



Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

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March 3, 1949

TO: Members of the Grand Council

Reviewing the minutes of the Grand Council with Ralph, I was gratified at the constructive proposals and action of the Buffalo Conference. It is reassuring to see such evidence of careful planning on the part of each of the Committees.

I feel personally grateful to each of you who were present and to those unable to attend who forwarded reports of their progress. Should there be some way to acquaint all chapters and alumni with the full knowledge and significance of your work, they would surely join me in this appreciation.

Ralph and I feel that the results so far will be far reaching and lead to a most constructive program for the perpetuation and further growth of the "Old Gal".

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Lloyd S. Cochran
Grand Senior President

MINUTES OF GRAND COUNCIL MEETING

HOTEL STATLER, BUFFALO, NEW YORK

February 26, 27, 1949

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Grand Senior President, Lloyd S. Cochran, at 3 p.m., Saturday, February 26, 1949. Brothers Hart, Hornberger, Krebs, Smith, Swift, and Young, members of the Grand Council; Brother Bickel, National Scholarship Chairman; Brother Clarke, Chairman of the Law Committee; Brother Dilley, Editor of the TOMAHAWK; and Brother Burns, Executive Secretary, in attendance.

The Grand Council and others met with a group of Buffalo area alumni at lunch in the Iroquois Room of the Hotel Statler. The alumni proceeded with the organization of the Niagara Frontier Alumni Council. The interim officers were elected and the next meeting was set for Saturday, March 26, 1949.

2. Executive Secretary's Report

The Executive Secretary read his report which, upon a motion of Brother Hart seconded by Brother Taylor, was accepted. Four items were suggested by the Executive Secretary's Report upon which action was taken.

1. Pledge Manual: Brother Hart presented a motion, seconded by Brother Swift, and passed that the Grand Council request Brother William H. E. Holmes of the Purdue chapter to proceed with a questionnaire to all chapters and others for the purpose of proceeding with the final draft of a pledge manual. It being understood that the Grand Council reserved the right of editing and review before final publication. It also is understood that no expense of the committee would be involved without authorization of the Grand Treasurer and the Executive Secretary.

2. National Office: A very full discussion took place regarding the operation of the national office. It was suggested that the Executive Secretary be on the alert for new personnel. It was suggested that an office manager be secured from among the brotherhood or outside who would be in the national office 100% of the time. It was also recognized that there was a need of a traveling secretary in the field and the Executive Secretary was directed to proceed with securing the same.

3. Visitation: The Executive Secretary was instructed to proceed with a program of visitation by the various Province Chiefs of the chapters under their jurisdiction.

4. Cost of Faculty Membership: The Grand Council went on record that the charge for a chapter initiating a faculty member be

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be continued at \$25.00, said charge to cover the following items:

\$15.00	Life Subscription to the TOMAHAWK
5.00	Official Badge
1.00	Federal Jewelry Tax
2.00	Endowment Fund
1.00	Shingle
1.00	Service Charge
<u>\$25.00</u>	

3. Finance Committee Report

Brother Hornberger, Grand Treasurer, presented the Finance Committee Report. Brother Krebs presented a motion seconded by Brother Hart and passed, that the report be accepted. Brother Hornberger's report suggested the following four items upon which action was taken.

1. System of Bookkeeping and Report Forms; Brother Hornberger presented a motion seconded by Brother Krebs, and passed, that the system of bookkeeping presented to the Grand Council be approved and that financial report forms be printed which would be received regularly by the Province Chiefs and the National office, said material to be channeled through the Province Chiefs, Traveling Secretary, and the Executive Secretary.

2. Accounts Receivable: Brother Hornberger presented a motion, seconded by Brother Young, and passed, that the accounts receivable appearing in the General Fund be continued, and that a program of amortization be set up where possible. It was further moved and passed that the Executive Secretary analyze the accounts receivable of the General Fund and the Endowment Fund and report to the next meeting of the Grand Council. It was further moved by Brother Hornberger, seconded by Brother Young, and passed, that the accounts receivable of the Endowment Fund be stricken from the Endowment Fund and carried as a memorandum in the national office.

3. Depreciation Policy: Brother Hornberger moved, seconded by Brother Krebs, and passed, that a policy of 10% depreciation be made annually on the original value on the items of furniture and fixtures on the Balance Sheet in the amount of \$1,650.25 be set up and that said policy be continued on future purchasing which may be placed as a capital asset on the books of the General Fund. It was also suggested that a policy of cash reserve for depreciation be studied and a report made to the next meeting of the Grand Council.

4. Policy of Interest of Endowment Fund Loans : A motion was presented by Brother Hart, seconded by Brother Krebs, and passed, that 2% interest be charged each year on the unpaid balance of said loans. That the Executive Secretary show, in his billing to chapters and reporting of the condition of the fund to the Grand Council, the interest and amortization payments separately.

4. Extension Committee Report

The Executive Secretary presented the report of the Extension Committee which was received.

1. Delta Sigma Petition: The petition of the Delta Sigma Fraternity at Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, West Virginia, was presented with the recommendation of Brother Cramblet, Chairman of Extension, that the Grand Council grant this petition and that arrangements be made for immediate installation of this chapter. Brother Krebs presented a motion, seconded by Brother Hart, and unanimously passed, that a charter be granted to the Delta Sigma Fraternity at Davis and Elkins College to be known as the Gamma Delta Chapter and that details of installation be carried forward as soon as practical by the Chairman of Extension and the Executive Secretary.

5. Law Committee Report

Brother Clarke, Chairman of the Law Committee, presented his report which was accepted. He stated that the Law Committee was prepared to proceed with the drafting of a model chapter constitution and by-laws to be presented to the Grand Council for approval. The committee recommended that the national office direct the chapters that submit questions which might lead to the suspension of a member to the Law Committee for advice and direction. Brother Clarke also expressed the policy of the Law Committee regarding suspensions as follows: a chapter may suspend a member of the chapter for a period not to exceed one academic year, but the Grand Council has jurisdiction over suspension of a member from the fraternity.

6. Scholarship Committee Report

Brother Bickel, National Scholarship Chairman, presented his report which was received after much comment and discussion on the whole question of scholarship. Brother Bickel presented the following resolution which, upon a motion of Brother Hart, seconded by Brother Taylor, was passed.

Whereas, one of the main purposes of our fraternity is to foster scholarship and it appears that the average level of scholarship recently maintained by our Sigma Chapter at the University of Kentucky is greatly below the standard expected of our respective chapters, and

Whereas, the Grand Council of our fraternity is deeply concerned with this situation

Now therefore, be it resolved,

That the Grand Council call this matter to the attention of the chapter, and that in the interest of the members of said chapter and of our fraternity as a whole, said chapter be requested to take all steps needed to solve its scholarship problem, whatever such requisite steps may be and

Resolved,

That the H.S.P. of the chapter, before the end of the current semester, shall report to the Grand Council the measures taken by the chapter to remedy this situation, and

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Resolved,

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the H.S.P. of the chapter, to the appropriate Province Chief, to the appropriate local alumni organization, and the appropriate official of the University.

This resolution is to be sent (with appropriate changing of the names of the chapters and institutions) to chapters at Cornell, University of Missouri, Ohio State University, University of Nebraska, University of Washington, University of West Virginia, and Rutgers University.

It was moved by Brother Hart, seconded by Brother Taylor, and passed that a letter of transmittal accompany said resolution giving suggestions and remedies to chapters concerned. Said suggestions to include a chapter scholarship chairman.

A motion was presented by Brother Smith, seconded by Brother Young, and passed that the Scholarship Committee continue with the awarding of the Scott Scholarship trophy on an annual basis to the chapter which, in the mind of the Committee, has, over a substantial period of time, and unusually high scholarship record.

7. Alumni Affairs Committee Report

Brother Taylor, Chairman of the Alumni Affairs Committee, presented the report of his committee which was accepted. He spoke of the questionnaire which was to be presented to the various alumni councils to ascertain their status of activity.

Brother Taylor submitted an application for an alumni council charter from the Philadelphia Alumni Council. A motion was presented by Brother Hart, seconded by Brother Taylor, and passed, that said application be received and granted forthwith.

8. Chapter Affairs Committee Report

Brother Krebs, Chairman of the Committee on Chapter Affairs, submitted the committee's report which was accepted. A number of suggestions were given Brother Krebs to incorporate in the chapter report which is to be submitted regularly to the national office and the province chiefs. The council discussed briefly with no action the conditions of the chapters at Alabama, Franklin Marshall, and Ohio Northern.

9. Convention Committee Report

Brother Hart presented the report of the Convention Committee which was accepted. He requested the members of the Grand Council to study the report carefully and write him giving their suggestions for the 1950 Convention.

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10. Endowment Loan Committee Report

Brother Young presented the report of the Endowment Loan Committee which was accepted. He stated that information to the committee and the Grand Council should be a complete disclosure. Said disclosure would include the following points:

1. Balance in the Endowment Fund available for loan purposes.
2. Condition on information regarding any previous loan which had been made to the group.
3. Record of the receipts and disbursements of the group after a loan had been granted.
4. Alumni and Province Chief participation in filing for a loan if possible.
5. Statement by the Executive Secretary or others relative to the character and stability of the group.

11. Endowment Fund Subscription Committee Report

Brother Swift reported in detail his program of procedure for a campaign to secure funds for the Endowment Fund, said report was received and will be distributed to the members of the Grand Council.

12. Housing Committee Report

Brother Smith spoke of the report of the Housing Committee which had been distributed to the members of the Grand Council. The Executive Secretary was directed to inform the Law Committee of the suggestions contained in the Housing Committee's report which should be incorporated in the model chapter constitution and by-laws.

13. Middlebury

The Executive Secretary read a letter received from A. Gordon Miesse, Chairman of the Alumni Custodian Committee for the Middlebury Chapter, relative to possible reactivation. The report was received and on a motion by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Krebs, and passed, the expenses of Brother Miesse to the Middlebury campus were authorized paid.

14. National Interfraternity Conference

Brother Cochran read a letter received from the Executive Committee of the National Interfraternity Conference regarding chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi at two unaccredited institutions, Ohio Northern University and Hartwick College. The matter was left in the hands of the Grand Senior President.

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15. The Rutland Daily Herald

A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Smith, and passed that Brother Cochran proceed to answer the letter received from the above named newspaper as discussed by the Grand Council.

16. Grand Council Resignation

Brother Cochran presented the resignation of David S. Blankenship, Jr. from the Grand Council. A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Taylor, and passed that the resignation be received and accepted with regret.

17. Election to Grand Council

A motion was presented by Brother Taylor, seconded by Brother Swift, and unanimously passed that Brother Albert G. Jahn be elected to the Grand Council for the unexpired term of Brother Blankenship which is until the national convention of 1952.

18. Mail Vote

A motion was presented by Brother Hart, seconded by Brother Smith, and passed that all matters necessitating a vote of the Grand Council should be approved first by the Grand Senior President.

19. Delta Beta Xi

The Executive Secretary announced that Clark L. Andrews has been granted the honor of Delta Beta Xi upon a mail vote of the Grand Council, said date of the honor to be December 6, 1949, the founding date of the fraternity.

20. Expenses of Grand Council Meeting

A motion was presented by Brother Hart, seconded by Brother Krebs, and passed that the expenses of this Grand Council meeting be approved.

21. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, February 27, 1949.

Ralph F. Burns
Executive Secretary

MINUTES OF GRAND COUNCIL MEETING
SEAVIEW COUNTRY CLUB, ABSECON, N. J.

July 23, 24, 1949

22. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Grand Senior President, Lloyd S. Cochran, at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 23, 1949. Brothers Hart, Hornberger, Jahn, Kitchen, Krebs, Smith, Swift, Taylor, and Young, members of the Grand Council; Brother Theodore A. Phillips, Chairman of the National Publications Committee; Brother C. E. Dilley, Editor of the TOMAHAWK; Brother James Kaldal, Assistant Executive Secretary; and Brother Ralph F. Burns, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

23. Approval of Minutes of February 26-27, 1949 Meeting of the Grand Council

A motion was presented by Brother Hornberger, seconded by Brother Kitchen, and unanimously passed that the minutes of the Grand Council meeting of February 26-27, 1949 be approved as distributed.

24. Report of Grand Senior President

Brother Cochran, Grand Senior President, welcomed to the meeting Brother Jahn, newly elected member of the Grand Council replacing Brother David Blankenship who presented his resignation to the Grand Council at its February, 1949 meeting. Brother Cochran then proceeded to read his full report which had been distributed to the Grand Council and which was unanimously approved by the Grand Council.

25. Report of the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary read his report which, upon a motion presented by Brother Kitchen and seconded by Brother Taylor, was approved as read.

Two items from the Executive Secretary's report upon which action was taken were:

(a) Office Manager

A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Krebs, and unanimously passed that the solution as presented by the Executive Secretary in his report to the Grand Council regarding the immediate necessity of an office manager in the national office be received.

However, the Grand Council wished to express its opinion that it felt that there is a continuing need for this type of an individual if it could be financed and the proper person found.

(b) Pledge Manual

A motion was presented by Brother Hart, seconded by Brother Smith, and unanimously passed that the Executive Secretary proceed with the publication of a bound pledge manual; that the sale of said pledge manuals proceed on a promotional basis; and that each chapter arrange for the purchase of a pledge manual for each pledge in the chapter this fall for \$1.00 apiece, the cost to be borne by the individual or the chapter itself.

26. Finances

Brother Hornberger, Grand Treasurer of the Fraternity, submitted complete financial reports and discussed the same with the Grand Council.

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A motion was presented by Brother Hornberger, seconded by Brother Hart, and unanimously passed that the notes receivable that appear on the balance sheet of the Endowment Fund be carefully studied by the Finance Committee, that they make an effort to collect some, determine which are bad, and write off others so that action by the finance committee could be ratified at the next meeting of the Grand Council.

Brother Young spoke briefly of the work of the TOMAHAWK Trustees and particularly the diligence and time put into the work of this fund by Brother Robert L. Jagocki, Chairman of the TOMAHAWK Trustees.

A motion was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded by Brother Swift, and unanimously passed instructing the Executive Secretary to write to the TOMAHAWK Trustees commending them on the work which they have done in the supervision and direction of the TOMAHAWK Trustee Fund.

A motion was presented by Brother Hornberger, seconded by Brother Taylor, and unanimously passed that the 1950 Convention Fee of \$75.00 charged to the North Carolina State Chapter be written off as this chapter has not reactivated completely since the war.

A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Kitchen, and unanimously passed approving the report of the Finance Committee as submitted by Brother Hornberger.

A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Kitchen, and unanimously passed approving the suggested budget of operations of the General Fund for the year 1949-1950 as attached.

A motion was presented by Brother Hornberger, seconded by Brother Hart, and unanimously passed that the audit report as submitted to the Grand Council at this meeting be received.

27. Endowment Subscription Drive

Brother Swift, Chairman of the Endowment Subscription Committee, gave a very complete and detailed report of the work of his committee. He stated that additional lists would have to be secured through the national office from certain Presidents of Alumni Associations, Province Chiefs, and Presidents of Undergraduate Chapters. After the prospect list was prepared a letter was being prepared which would be submitted to these prospects.

The formal date of the campaign is from October 15, 1949 through December 1, 1949. However, it was made clear that a continuing campaign would be carried on until such time that the Grand Council felt that their goal was accomplished.

Brother Swift outlined in detail the procedure as to how the members of his committee would operate and the followup work to the prospects.

The November issue of the TOMAHAWK would be in the mails by November 15, 1949 and would be called the Endowment Fund Number.

A motion was presented by Brother Hart, seconded by Brother Taylor, and unanimously approved that this issue be a 32 page issue and that it be sent to everyone in the national organization.

A motion was presented by Brother Hornberger, seconded by Brother Young, and unanimously passed authorizing the Executive Secretary to secure additional office help from September 15 to December 15, 1949 to carry on and complete the additional work entailed in the Endowment Fund Drive.

It was suggested by Brother Swift that additional members might be added to the Committee in geographical areas which are not already covered. It was suggested that a possible follow-up letter might go

to some of the prospects and that a system of pledges could be arranged so that payments could be made on an installment basis. It was recommended that all of the letters have a personal salutation and that at the time of the preparation of the original letter that a follow-up letter be prepared.

It seemed also advisable to consider the possibility of screening the list of prospects, securing the advance gifts from a number of these people that could be announced to the general prospect group. It was also suggested that alumni committees might make announcements and do some work in promoting the Endowment Fund Campaign through their homecoming week-ends in the chapters this fall. A great deal of this work could be done, not only by the Province Chief at the time of his visitation, but also by the Executive Secretary and the Assistant Executive Secretary when they are visiting with alumni groups.

28. 1950 Convention

Brother Hart presented a rather complete report on the work of his committee in the survey of prospective Convention sites for 1950. After reporting to the Grand Council a motion was presented by Brother Smith, seconded by Brother Hornberger, and unanimously passed that the recommendation of Brother Hart as Chairman of the 1950 Convention Committee be approved, and that the 1950 Convention be held at the General Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario for four days.

(Since the Grand Council meeting definite arrangements have been made with the General Brock Hotel for the 1950 Convention to be held on September 10, 11, 12, and 13, 1950)

(a) Local Convention Committee

A motion was presented by Brother Hornberger, seconded by Brother Krebs, and unanimously passed that Brothers

Cochran, Hart, and Burns arrange to meet with the Niagara Frontier Alumni Council relative to the details in connection with the 1950 Convention.

It was suggested that the Convention Committee plan its work so that items to appear at the 1950 Convention be submitted to the delegates early in the spring of next year so that it would enable them to discuss these matters with their undergraduate chapters and that reports of all the national committees be prepared and submitted to all the chapters and delegates prior to the closing of the next school year enabling them to discuss the same.

29. Housing Committee

Brother Harold Smith submitted a very complete report in connection with the activities of the Housing Committee. He reported particularly in connection with the Mt. Union Chapter recommending that the National Council make no financial investment in this house at the present time. It was recommended to Brother Smith that he send a complete report of the Mt. Union situation to the directors of their Alumni Corporation.

The Executive Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Housing Committee for their work in connection with the matters that have been presented to it.

30. Publications Committee

Brother Theodore Phillips presented a verbal report of his Committee and made a recommendation that the Executive Secretary and the Editor of the TOMAHAWK, Brother C. E. Dilley, with the help of the Publications Committee set up a technique of procedure to use on news releases to newspapers as well as to interfraternity publications.

A motion was presented by Brother Hart, seconded by Brother Taylor, and unanimously passed that, on the recommendation of Brother Phillips, Brother Joyce Swan, a member of the Publications Committee, be asked to develop a questionnaire which could be used to ascertain readers' interest in connection with the TOMAHAWK, and that he also be requested to make suggestions on publicity and news releases coming from the national organization.

It was further suggested that through the national office local chapters be encouraged to handle local news releases to their individual local papers.

National Directory.

Brother Phillips' Committee suggested that in connection with the publication of a national directory of membership that it should be financed ahead of time and that his committee recommended that it be tabled indefinitely. A motion was presented by Brother Hornberger, seconded by Brother Taylor, and unanimously passed that the recommendation of the Publications Committee relative to the tabling of the publication of a national directory be accepted and that the suggestion be tabled indefinitely.

Brother Phillips indicated that he and his committee would be very happy to read any manuscripts on material that would be published and sent out by the Grand Council of the Fraternity to the undergraduate chapters, chapter officers, or general membership.

31. TOMAHAWK

A motion was presented by Brother Hornberger, seconded by Brother Young, and unanimously passed that Brother C. E. Dilley be hired as editor of the TOMAHAWK for the year 1949-50 and that Brother Dilley be continued to be compensated on the basis of \$50.00 a issue.

Brother Dilley gave a very complete report of the activities of the editor of the TOMAHAWK and requested additional alumni notes and lead articles from members of the Grand Council and alumni.

Brother Dilley requested the possibility of securing a typewriter and camara to be used by the Executive Secretary and Assistant Executive Secretary in the securing of pictures that could be used in the TOMAHAWK while they are on the road.

A motion was presented by Brother Hornberger, seconded by Brother Krebs, and unanimously passed that the Executive Secretary with the help of the Grand Treasurer proceed with the purchase of a suitable camara and typewriter, the typewriter to be used by the editor.

32. The Gordon Miller Waldron Case

A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Hornberger, and unanimously passed that the report of the Trial Court be accepted and its action be ratified.

A motion was presented by Brother Smith, seconded by Brother Hart, and passed that the following resolution presented by Brother Smith be adopted:

WHEREAS, complaint has been duly filed charging that Gordon Miller Waldron did on various occasions in the years 1947-48 conduct himself on the campus of the University of Michigan in such manner as did or tended to bring discredit upon Theta Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and upon Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity in violation of his oath contained in the ritual of said fraternity, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity thereafter created a trial court with jurisdiction to hear said complaint and try said Gordon Miller Waldron upon the charges therein alleged, and

WHEREAS, said Gordon Miller Waldron did thereafter waive notice of hearing upon said complaint and did consent to a finding of guilty as charged therein and the entry of an order by said court that he be expelled from said fraternity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That all proceedings of said trial court be and they are ratified and confirmed and Gordon Miller Waldron be and he is expelled from Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

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33. National Interfraternity Conference

(a) Official Delegates

A motion was presented by Brother Hornberger, seconded by Brother Krebs, and unanimously passed that the official delegates to the Annual Plenary Session of the National Interfraternity Conference to be held in November, 1949 in Washington, D. C. be Brother Lloyd S. Cochran, Brother George E. Worthington, and Brother Benjamin F. Young; that the three alternates be Ralph F. Burns, W. Samuel Kitchen, and Albert G. Jahn.

(b) Ohio Northern University

Brother Lloyd Cochran presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS Alpha Sigma Phi now has a chapter at Ohio Northern University; and

WHEREAS that chapter was apparently installed by Alpha Kappa Pi, which has since merged with Alpha Sigma Phi, in 1942 and subsequent to the restraining regulation of the National Inter-Fraternity Conference in 1940; and

WHEREAS Ohio Northern University is not now and was not in 1942 properly accredited by recognized authority;

therefore be it

RESOLVED that Alpha Sigma Phi drop the name of its Ohio Northern chapter from its fraternity roll, that it authorize no further initiations at that chapter, that it withdraw the use of its fraternity name, insignia and paraphernalia, and that all of this be effective as rapidly as possible and shall remain effective until Ohio Northern University becomes fully accredited and an acceptable place for expansion under the regulations of the National Inter-Fraternity Conference; and be it

RESOLVED further, that a copy of this resolution, together with the vote on the same, be forwarded to the proper authorities of Ohio Northern University and to the National Inter-Fraternity Conference.

A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Swift, that this resolution be accepted. Upon vote the motion was defeated. The following resolution was submitted and presented in the form of a motion by Brother Harold Smith, seconded by Brother Young, and was unanimously passed:

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the National Interfraternity Conference has charged that the chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Ohio Northern University was installed in an unaccredited institution subsequent to and in violation of a by-law adopted by said Conference in 1940, and

WHEREAS, the committee assigned to investigate said charges by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity has thus far discovered no substantial evidence to controvert the same but has requested a further period of time within which to complete its investigation and to file a final report,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That effective as of August 31, 1949, Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity immediately place in operation the procedure requisite to revoke the charter of said chapter unless, prior to that time, substantial evidence be developed and reported by said committee.

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It was suggested to Brother Benjamin F. Young that he contact Mr. William Barnes, Chairman of the Law Committee of the National Interfraternity Conference, with regard to the action taken by the Grand Council in connection with the Ohio Northern University Situation.

The Grand Council requested Brother Taylor to contact A. H. Wilson, former Fraternity Advisor of Alpha Kappa Pi, to investigate the facts in connection with the Ohio Northern Situation and its affiliation with Alpha Kappa Pi through the consolidation of TNE and that further contact be made through Mr. Wilson to L. G. Balfour, Past Chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference, who was aware of the situation in this case as it developed.

(c) N.I.C. Resolution

The Executive Secretary presented for the consideration of the Grand Council a resolution received from the National Interfraternity Conference to be considered by member fraternities relative to the selective nature of their requirements of membership.

A motion was presented by Brother Hart, seconded by Brother Taylor, and passed unanimously that the Executive Secretary acknowledge the receipt of this resolution.

34. Chapter Affairs

Brother Frank Krebs gave a very complete report on the Chapter

Affairs Committee which had been submitted to the Grand Council prior to the meeting. The following individual chapters were discussed with regard to their active membership and men initiated during the past three years: Alabama, Bethany, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Columbia, Franklin, and Marshall, Hartwick, Lehigh, Marietta, North Carolina State, Oregon State, Presbyterian, Stevens, Toledo, Westminster, and Wofford. Brother Krebs informed the Grand Council that the work of the Executive Secretary and the Assistant Executive Secretary through extension this next year would be pointed toward the strengthening of these above mentioned chapters being cognizant of the fluctuations in our active chapter membership and the men initiated by these chapters in the last few years.

He reported to the Grand Council the suggested Chapter Affairs Exchange with the further thought coming out of the discussion that certain of these ideas would be the basis of articles for the TOMAHAWK and that the TOMAHAWK should be the main vehicle of distribution of these ideas.

(a) Tufts

A very complete report was presented by Brother Krebs on the Tufts situation and full discussion took place led by Brother Taylor who had recently visited the chapter.

A motion was presented by Brother Krebs, seconded by Brother Taylor, and unanimously passed that the Executive Secretary on behalf of the Grand Council be instructed to write the Tufts Chapter calling their attention to their actions on the campus which had led the National Fraternity to embarrassment and calling upon them to be careful in the public relations value of the local situation.

(b) Liquor

Brother Burns reported to the Grand Council the recent survey made by Chi Psi Fraternity as well as Theta Chi Fraternity in connection with the use of liquor on college campuses. He also indicated to the Grand Council that the Secretary's Association of the National Interfraternity Conference had requested the Executive Committee of the National Interfraternity Conference to make a survey on the policy of the use of liquor on campuses and in fraternity houses of all the colleges and universities where fraternities are located.

A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Taylor, and unanimously passed that a report of this survey be submitted to the Grand Council by the Executive Secretary on the policy of the institutions where Alpha Sigma Phi has chapters in the use of liquor in fraternity houses.

(c) Visitation

Brother Burns reported generally on the visitation program for the next year. He indicated that after a conference was held with Brother Cramblet, Chairman of Extension, that a detailed visitation program would be developed by the Executive Secretary enabling the Assistant Executive Secretary to contact every undergraduate chapter in the national organization during the school year of 1949-50.

35. Alumni Affairs Committee

Brother Arba S. Taylor presented a very complete report on the Alumni Affairs Committee and submitted to the Grand Council a survey made by that committee. It was suggested to Brother Taylor that the chart on his survey be released to all alumni councils with a proper letter covering the work of this survey. It was also requested that with the help of the Executive Secretary individuals be named who would be responsible for the reactivation and the carrying on of the work of the alumni councils in the various areas of the country where alumni groups have been or should be active.

A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Krebs, and passed that the Alumni Affairs Committee make up a constructive program for Alumni Councils which will aid them in their work and development, said program to be reported to the Grand Council at its next meeting.

It was suggested that the Executive Secretary call to the attention of the Extension Committee the work of the Alumni Affairs Committee and its report requesting that the Extension Committee could receive a great deal of help from the alumni groups in the various areas.

36. Extension

A complete report was submitted by Brother Cramblet, and it was suggested by the Grand Council that the Executive Secretary have a conference with Brother Cramblet to work out the activities of the Extension Committee for this next year.

37. Province Chiefs

Brother W. Samuel Kitchen presented a verbal report with regard to the work of the Province Chief Committee. It was suggested that in

cases where there should be some replacement of Province Chiefs that the Executive Secretary and Brother Kitchen work together on recommendations to Brother Cochran for appointments and approval by the Grand Council at its next meeting. It was further suggested that certain province areas could be combined making a larger province and giving additional responsibility to the Province Chiefs in those areas.

(a) Terms of Office of Province Chief

Due to the fact that some of the Province Chiefs were ineffective a motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Taylor, and passed that at the 1950 Convention the terms of office of Province Chiefs be one year.

(b) Province Chief Program

It was suggested by Brother Kitchen with the full approval of the Grand Council that he and his committee should proceed with the development of an intense Province Chief program.

38. Delta Beta Xi Awards

A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Swift, and unanimously passed to elect Mr. Gordon Kissenger and Mr. Theodore Phillips to the honor of Delta Beta Xi.

(a) Delta Beta Xi Keys

A motion was presented by Brother Hornberger, seconded by Brother Young, and passed that the Fraternity in the future purchase Delta Beta Xi Keys for the Recipients of this award, however, it being understood that in cases where individuals or groups desire to purchase a key for

the individual that that be permitted.

(b) Additional Nominations

The Executive Secretary was instructed to secure additional nominations for Delta Beta Xi Awards for the next meeting of the Grand Council.

(c) Citations

It was suggested to the Executive Secretary that he approach Brother Parker Bloser in Columbus, Ohio to develop a proper citation that could be presented to the recipients of the Delta Beta Xi Award.

39. Endowment Fund Loans

The Endowment Fund Loan Committee composed of Brothers Hornberger, Taylor, and Young presented two loans to the Grand Council for action.

(a) Bethany

A loan has been requested from the Bethany Chapter Alumni Association for \$1,000.00 to be used in the installation of a heating plant enabling the chapter not to increase their mortgage indebtedness with the understanding that this \$1,000.00 be paid off in three years and that the \$200.00 which was loaned to this chapter from the Alpha Kappa Pi Endowment Fund be paid off during the school year of 1949-1950.

A motion was presented by brother Young, seconded by Brother Hornberger, and unanimously passed that this loan be granted upon the approval of Brother Cramblet and the Province Chief in the area.

(b) University of Connecticut

After careful consideration of the application of the Connecticut Chapter for a loan of \$700.00 from the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Loan Committee could make no recommendation at this time to the Grand Council.

Brother Arba S. Taylor was instructed to investigate the attitude of the University of Connecticut in connection with our chapter which had bearing upon the granting of said loan. Brother Taylor is to report back to the Executive Secretary who, in turn, would make a complete report to the Grand Council at which time action would be taken in connection with this request for a loan.

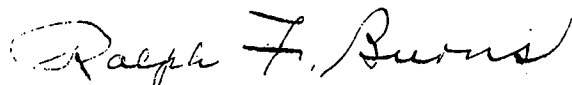
40. Next Meeting of the Grand Council

A motion was presented by Brother Smith, seconded by Brother Taylor, and unanimously passed that the next meeting of the Grand Council will be held if possible on December 10 and 11, 1949 with the possibility of another one being held in May or June, 1950.

41. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time, Sunday, July 24, 1949.

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph F. Burns
Executive Secretary

Suggested Budget
Year 1949 - 1950

Receipts

Initiations	\$ 13,400.00
Active Dues	14,500.00
Service	8,000.00
1950 Convention Fee	3,900.00
Chapter Accounts Receivable	1,500.00
Tomahawk Trustees	<u>4,400.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 45,700.00</u>

Disbursements

Service	7,000.00
1950 Convention Reserve	4,000.00
Salaries	14,000.00
Rent and Light	1,500.00
Tel. & Tel.	750.00
Postage	600.00
Stationery & Supplies	700.00
Office	300.00
N.I.C.	250.00
Ins. & Bond	300.00
Legal and Audit	200.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Conferences	1,800.00
Visitation	5,000.00
Social Security Tax	100.00
Extension	1,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	1,000.00
Publications	1,000.00
Tomahawk Expense	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 44,700.00</u>

Increase in Surplus	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
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\$ 45,700.00



Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

31 WEST WINTER STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO

LLOYD S. COCHRAN
GRAND SENIOR PRESIDENT

September 22, 1949

REPLY TO:
5 DAVISON ROAD
LOCKPORT, NEW YORK

Mr. Ralph Burns
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
31 West Winter Street
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Ralph:

Thank you for the check which you sent and which arrived at my home this afternoon.

I received the minutes of the Grand Council meeting. I have some things which might be under the heading of suggestions and others which I feel are corrections which should be made in the minutes or at least brought up as such at the next meeting of the Council.

Under suggestions would you approve of the idea of listing the members of the Council who were absent. I believe there is custom and convenience involved here which might indicate the desirability of such listings.

On page three the second motion there, the motion presented by your chairman which I do not believe would be either legal nor according to fact. How about picking some other innocent bystander as the maker of that motion.

On page four under number 27 the report of the Endowment Subscription Drive the third paragraph thereof states that Brother Swift outlined the procedure on the follow up work for his committee.

I think this is one of the important features of this report and as a matter of reference so that we may all be following proper procedure I think it might be well for you to put out a supplement to this paragraph indicating what their procedure is and how it is to be carried on.

The last paragraph on page four mentioned that Brother Swift suggested that additional members necessary in certain geographical areas might be added. If I recall these names were to be presented by you or Doc Swift or both of you, and letters to go out from me appointing them to this committee. With the work of the committee practically at hand now, should we not immediately enlist this support from additional members.

Next please refer to page eight of the first paragraph under item 33. I recall that this original motion was presented and my recollection is that before it was passed, Brother Smith called our attention to the necessity of a more formal and complete resolution on this subject and the original motion was then withdrawn. It is superfluous when considered in connection with the following section of item 32 giving Brother Smith the resolution covering the same point.

By way of general information you will ^{NOT} be glad to know that the N.I.C. turned down the request of the Fraternity Secretary to conduct a survey on the question of university regulations in regard to use of intoxicating liquors on campus. For that reason this point should come up for further consideration at the next meeting of our Grand Council and see whether we should like to conduct such a survey.

Also under old business to be considered at the December meeting of the Council please make a note for us to consider the items of the matter of the second paragraph of item #35 on page 14 having to do with the review of the program for alumni council to be prepared by that committee.

In item 36 the minutes show a report was submitted by Brother Cramblet. A minor point of suggestion might indicate that the report came through a letter from Brother Cramblet rather than personal report.

The next item which I have marked is under item 37 page 14 having to do with Province Chiefs. There were some Province Chiefs which you wanted to change forth with and you and I and Brother Kitchen were to be the team to effectuate that. I believe that you and Sam were going to make these recommendations for removal and new appointees.

So that the action of these Province Chiefs in their various areas might not be limited to a fraction of this year it would be well to do this at once, submitting our actions to the Council

in December for their approval at that time.

There are some of these fellows which are going to be unable to serve at least effectively. The program should not be permitted to suffer for want of effective replacing.

I note from the recent telephone conversations that many of us on the Council are waiting the announcement from your office of the action of votes on the matter of endowment loan requests which were sent out awhile ago. May I suggest that you get these announcements out as soon as the vote is tabulated.

In connection with citations for honorary awards would it be a good idea to put this under the jurisdiction of the Alumni Affairs committee? It seems to me that we should write the chapters and Alumni Councils and possibly to members of Delta Beta Xi requesting nominations for that group and giving in detail the qualifications of those so nominated.

If you can do it at your office fine. If not you might submit these names to Arba at least 30 days in advance of the meeting so that these citations could be prepared in best academic style and be considered along with the nominations at the meeting of the Grand Council.

I hope you had a splendid vacation and a fine rest and feel on edge to get started in what we all hope will be one of our best years.

The major goal which I personally hold for this year is one of effective use of this additional help which you have in the development and actual establishment of a substantial group of new chapters by the end of this school year. Our budget can be helped considerably in growth and strength and prestige of our fraternity will be advanced and we will have established ourselves in a fertile period in places where we have long desired such re-activation or new chapters.

I presume that you have reviewed this thoroughly with Dr. Cramblet and I am looking forward to my conference with Jim in the next few days to receive the details of such a plan.

On some of your trips here I am sure you have met our very intimate friend the Carner's. Their daughter Carol Jane has been admitted to the Freshman Class at Delaware. I am sure that she would appreciate a word of contact from you some time when you have a couple of minutes to spare.

Sincerely,



Lloyd S. Cochran
Grand Senior President

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MINUTES OF GRAND COUNCIL MEETING
HOTEL NETHERLAND PLAZA, CINCINNATI, OHIO

December 10, 11, 1949

42. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Grand Senior President, Lloyd S. Cochran, at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 1949. Brother Cochran requested Brother Hugh M. Hart to give the invocation. Brothers Hart, Hornberger, Jahn, Kitchen, Krebs, Smith, Swift, Taylor, and Young, members of the Grand Council; Brother Harold K. Schellenger, Chairman of the National Public Relations Committee; Brother C. E. Dilley, Editor of the TOMAHAWK; Ralph F. Burns, Executive Secretary; Brother Arch Brannen, President of the Cincinnati Alumni Council; Brother Edward Stitt, Province Chief of Province XI, and past Grand Senior President, Dr. Wilbur H. Cranblet, were in attendance.

43. Approval of Minutes of July 23, 24, 1949 Meeting of the Grand Council

A motion was presented by Brother Kitchen, seconded by Brother Hart, and unanimously passed that the minutes of the Grand Council meeting of July 23, 24, 1949 be approved as distributed and corrected.

44. Report of the Grand Senior President

Brother Cochran, Grand Senior President, welcomed to the meeting those present who were not members of the Grand Council and suggested that they feel free to participate in and enter into the discussions of the meeting. Brother Cochran read his report which is attached and marked "Exhibit A" which was received by the Grand Council.

45. Report of the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary read his report which is made a part of these minutes as "Exhibit B". Upon a motion by Brother Hart, seconded by Brother Taylor, the report was received.

46. Finances

Brother Hornberger, Grand Treasurer of the Fraternity, submitted complete financial reports and discussed the same with the Grand Council.

A motion was presented by Brother Krebs, seconded by Brother Taylor, and unanimously passed that the report be accepted.

Additional action taken was as follows:

(a) Cash Operations from July 1, 1949 thru October 31, 1949

The Executive Secretary was requested to give in detail the breakdown of the Conference expenditures of \$1,644.46. It is as follows:

Fraternity Secretaries', Editors' and Grand Council Meeting July, 1949	\$ 1513.25
Expenses to meet with the Executive Committee of the N. I. C., -Sept. 14, 1949	106.21*
N. I. C. Meeting, Washington, D.C.	25.00
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	\$ 1644.46

(b) Endowment Fund, Schedule of Notes Receivable

The Executive Secretary was requested to indicate in the future what notes in the schedule are Alumni Corporation or Association obligations as compared to Undergraduate Chapter obligations.

* Expenses for Brothers Cochran, Taylor and Young.

(c) M.I.T. and University of Illinois Notes:

A motion was presented by Brother Hornberger, seconded by Brother Krebs, and unanimously passed that the M.I.T. note held in the amount of \$85.00 and the University of Illinois note of \$1,272.00 for chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi be written off in the Endowment Fund.

(d) Alpha Sigma Phi Association of Oklahoma

It was pointed out that the note of the Alpha Sigma Phi Association of Oklahoma was in default. Brother Harold Smith discussed the background of this situation, how the loan was made, and read a letter from Brother Davis, President of the alumni corporation, in which he had enclosed a check for \$1,025.00 as payment on the principal and interest of the note.

After considerable discussion, a motion was presented by Brother Swift, seconded by Brother Young, and withdrawn after discussion on the motion. The Grand Senior President appointed a committee composed of Brothers Smith, Cramblet, and Hornberger to draw up the following resolution which was submitted and adopted.

A motion was presented by Brother Swift, seconded by Brother Young, and unanimously carried that the Alpha Sigma Phi Association of Oklahoma note be neither renewed nor extended, that the endorsers be notified that the note is in default and that said association and the endorsers be notified that proceedings to enforce collection of the amounts owing thereon will be withheld for a period of ninety days from November 29, 1949, the date of maturity thereof.

47. Endowment Fund Policy

A discussion of the Endowment Fund policy was led by Brother Harold Smith. A few of the following questions were raised. What is the purpose of the Fund; the desirability of having a short maturity on notes rather than the maximum of four years, and a question was raised on the procedure followed on the granting of loans. A question was raised with regard to an examination of the laws of the State of New York covering the action of the Board of Directors of a corporation, and, after considerable discussion pro and con, it was decided that the entire matter of the Endowment Fund policy be submitted to the Endowment Fund and the Legal Committee for consultation, with further suggestions being made by the Grand Senior President.

A motion was presented by Brother Cramblet, seconded by Brother Young, and passed that in connection with the present drive for funds for the Endowment Fund the policy be that all funds received from alumni subscriptions through this present drive the principal should be held intact with the strict regard for the integrity and the purposes of an Endowment Fund.

48. Public Relations

The discussion of public relations was led by Brother Harold K. Schellenger, chairman of the Public Relations Committee. After considerable discussion, the Grand Senior President appointed Brother Schellenger and the Executive Secretary to prepare a resolution to submit to the Grand Council for action.

Upon a motion by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Krebs, the resolution as presented was unanimously passed, that the Grand Council approve the text of the Public Relations Manual and accept the program therein as the official chapter public relations program of the Fraternity; that Brothers Burns and Schollenger be authorized to proceed with the printing; that the manual be copyrighted in such a way as to permit the use of the manual by other upon proper written acknowledgement to Alpha Sigma Phi; that copies be provided each chapter without charge for the use of its officers and Public Relations Committee, and such other free distribution be made which will, in the opinion of the Executive Secretary and the Chairman of the National Public Relations Committee, contribute to the advantage and prestige of Alpha Sigma Phi; and that provision be made for the sale of said manual to other appropriate fraternal and educational groups and individuals at a charge adequate to cover the per copy cost of printing and handling.

Brother Schellenger also presented suggestions for the use of the manual on public relations which was approved. He also discussed with the Grand Council and presented to them a manual for chapter officers on Publicity for the Fraternity. This matter was thoroughly discussed and will be reported upon further at the next meeting of the Grand Council.

49. Extension

Dr. Cramblet led the discussion on Extension and submitted his report. It was suggested that the Executive Secretary proceed with the development of a colonization procedure to be submitted to Brother Cramblet for approval and submission to the Grand Council at its next meeting.

(a) University of Buffalo

Brother Cochran submitted the petition of the Chi Tau Omicron Fraternity, a local at the University of Buffalo, which was thoroughly discussed.

Upon a motion by Brother Hart, seconded by Brother Young, the petition was unanimously approved.

The Executive Secretary was instructed to contact Brother Hine and Ulbrickson on the West Coast, two absent members of the Grand Council, to secure their votes. These votes were secured.

It is interesting to note at this writing that the chapter will be formally installed as the Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi on February 25, 1950.

50. Maintain Charity

Developing from Grand Senior President Cochran's report, a motion was presented by Brother Taylor, seconded by Brother Hart, and unanimously passed that the Grand Senior President appoint a committee to study the possibility of enterprizes which the Fraternity might consider, to carry out this purpose of our brotherhood.

Grand Senior President Cochran appointed Brother A. G. Jahn chairman of this committee to make such a survey.

51. TOMAHAWK

The Executive Secretary presented a memorandum requesting that the Grand Council accept the resignation of Brother C. E. Dilley as editor of the TOMAHAWK.

A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Krebs, and passed that Brother Dilley's resignation be received.

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, a motion was presented by Brother Taylor, seconded by Brother Young, and passed that Brother H. Robert Olds, Columbus, Ohio, be elected editor of the TOMAHAWK to begin with the March 1950 issue.

(a) Survey of Mailing

The Executive Secretary was requested to make a survey of the undergraduate chapters as to whether they desire four, five, or a half dozen copies of the TOMAHAWK to be mailed to the ~~chapter house where they could glance at it~~ and continue the practice of having their individual copies mailed to their homes, or whether they desire their individual copies to come to the chapter house. After making such a survey the Executive Secretary was authorized to proceed on the basis of the results obtained.

(b) TOMAHAWK Fund

Brother Benjamin Young led a discussion regarding the TOMAHAWK Fund. His recommendations are made a part of these minutes as Exhibit C.

A motion was presented by Brother Hornberger, seconded by Brother Taylor, and passed that the recommendations as submitted by Brother Young, as follows, be approved.

Recommendation

It seems advisable that the General Office know at the beginning of each year what monies are available from the Tomahawk Fund for purposes of covering the cost of the Tomahawk, and it is

also advisable that some recognition be given to the probable rate of earnings on the balance in the Fund and also the exhaustion of the principal of the Fund. A simple method which takes all these factors into account and which seems quite feasible would provide that the Trustees pay to the General Office currently (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually) three per cent of the balance in the Fund for the period under consideration and in addition to that, twenty cents for each life subscriber on the mailing list who has deposited \$10 as a life subscription and thirty cents for each life subscriber who has deposited \$15 as a life subscription. It is believed that an assumed rate of interest of three per cent on the balance in the Fund is a reasonable rate over a relatively long period of time. The twenty and thirty cent exhaustion of the principal assumes a life expectancy of 50 years which is about the greatest life expectancy to be found in any of the mortality tables. This assumption is obviously conservative but I think we should administer the Fund on a conservative basis.

I therefore recommend that effective immediately this method of administering the Fund be introduced. In its detail the recommendation contemplates that the balance in the Fund and the number of life subscribers on the mailing list at the end of a given year would be used as the basis of computing the payments to the National Office for the ensuing year. This would enable the Executive Secretary to know at the beginning of the year precisely the amount he would receive from the Trustees during the following year. Under this method the National Office would compute the amount due from the Tomahawk Trustees at the beginning of each year according to the prescribed method and the Trustees would pay this amount monthly, quarterly, or semiannually, as might be determined. The auditors would then be asked to review these computations at the time of the annual audit of the National Office to see that the computations had been made in accordance with the methods prescribed. "

A motion was presented by Brother Swift, seconded by Brother Taylor, and passed that recommendations to the TOMAHAWK Trustees as presented by Brother Young as coming from the auditor were reviewed and left to the discession of the TOMAHAWK Trustees.

52. Legal Matter

In the Executive Secretary's report, Exhibit B, page 2, the Executive Secretary made two suggestion: 1) that a change be considered in the Constitution of the Fraternity so that after the Grand Council is elected by the Convention, ~~that~~ the Grand Council in turn elect the officers of the Fraternity; and 2) that there be no suggestion of progression in the officers.

A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Smith, and passed that these recommendations be approved and submitted to the Legal Committee for proper wording to be submitted to the chapters and chartered alumni councils for vote.

(a) Resignation

The Executive Secretary on page 3 of his report, Exhibit B, presented a suggestion whereby a member could possibly resign from the Fraternity.

After considerable discussion, a motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Taylor, and passed that the Grand Council was in favor of a procedure whereby a member could have his membership remitted, however, the matter should be referred to the Legal Committee for their opinion. If no Constitutional amendment was required that the policy be placed into effect.

By remitting a membership the Grand Council defines this as deleting his name from the mailing list so he would have no connection with the fraternity. This procedure would take an ~~unanimous~~ vote of the Grand Council.

(b) Protection of Fraternity Name and Insignia

A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Hart, and passed that this matter be referred to the Legal Committee for their consideration and recommendation.

(c) Model Chapter Constitution and By-Laws

A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Krebs, and passed that the matter of developing a model Chapter Constitution and By-Laws be submitted to the Legal Committee for their recommendation to the Grand Council.

53. Expenses of Grand Council Meeting

Prior to the adjournment of the Grand Council at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 11, the following item was discussed and passed.

A motion was presented by Brother Krebs, seconded by Brother Taylor, and passed that the expenses of this meeting be paid.

54. Endowment Subscription Program

Brother Swift, chairman of the Endowment Subscription Committee, spoke at length on the program. He outlined the procedure which had been developed at the July meeting of the Grand Council, the discussion which took place at that time with the Executive Secretary and the Assistant Executive Secretary, and the steps of the program which have been carried out to date.

It was pointed out that the program had not developed along the time schedule as originally set up, and for that reason it was felt that the response to the program had been weakened.

After considerable discussion, the following recommendations were made: that the program proceed immediately; that the November issue of the TOMAHAWK be sent out as quickly as possible; that lists be prepared and sent to interested alumni for personal solicitation by February 1; and that the program go forward with as much haste as possible.

A motion was presented by Brother Young, seconded by Brother Krebs, and unanimously passed that the National office and the Executive Secretary work diligently with Brother Swift, Chairman of the Endowment Subscription Committee, in carrying through this program.

55. Housing

Brother Smith reported that there were no formal remarks to be made at this time. It was suggested by the Grand Senior President that a long range program of developing suggestions along the lines of an insurance program, membership certificates, notes system, or other ways to raise funds for the purchase or the paying off of a house be developed so that some idea might be able to be fitted into the situation of an individual chapter.

A point was raised by Brother Swift that throughout the entire program he felt that there was a very definite need for an alumni supervisory committee of the active operations of an undergraduate chapter which would permit the alumni to ascertain difficulties in advance of a given situation so that too many difficulties would not arise.

Brother Krebs explained the supervisory control of the undergraduate chapters by a Board of Governors in the organizational structure of Alpha Kappa Pi.

It was suggested that the Province Committee set up a program of forming and developing chapter alumni associations, and the Alumni Affairs Committee be responsible for continued development.

(1) Cincinnati

The Executive Secretary and Brother Edward Stitt, the Province Chief, spoke of the housing problems of the chapter at the University of Cincinnati. It was pointed out to the Grand Council that within the last week the chapter had been able to rent a small house from the University, but that a long range housing program would have to be developed. Brother Stitt made a request that a loan be made from the Endowment Fund to assist the undergraduate chapter in the acquiring of property.

It was recommended by Brother Smith, and was the consensus of the Grand Council that an alumni corporation of the Cincinnati Alumni be formed and that it, after its formation, make application for such a loan in the usual manner.

56. 1950 Convention

Brother Hart led the discussion on his written report which received the approval of the Grand Council. It was suggested that in developing the Convention program that sufficient time be allotted for recreation of the delegates, that in developing a questionnaire to be sent to the delegates and others attending the Convention that

58. Province Chief

Brother Kitchen made a progress report, and it was suggested that in the case where there were vacancies, Brother Kitchen with the assistance of the Executive Secretary make recommendations to the Grand Senior President for these appointments.

It was also recommended that reports coming from Province Chiefs be so arranged that Brother Kitchen will be kept informed of the activities of the Province Chiefs.

59. Scholarship

The report of Brother Paul Bickel was discussed at great length. The request of Brother Bickel to resign as chairman of the National Scholarship Committee was discussed, and the Executive Secretary was requested to contact Brother Bickel to request him to continue to serve as National Scholarship Chairman until adjournment of the 1950 National Convention. The Executive Secretary contacted Brother Bickel and he is willing to continue to serve until the Convention.

The Executive Secretary was also requested to ask Brother Bickel to develop a program of suggestions which might be made to chapters to improve scholarship.

60. Chapters

(a) Franklin-Marshall

Brother Jahn reported briefly on the developments of the Franklin-Marshall Chapter. With the cooperation of Brothers Swift and Taylor, the alumni have been rejuvenated and are proceeding with a program of complete reorganization of the undergraduate chapter. Progress is being made.

(b) Ohio Northern

The question of our chapter at Ohio Northern University, an unaccredited institution, as raised by the National Inter-fraternity Conference was discussed. It was reported by Brother Cochran that he, Brothers Young and Taylor would meet with the Executive Committee of the National Interfraternity Conference at their January meeting. It was the feeling of the Grand Council that Brother Cochran and the other representatives of the Council appearing before the Executive Committee put forth every effort to present our case to save this chapter. It was the feeling of the Council that the Chapter should be retained.

(c) Alabama

On page 4 of the Executive Secretary's report, Exhibit B, the Executive Secretary reported on a trip to the University of Alabama on November 21. Upon proper discussion a motion was presented and unanimously passed that the procedure as outlined by the Executive Secretary be approved.

61. Miscellaneous Items

The Grand Senior President reported upon an article which appeared in the July, 1949 issue of Banta's Greek Exchange entitled "Discrimination is Good Sense." The Executive Secretary was requested to secure reprints and distribute the same to the Grand Council and to chapters for their study.

It was also suggested that reports of committees of Grand Council be secured so that suggestions and recommendations for action might be submitted to the Grand Council prior to the meeting so that matters might be handled with a little more dispatch.

62. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. December 12, 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph F. Burns

Executive Secretary

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REPORT OF GRAND SENIOR PRESIDENT
TO THE
GRAND COUNCIL

December 10, 1949

Most field of our endeavor have shown gratifying progress since our summer meeting in Absecon, New Jersey! This progress is due to a large extent to two very real forces. The first is the tremendously vital spirit of our chapters, their leadership and their developing scale of activity. The second force, concerning our deliberations here, is the impact of loyal and unstinting devotion to the common task by the members of this Grand Council, our Committee Chairman, and the National Office staff.

A complete review of this program would be the fully reported minutes of this meeting. May I high-light some of the matters deserving of special emphasis at this meeting of the Grand Council.

ENDOWMENT SUBSCRIPTION

Your Chairman of the Endowment Subscription Campaign has worked long and capably to give momentum to the accumulation of Endowment Funds. He and his supporters have deserved better success than they have received to date.

The key to their future prospects lies in the diligent follow up efforts thru:

1. Personal contact where possible.
2. Letters from supporters of this drive to those who should be able and who have not yet subscribed.
3. Prompt release of the November issue of the TOMAHAWK.
4. Vigorous combination of steps one and two on a selected list by the Executive Secretary and his assistants.

5. Review and organization of a long term plan of operation of this committee thru the channels of special money raising projects by alumni councils and chapters; selected emphasis and work on special gifts; and through the establishment of bequests among our members.

EXTENSION

Splendid results are coming from the Extension program. The most fertile time of sound expansion in fraternity history is still at hand.

Persistent efforts in this direction should be continued by all available means. Among such steps the following may be mentioned.

1. Devotion of all available effort by the Executive Secretary and his Assistant at those places where Expansion is most needed and where there is the best possibility of success.
2. Increased activity by alumni in those areas where reactivation or new chapters are possible.
3. Continued search among our active chapters for personnel to lead colonization.

A general survey by this meeting of the Council as to where such efforts may be most favorable would be of aid to future planning by Dr. Cramblet and his Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP

One of the more disturbing elements in continued general progress of all fraternities is the poor standard of fraternity men as compared

to the "all mens" average. If our chapters are conscientious in the selection of pledges, and if proper emphasis and program are applied to study by all pledges and actives, the fraternity men's average should far exceed the general student average.

Probably the most thankless job of any of our committees is the one of the Scholarship group. It is difficult to bring weight to bear before the fact. As a result much of its activity must be a historical review and pointing to the weakness and danger spots.

It is urged that the deliberation of this meeting assist this committee in the founding of new avenues of emphasis and to some penalty measures for scholarship deficiency. It is suggested that we reconsider scholarship standards necessary for initiation and that we make a plan of Scholarship Probation with a workable plan for improvement and with teeth for failure to operate this plan or failure to gain necessary results.

CONVENTION

The Convention Committee of the Grand Council has successfully closed the first phase of its work with the selection of the location and the appointment of a capable and interested Convention Committee in Buffalo for the completion of general arrangements.

Dr. Hart's Committee is undertaking now the ~~second~~ phase of its work in the organizing of the personnel of the convention and the preparation of its agenda.

May we labor this year toward a perfecting of this next step before the close of the school year. Topical convention sub-committees should be appointed promptly; the channel and scope of their work should be outlined

and their preliminary reports could be finished by mid-April. In this way active and alumni will know their jobs and time allowed for discussion in Chapters and Alumni Councils before summer vacation. It may well be further urged upon these groups that they register their feelings with their delegates, but that freedom of action and voting be left to the delegate without binding instruction. This will permit floor discussion at the convention to have its rightful influence on final action by the convention.

The locale of the convention next year is in the heart of a delightfully scenic and historical area. A forceful campaign which would urge greater alumni attendance as part of vacation time for members and wives, would improve the influence of the inspiration of the convention throughout our Brotherhood.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The manual of the Public Relations Committee on the agenda of this session marks a new era in activity of our fraternity. In fact, from comments at the National Interfraternity Conference in Washington last month, Alpha Sigma Phi may well blaze a trail in fraternity relations, and release a reservoir of important good will in fraternity circles.

Let us capitalize on this opportunity. Activation of this program will call for a careful plan and continuous follow up from the National Office and by Province Chiefs.

Distinct and still closely related to Public Relations is the matter of Publicity, as defined in the report of this committee. Much can be done in this field of publicity and this Committee is urged to review and suggest better ways of good publicity of the ideals and accomplishments of our Fraternity.

CHARITABLE PROGRAM

Periodically each of us should reread the objects and purposed of our Brotherhood as set forth in our Constitution. One point there expressed continues to challenge and reveals our lack of progress in this direction. I am referring to Section 2 of Article I which defines one of our three major purposes is to "maintain charity."

True exemplification of our Cardinal Virtues assures a maintainance of charity toward our fellow man within our hearts. As a fraternal group that spirit of charity should be translated into a dynamic program.

It is suggested that this session give consideration and discussion as to how best we might establish such a function. It may be the wish of the Council that the matter be referred to a standing Committee or to a special committee. Adoption of specific enterprises or goals and the steps whereby that activity may be a part of thoughtful activity of chapters and councils should be set up.

GENERAL

Many of the subjects of discussion at the N.I.C. meeting this year are of interest to us. Among them the unrestricted drinking in fraternity houses was challenged as a road block to fraternity existance and progress.

The Executive Secretary has been asked to survey existing regulations of liquor and bars on campuses where we have chapters. Because such regulations by Universities and Colleges form the basis of our standard, it is important that we know the course to be followed in each of our chapter locations.

Visitation by National officers and Province Chiefs should carry on a program of education as this problem concerns the individual member,

his chapter, our fraternity, and all Greekdom. Violations of our regulations must be dealt with promptly and forcefully.

The N.I.C. rightfully expressed the policy that membership requirements of member fraternities are a matter within the sole province of each fraternity. It was worthy of note that some University administrative officers in attendance expressed similar views and are taking steps to limit dictation to fraternities regarding such membership requirements.

Our policy must be reviewed before or during our Convention. It is earnestly hoped that the discussion will be objective and that the decision be based not on emotional influence. It should be a policy based only on what is going to be best in the long run for each member and for the lasting unity and good of our Brotherhood. Having reached such a decision in a democratic way, the same democratic acceptance of that policy should and must be universally accepted, and courage of that conviction should prevail and guide our course.

May I express a personal comment. I am fully aware of the time and effort that each of you have put into our common task. May you have the full satisfaction that comes from a job well done. The full measure of thanks and appreciation for your work will come from all Alpha Sigs everywhere.

Lloyd S. Cochran

Grand Senior President

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
TO
THE GRAND COUNCIL

December 10, 1949

The Executive Secretary's report will be limited to particular observations and recommendations which he would like the Grand Council to consider and take some action upon.

The first item has to do with the editorship of the TOMAHAWK. As a part of my report I submit herewith a statement dictated in the presence of Brother C. E. Dilley, the present editor of the TOMAHAWK. In addition to this statement the Executive Secretary would like to request that Brother Dilley's resignation be received with the request that he assist the Executive Secretary who will be responsible for the publication of the January issue of the TOMAHAWK, and that the Grand Council take into consideration the appointment of Brother Harold R. Olds, 4485 Zeller Road, Columbus 2, Ohio. Brother Olds has his own Public Relations firm in Columbus, and at the present time he is handling the public relations for the Ohio Educational Association, the public relations for the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics, and he has the responsibility of editing the publication for that organization. He also handles the public relations for the National School Public Relations Association and edits a monthly magazine entitled "Trends." He is very much interested in the possibility of serving as editor of the TOMAHAWK. The Executive Secretary contacted him by telephone and discussed the matter with him receiving his permission to suggest his name to the Grand Council for action. The proximity of Brother Olds to the National office will facilitate contact between the National office and Brother Olds.

LEGAL MATTERS:

Your Executive Secretary has written to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and hopes that they will make some comment by mail to the Grand Council.

He has, however, discussed the matters to be brought to the attention of the Grand Council with one of the members of the Law Committee in person, Brother George E. Worthington, while attending the annual meeting of the National Inter-Fraternity Conference. I present these matters to the Grand Council for consideration with the possible action of directing the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to prepare the necessary changes in the National Constitution and By-Laws as seems fitting.

Your secretary has observed the procedure of a number of National Conventions. He is aware of a situation which has developed at the 1940 Convention at which time a persuasive delegate was able by his influence to have elected to the Grand Council an alumnus who after being elected some three or four months acknowledged acceptance of the election but over a period of a year did not respond to any action or correspondence between the National office and the members of the Grand Council to the point where the Grand Council had to ask for his resignation. I think the provision of the present Constitution and By-Laws which calls for the election of the Grand officers immediately after the election of the Grand Council by the undergraduate delegates at the Convention is a dangerous one. I am suggesting that the Grand Council request the Law Committee to prepare proper resolutions to submit to the chapters and chartered alumni groups for a change in the Constitution which would provide that the Grand Officers of the Fraternity be elected by the members of the Grand Council. This would permit the Grand Council which is better informed of the time, ability, and capacity of the members of the Council to elect to the Grand Officer positions those men on the Grand Council who are best qualified for those responsibilities.

The second change which I feel is desirable is one on the suggested progression of officers of the Fraternity. Here again, I think that it is a decision which the Grand Council should make as we do have occasions when certain officers

have the time to serve in certain capacities but do not have the time to serve in other capacities of the National Organization. The Grand Council is the only group in the Fraternity that is well informed on these matters. A convention made up of undergraduate delegates and representatives of alumni groups is not too well informed on these matters.

A third matter to be considered is one concerned a member's resigning from the Fraternity. At the present time there is no provision for a resignation from Alpha Sigma Phi. Your Executive Secretary suggested a possibility of a provision similar to one being used by the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity which permits by a unanimous vote of the Grand Council an honorable dismissal from Phi Delta Theta. I am not sure as to whether this is desirable or whether it might be desirable to have a provision for a demit from the Fraternity. There are certain matters of secrecy and other obligations which a man takes at the time of initiation which, I am sure, we could not dismiss. There is also the possibility of membership in another National Fraternity. However, there should be some provision in which by an unanimous vote of the Grand Council the Executive Secretary and the National office would be permitted to delete this member from receiving any mail from the Fraternity or other communications pertaining thereto and that information to go to the undergraduate chapters and alumni groups in the area. Usually the individual which requests this type of thing has some religious or moral conflict with certain things that develop in the Fraternity. There is no question in my mind that there are many alumni that have an inactive attitude which they never express but it does not seem to disturb them too much.

The fourth matter which I requested some advice on from the Legal Committee was a matter of protection of our Fraternity name and insignia through new developments in the Federal Laws covering these matters.

A fifth matter suggested by the Executive Secretary is that the Grand Council consider directing the Grand Senior President to appoint a committee from the membership of the Grand Council with authority to act upon a suggested chapter Constitution and By-Laws which is being prepared and will be available for consideration and approval by the Grand Council sometime in January. This could be submitted to this committee for their purusal and action without the full vote of the Grand Council.

HOUSING:

The Executive Secretary made a flying trip to the University of Alabama on November 21. An opportunity has developed on that campus which would permit our chapter to enter into a contract to purchase the Lambda Chi Alpha chapter house on that campus for \$40,000. This matter was discussed with Brother Cochran and Brother Young in Washington recently while attending meetings of the N.I.C.

At the University of Alabama since the early twenties the University developed a cooperative program of housing between the fraternities and sororities on that campus so that all of the fraternities and sororities would be what they call "on campus groups" which is defined as on property owned by the University. There is a gentlemen's agreement that, although the fraternities and sororities do not have title to their houses that they have the privilege of residing in those homes and of using those homes for fraternity and sorority purposes. However, title is retained by the University. The University in all cases has been interested in loaning money to fraternities and sororities in their building.

The Lambda Chi Alpha house is an "on Campus" house. The chapter has grown considerably and they are interested in building a new house on the University campus which would be considerably larger. For that reason the opportunity has been presented that our chapter might be able to secure a fine home where they could compete with the other houses. At the present time, you understand, our

chapter is operating in a house off campus and is having a very difficult time in competition with the other groups. The University officials frankly state that unless we can put our chapter "on campus" in the next three or five years in a new structure or by purchasing another house that might be "on Campus" that they would request that we remove our charter from the University because a chapter cannot continue to compete with the other groups when it is off campus.

With this background the Executive Secretary wrote to the undergraduate chapter, the Province Chief, and an alumnus in Tuscaloosa suggesting the possibility of investigation on their part as to whether Lambda Chi Alpha was still sincere in their interest to sell the house for \$40,000 and that the purchase might be predicated on the securing of a loan from the University in the amount of \$30,000 which is the maximum amount the University will loan to a group, that the alumni be willing to raise \$5,000 and that we would recommend to the Grand Council a loan of \$5,000 from the Endowment Fund. The whole program would be predicated on the approval of the establishing of an Alpha Iota Alumni Corporation according to the State Laws of Alabama using the pattern as outlined by the Housing Committee and that said corporate structure be submitted to the Housing Committee for their approval, and that the entire program of financing be submitted to the Housing Committee for their approval and recommendation to the Grand Council. It was further suggested that if an option could be taken at this time and the loan secured for \$30,000 from the University that the \$10,000 to be raised by the alumni of the Alpha Iota Chapter and from the Endowment Fund of the Fraternity could be paid at the time that our chapter acquires occupancy of the Lambda Chi Alpha house. This would undoubtedly not be before June, 1950 and would permit a time lapse to raise the necessary funds to swing the deal at the time of occupancy.

This matter is being called to the attention of the Grand Council for discussion and comment and instructions to the Executive Secretary as to how to proceed. This has also been discussed with Brother Hornberger. No doubt Brother Cochran will have some comment on this matter for he met and talked with Dean Hendricks, Dean of Students at the University of Alabama, while in Washington recently.

NATIONAL FINANCES:

You have before you the reports of the various funds of the Fraternity. It would appear in the second report; namely, Income and Expense Statement, on an accrual basis of the General Funds, that the undergraduate dues for this year will be in line with the amount budgeted for this item, and the initiations will no doubt exceed that amount budgeted if two or three new chapters are added during this school year plus the reactivation of such chapters as Colorado and the University of Wisconsin.

There are, however, some adjustments that unquestionably will have to be made in the expense items in our budget for this year which I am not in a position to recommend at this time. However, I am sure that in consultation with the Grand Senior President and members of the finance committee that the fiscal year will show an operation which is quite satisfactory.

There is developing a problem of how we should handle the expense of the official delegates to the National Convention at Niagara Falls for such as the newly reactivated chapters at the University of Colorado and Wisconsin, and the new chapter at the University of Buffalo if accepted--however, the latter is not too involved. As you know, each chapter for the last two years has been paying \$75.00 a year towards payment of the full expenses of one undergraduate delegate from each chapter. What should be our charge to the newly reactivated chapters and to the new chapters coming in either at this time or sometime in the spring of this year? I discussed this somewhat with Brother Hornberger, and there

various approaches which we could make. One would be to charge each of these groups \$75.00 for this year and pay their full expenses at the coming Convention, but if we acquired too many reactivations or new chapters this year it would be quite a drain. This would be particularly true if we have any installations on the West Coast where transportation would be a rather expensive item. Another possibility would be to pay half of the expenses of one of their delegates. I would like some discussion and direction on the part of the Grand Council on this matter.

Another question is one concerning what part of the expenses of a Province Chief should the Grand Council stand for this next convention. You will recall that at the 1948 Convention the Province System was not too well underway and only a few of the Province Chiefs were invited to attend with a portion of their expenses being paid. These paid expenses included their room and board at the Convention with the individual assuming the cost of transportation. Some thought and discussion should be given to this matter with some decision made at this time. Some fraternities advocate that the individual provinces if they so desire pay the expenses of their Province Chief. This, of course, is a very easy matter where the Province Chief is active and the chapters know of his value and work within their province.

ENDOWMENT SUBSCRIPTION:

The letters requesting \$100 donations to the Endowment Fund were mailed to 1,371 alumni on October 18, 1949. One hundred and nineteen were returned because of incorrect addresses. Forty-three alumni responded with either a pledge, a contribution, or a letter expressing regret that at this time they were unable to make a contribution. On November 25, 1949 we sent out 1,216 cards reminding the alumni to send in their contributions and pledges. To date \$2,420 has been pledged of which amount \$1,695 has been received in cash. The November issue of the TOMAHAWK emphasizing the need for the Endowment Fund will

will be out in the immediate future. Also, a follow up is being made on a geographical basis by members of the Endowment Committee and the Province Chiefs of members on this selected list in their areas. Another selected list is being prepared showing alumni who in the mind of the Executive Secretary could make a substantial contribution.

This report of your Executive Secretary has been very specific, and I would be very happy to answer any questions which members of the Grand Council may have in regard to any of the matters contained in the report or others which they may have questions on.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph F. Burns

Executive Secretary

MEMORANDUM

December 9, 1949

TO: The Grand Council

FROM: Ralph F. Burns, Executive Secretary and Business Manager
of the TOMAHAWK.

RE: Tomahawk editorship

This memorandum is being written to inform the Grand Council of the status of the publication of the TOMAHAWK and with the cooperation of Brother C. E. Dilley, editor.

The TOMAHAWK should be in the mails in the immediate future, and plans are being made for the three remaining issues this year.

Brother Dilley's employment this fall has of necessity resulted in his being away from his home base, Warren, Ohio, for considerable periods of time which resulted through no negligence on his part or any other's in the lateness in the publication of the November issue. It appears that his future employment will necessitate his being on the road and, in some cases, being abroad. For this reason he would like to be relieved of the responsibility of editing the TOMAHAWK in the future if a suitable editor can be secured. It is the hope of Brother Dilley and Brother Burns that specific names may be suggested to the Grand Council at its meeting in Cincinnati on December 10 and 11 as to the successor in the capacity of editor.

It is with deep regret that Brother Dilley and the Business Manager present this memorandum and, I am sure, it is with equal regret that the Grand Council receives it. If we are unable to secure a successor immediately, Brother Dilley is more than willing to assist the Business Manager of the TOMAHAWK in bringing out the future issues this year.