for each and every pledge it may have for each and every academic year or part thereof provided that initiation within the academic year in which he is pledged will exempt the initiate from payment of the endowment fee for that year. Said fee shall not be prorated for the portion of the year in which the man in question is a pledge. The entire amount of said fees shall be designated for and set aside in the Endowment Fund to be used under such regulations as otherwise provided in the By-Laws or Constitution.

Council members in discussing the proposed by-law suggested several changes which were incorporated in the above by-law referring to Fees and Dues.

121. Extension:

Brother Worthington read his report. In the discussion on mergers Alpha Kappa Lambda was mentioned -- it was pointed out that there were at least six conflicts.

The Executive Secretary read letter from Brother Clarke in which he reported that he had learned that Sigma Pi at their last convention had discussed the question of merger. Brother Clarke stated that he would like to have the reaction of the Council. Brother Clarke believes we have the proper contact and stressed that this information be considered confidential. Dr. Cramblet reviewed the chapters and their location commenting on the excellent schools in which they are established. The Executive Secretary was instructed by the Council to notify Brother Clarke that the Grand Council is willing to discuss merger proceedings with Sigma Pi and that he investigate the matter further.

Brother Burns reported that Victor F. Schneider, HSP of the Alabama Chapter had reported there was an excellent local, Kappa Mu Kappa at Kent State University, Ohio. Dr. Cramblet stated that this school was a state university and in a few years would be one of the outstanding schools in Ohio. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary on his visitation to Ohio contact this school and make the necessary inquiries.

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The Grand Council was informed that the legislation on expansion had been passed by the chapters and chartered alumni councils. Dr. Cramblet pointed out that the fraternity is now in a position to carry on a very aggressive expansion program. With some of our chapters in need of rehabilitation and with good possibilities for new chapters in substantial schools, he recommended that the Grand Council consider employing a man to do promotional work. The Grand Council members in attendance were in complete agreement with the recommendation of Dr. Cramblet.

*Salary ?*

MOTION presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and carried that the Executive Secretary with the cooperation of the Council make a survey of possible personnel that might be used in such work as this.

MOTION presented by Brother Pierce, seconded and carried accepting the report of the Chairman of Extension and approving the energetic policy of expansion.

122. Chapters and Alumni:

1. Colorado -- The Executive Secretary reported that Robert Frost, alumni advisor for Pi Chapter had stressed the urgent need for assistance from the national office. Chapter is unable to carry on rushing program. The Executive Secretary will visit Boulder during January at which time he will survey the situation and report to the Grand Council.
2. Iowa -- The alumni association formed in October is working actively with the chapter. They recommend a resident advisor for the second semester. The Executive Secretary stated that the national office was doing everything possible to secure a man. A resident advisor for this chapter may be the answer inasmuch as the four active members in the chapter are willing but lack initiative and leadership.
3. Iowa State -- Chapter is definitely progressing. Phi Chapter received a scholarship cup for the greatest advance in scholastic rating during the last quarter. Program outlined by the Executive Secretary to the chapter is being followed. Chapter suspended two members for nonsupport of the policies of the chapter, non-payment of dues and unfraternal conduct. Situation is encouraging at this chapter and there is real leadership in the group. Alumni are actively assisting and supporting the chapter.
4. Yale -- Brother Shotwell informed the Grand Council that the Yale Trustees were meeting all interest payments on their mortgage and that conditions were improving. The Executive Secretary reported that all initiation fees to date have been paid



in full with the exception of the fees for the 22 men initiated this fall. We understand that full payment for this initiation will be made during December, 1940.

The Executive Secretary stated that he was confident that Alpha Chapter would pay national dues for 1940-41.

5. Wisconsin: The Executive Secretary reported that fraternity conditions were poorer at Wisconsin than at any school he had visited. During his visit in October he learned that the chapter had reported to the University last June that they were non-existent. Program was outlined whereby the chapter would hold regular weekly meetings at the homes of alumni in Madison. A resident advisor does not seem to be the answer here. The Executive Secretary had nothing current to report but was of the opinion that Brother Steele, an active member, might be the focal point for renewed interest. Brother Burns will be at Wisconsin the early part of January.
6. Ohio State: The Executive Secretary reported that Ohio State had paid one-half of the initiation fees for five men initiated in October and had requested that credit for the balance be given on their \$500 loan. This loan was made by the Grand Council from the Endowment Fund at the time of the convention. Dr. Cramblet reviewed the correspondence with the chapter and the alumni. He recommended that the Executive Secretary write the chapter and state that the \$500 loan must be paid off with chapter money and that the Grand Council also expected the balance due on the initiation fees of the men initiated in October. Brother Burns was further instructed to write Brother Blosser and inform him that Dr. Cramblet would be at Ohio State on December 6th and 7th and could meet with him and Brother Evans in Mr. Kinzel's office on the 7th.

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The Grand Council reviewed the correspondence concerning William K. Jones initiated by Zeta Chapter contrary to the regulations of the University.

MOTION presented by Brother Shotwell, duly seconded and carried: WHEREAS William K. Jones has been initiated into Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity through its Zeta Chapter; and WHEREAS said initiation was upon the written authority of the Grand Council of the Fraternity issued at its national office upon receipt of the customary application therefor from the chapter; and WHEREAS in fact said William K. Jones could not be initiated by the chapter without a violation of the rules of the institution of learning in which said chapter exists, which fact was unknown to the national office of the Fraternity; NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi that Zeta Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi be and it hereby is reprimanded for presenting for initiation said William K. Jones inasmuch as Article I. of Title II. of the Constitution of the Fraternity requires that "no member shall be pledged or initiated by a chapter in violation of any rules of the institution of learning in which the chapter exists". FURTHER RESOLVED that hereafter it be made a customary step in the application for leave to initiate that the chapter certify that the individuals presented for initiation can be initiated without any violation of the rules of the institution of learning in which the chapter exists.

- B. Report of Grand Secretary: Dr. Hart distributed copies of a survey he had completed of Alpha Sigs in various communities, report on alumni councils, program for alumni work and administration of program. He stated that he was of the opinion that if some preliminary work was done with the alumni that the Endowment Fund Drive would be more successful.

MOTION presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and carried with the approval of the Chairman, Dr. Cramblet, that the report of the Grand Secretary be accepted with grateful appreciation and that the Grand Council endorse the program as outlined and lend all support to it.

At the time of typing these minutes we are pleased to report that Milwaukee, St. Louis and Youngstown have made definite plans for the reorganization of their alumni council or the establishment of a new council.

- C. Visitation: The Executive Secretary reported he had visited Iowa, Iowa State, Wisconsin, Yale, Mass. State, Middlebury, Cornell, Syracuse, Penn. State, Pennsylvania and Columbia. Dr. Cramblet has visited the Penn. State Chapter this year and is speaking at the Greek Conclave at Ohio Wesleyan on December 6th. He also spoke to all pledges of fraternities at Westminster. Dr. Hart spoke at the Homecoming "Sig Bust" at Ohio Wesleyan in October and also visited the Ohio State Chapter. Brother Shotwell has been at the Yale Chapter several times this fall.

Two tentative visitation programs were submitted to the Council for their consideration and decision. Dr. Cramblet stated that in some cases he did not believe it was necessary for the Executive Secretary to spend three days at an individual chapter. Dr. Cramblet also suggested that the Executive Secretary send to the Grand Council members a regular report of the chapters visited. This report could be filled out by the Executive Secretary while he was at a chapter and then sent to the national office for editing and distributing to the council members. Report should not be long but should contain pertinent information

MOTION presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and carried that the visitation program along the general lines as outlined in the first suggested schedule breaking the trip in two parts be approved by the Grand Council and details to be worked out by the Executive Committee.

- D. Appointment of Chapter Advisors:

MOTION presented by Brother Pierce, seconded and carried accepting the resignation of Brother Stohrer as Alumni Advisor for Eta Chapter and instructing the Executive Secretary to send him a letter of appreciation for the work he has done in representing the Grand Council as Alumni Advisor for Eta Chapter.

MOTION presented by Brother Pierce, seconded and carried appointing Brother Frederick Pfeiffer the representative of the Grand Council as Alumni Advisor for Eta Chapter.

123. Publications: The Executive Secretary reported that he planned to spend the month of December in the national office working on the Pledge Manual and the Officers Training Manual. Following the direction of the convention this will be put out in a mimeograph form and submitted to the chapters for their suggestions and criticisms.

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Tomahawk -- It has been called to our attention that we have not met all the requirements for second-class mailing of the Tomahawk. We have been billed for \$66 additional postage for the summer issue. The Grand Council referred this to the Executive Committee and suggested that Brother Worthington handle personally the negotiations in Washington. Correspondence from Brother Worthington indicates that everything has been taken care of and there is a possibility of saving the \$66 charge.

124. Judicial:

A. Report on Convention Legislation --

MOTION presented by Brother Worthington, seconded by Dr. Hart and carried directing that the minutes show the total affirmative and total negative vote on each one of the amendments to the constitution and by-laws which were submitted on October 2, 1940 and that the results be shown as follows:  
Location of National Headquarters, Affirmative 38, Negative 3, etc. and that the changes be officially incorporated in the constitution and by-laws.

Location of National Headquarters --

The By-Laws, Article II, Section 3, thereof (referring to the duties of the Grand Council) be amended to read as follows: "It shall maintain National Headquarters at such location as it shall from time to time designate wherein shall be kept the records and archives of the fraternity."

Affirmative 38  
Negative 3

Alumni Councils --

The Constitution, Title III, Article III, Section 1, thereof (referring to Alumni Councils) be amended by striking the underscored words from the second sentence, -- "Alumni councils shall pay regular annual dues into the general treasury of the fraternity in such amount, for each member in good standing, as shall be prescribed by the by-laws."

The By-Laws, Article XI, Section 3, thereof (referring to Fees and Dues) shall be amended to read as follows: "Each chartered alumni council shall pay annual dues of fifteen dollars. Each alumni council shall endeavor to collect the annual dues provided in Section 11 of this article from alumni members within its vicinity, and shall forward promptly all amounts so collected to the Executive Secretary. In the collection of such annual dues, the council shall be responsible only for dues actually collected by it."

Affirmative 41

Endowment Fund --

The By-Laws, Article XI, (referring to Fees and Dues) be amended by adding thereto a new section as follows: "Section 12. Beginning with the academic year 1940-41 each chapter shall pay an annual endowment fee in the amount of \$1.00 for each and every active member it may have for each and every academic year or part thereof. Said fee shall not be prorated for the portion of the year in which the member is active. The entire amount of said fees shall be designated for and set aside in the Endowment Fund to be used under such regulations as may be established from time to time by the Grand Council unless otherwise provided in the By-Laws or Constitution.

Affirmative 38  
Negative 3

Expansion --

(a) Grand Council Authorized to Initiate Men --

Resolved, That the Constitution, Title III, Article II, thereof (referring to chapters) be amended by changing the number of the present section "3" to "3a" and by adding a new section thereto as follows: "Section 3b. The Grand Council shall have power in its discretion to authorize the initiation of students regularly enrolled and in good standing in any college or university of the standard prescribed in Title III, Article II, Section 3 hereof, where there is no Chapter of this Fraternity, when it deems such initiation advantageous in connection with an extension program to be inaugurated in such college or university. Such members, prior to the installation of a Chapter, shall be active members within the meaning of Section 2 of Article II of Title II hereof, and shall be designated by such term as the Grand Council may elect."

Resolved, That the Constitution, Title II, Article I, Sections 1 and 2 thereof (referring to Membership) be amended to read:

"Section 1. Membership in this Fraternity shall be acquired only by male persons who are not members of any social Greek letter fraternity of collegiate grade, national in scope, except as provided in Section 3(a) or 3(b) of Article II of Title III hereof, and who shall have been duly elected by secret unanimous vote of a Chapter in good standing and duly initiated by said Chapter as prescribed by the Fraternity rituals or as provided in Title III, Article II, Section 4. There shall be no honorary or associate membership in this Fraternity. No member shall be pledged or initiated by a Chapter in violation of any rules of the institution of learning in which a Chapter exists."

"Section 2. Active membership shall be restricted to regularly enrolled students while in attendance at the institution of learning in which a Chapter in good standing exists, except as provided in Section 3(b) of Article II of Title III hereof."

Affirmative 40  
Negative 1

(b) Grand Council Empowered to Waive Petitions, Requirements --

Resolved, that the Constitution, Title III, Article II, Section 3, thereof (referring to chapters) shall be amended by omitting therefrom the following sentence:

"Petitions for Chapter shall be in writing from not less than twelve persons eligible for membership in this Fraternity."

Resolved, that the By-Laws, Article III, Section 4 thereof (referring to petitions for chapter charter) reading as follows: "Subject to the conditions laid down in Section 1 of this Article, twelve or more persons eligible for membership in this fraternity may petition for a charter constituting it a chapter thereof in an institution of learning." be amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. Subject to the conditions laid down in Section 1 of this Article, persons eligible for membership in this fraternity may petition for a charter constituting them a chapter thereof in an institution of learning."

Resolved, that the By-Laws, Article III, thereof (referring to Extension) be amended by adding thereto a new section as follows:

"Section 13. The Grand Council shall be empowered to waive one or more specific requirements of Article III of these By-laws when it shall deem it expedient for the best interests of the Fraternity except as provided by the Constitution."

Affirmative 38  
Negative 3

Increase of Membership of Grand Council from 9 to 10 Members --

The Constitution, Title IV, Article III, Section 1 thereof (referring to the Grand Council) be amended so that the second sentence thereof shall read as follows: "It shall consist of ten members, three to be chosen from the vicinity of the National Office, the other seven to be chosen so that there will be at least one from each of the three sections of the country other than the one in which the National Office is located."

The By-Laws, Article II, Section 5 thereof (referring to the Grand Council) be amended so that it shall read as follows: "A quorum to do business at any regular or special meeting shall consist of six tenths of its membership present or in accordance with Section 8 of this Article."

Affirmative 38  
Negative 3

**B. Howard V. Conkey:**

The Executive Secretary reviewed briefly the case of Howard V. Conkey. This was discussed in detail at the Grand Council Meeting of June 29, 30, 1940.

MOTION was presented by Brother Shotwell, seconded by Brother Worthington and carried that good cause having been shown to the Grand Council it is RESOLVED that the petition of Howard V. Conkey for reinstatement as a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Iota Chapter, be forwarded to Iota Chapter with the recommendation that Iota Chapter vote thereon in favor of such reinstatement.

**125. Delta Beta Xi: Members elected to Delta Beta Xi:**

Burke, Edward Joseph Mass. State '13. 224 Beach St. Holyoke, Mass.  
Haskell, Sidney Burritt, Mass. State '14. 12 Orsini Drive, Larchmont, N.Y.  
Parker, Sumner Rufus, Mass. State '16. 1 Sunset Court, Amherst, Mass.  
Wheeler, Homer Jay, Mass. State '15. 386 N. Fullerton Ave., Montclair, N.J.  
Herrick, Allan M., California '13. 253 S. Cannon Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif.  
Hayes, Emmet B., Stanford '31. 485 California St., San Francisco, Calif.  
Smith, Dana K. Stanford '26. 310 University Ave., Palo Alto, Calif.  
Welch, Wilbur H., Oregon '21. 1615 S.E. 25th St. Portland, Oregon  
Benjamin, Harry S., Michigan '29. 3450 W. Chicago Blvd., Detroit, Michigan  
Davis, Gordon, Alabama '30. Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
Ulbricksen, Alvin M. Washington '23. 4120 51st St. N.E., Seattle, Washington  
Potts, Ned D., Ohio State '28. 1688 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio  
Bloser, Parker Zaner, Ohio State '24. 2590 Tremont Rd., Columbus, Ohio.  
Evans, John Stanley, Ohio State '09. 175 Webster Park, Columbus, Ohio.  
Hart, Dr. Hugh M. Westminster '39. New Wilmington, Pa.

MOTION presented and carried approving the granting of the honor of Delta Beta Xi to the above listed fifteen men; this recognition to be dated December 6th in commemoration of the founding date of the Fraternity.

The Executive Secretary was instructed to notify these men of their election and also to inform the present members of Delta Beta Xi of the new members.

Consideration was given to a reduction in size and price of the Delta Beta Xi Key and the Grand Council presenting the Key to future recipients of the honor of Delta Beta Xi. The Executive Secretary was instructed to contact the L. G. Balfour Company to ascertain if it would be possible to reduce the size and cost. Information received to be sent to the Grand Council members.

**126. Miscellaneous:**

**A. Executive Committee --**

MOTION presented by Brother Cochran, seconded by Brother Hart and carried that Brother Worthington be appointed to replace Brother Cochran on the Executive Committee as Brother Worthington is nearer New York City.

B. Vacancy in Grand Council --

MOTION presented by Brother Shotwell, seconded and carried that a vacancy having been created by the chapters and chartered alumni councils voting to increase the Council from nine to ten members that this vacancy be filled by Brother Philip G. Johnson whose name I now put in nomination for that purpose.

MOTION presented by Brother Worthington, seconded and carried that the nominations be closed.

Above two motions were carried unanimously which was in the spirit of the unanimous vote of the convention.

C. Appointment of Executive Secretary --

The Executive Secretary informed the Grand Council that he had been elected to the Executive Committee of the College Fraternity Secretaries Association and that they in turn had appointed him as their special representative to the National Interfraternity Conference.

The Executive Secretary was also elected to the Executive Committee of the College Fraternity Editors Association.

MOTION was presented by Brother Shotwell, seconded and carried conveying the congratulations of the Grand Council to the Executive Secretary on his appointments.

D. History --

Brother Shotwell reviewed the fact that there was a suit pending against the fraternity with Brother Wayne M. Musgrave as plaintiff and Brother Robert L. Jagocki, member of the Tomahawk Trustees, as counsel for the fraternity. Brother Shotwell suggested that due to the fact that the history material which Brother Musgrave had compiled and his recognition in the fraternity by alumni that it would be advisable to clear matters before our centennial in 1945, so that the history data would be available. Brother Shotwell further indicated that he would be willing to do the necessary work and advised that an outside attorney be consulted to facilitate closing the suit.

E. Taxes --

The national office received a communication from the law committee of the NIC regarding tax laws, particularly referring to income tax law and old-age and unemployment insurance taxes. Brother Shotwell has written to the proper authorities and notice will be sent to all chapters.

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Adjournment:

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 P.M. Sunday, December 1, 1940.