



ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY

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**Minutes of the 53rd Grand Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
Orlando, Florida**

Friday, August 8, 2014

Opening Ceremony and Plenary Session #1:

Grand Chapter was called to order by Grand Marshal Byron Hughes at 10:43 am, followed by the Parade of Flags, an introduction of seven of the living past Grand Senior Presidents, an introduction of the Grand Council, and an introduction of the President and CEO.

National Anthem.

Grand Junior President Hinkley delivered the Grand Chapter Blessing.

Grand Councilor Buss led the assembled in the Brotherhood Creed.

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

Grand Treasurer Maurer read the list of chapters not in good standing. Those not in good standing were: Theta, Upsilon, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma, Beta Rho, Beta Psi, Gamma Theta, Gamma Lambda, Delta Delta, Delta Iota, Delta Nu, Delta Xi, Epsilon Eta, Epsilon Lambda, Epsilon Mu, Epsilon Nu, Zeta Alpha, Zeta Beta, Zeta Delta, Zeta Lambda, Zeta Sigma

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

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

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

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

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

Opening Ceremony concluded. Plenary Session #1 begins.

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Alpha Xi Chapter moves to amend the Standing Rules to read that they are to complement Roberts Rules of Order. Second by Beta Tau Chapter. Motion passes.

Past Grand Senior President Ritter moves to amend the standing rules to remove sentence #3 from rule #14 and to amend the rules to indicate that legislation takes effect at the conclusion of Grand Chapter unless another time is specified. Second by Zeta Theta Chapter. Motion passes.

Grand Senior President Proctor moves to approve the Grand Chapter standing rules as outlined in the program book as amended. Motion passes.

Credentials, Resolutions, and Law presented charge #8.

Motion to amend Charge #8 to be implemented in 2016 by Gamma Iota Chapter. 2nd by Delta Tau Chapter. Zeta Theta Chapter called the question. Motion passes to Call the Question. Amendment fails.

Motion to pass Charge #8 to reduce the number of alumni Grand Councilors from 9-7. Motion fails.

Motion by Gamma Iota Chapter, seconded by Zeta Theta Chapter to close Grand Council nominations . Motion carries.

Grand Marshal Hughes declared that Grand Chapter was in recess until 1:50pm.

Plenary Session #2:

Roll Call – Present: Gamma, Delta, Delta Alumni Association, Epsilon, Epsilon Alumni Association, Zeta, Eta, Iota, Nu, Omicron, Pi, Phi, Psi, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Mu, Alpha Nu, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Rho, Alpha Tau, Alpha Psi, Beta Delta, Beta Theta, Beta Nu, Beta Xi, Beta Omicron, Beta Rho, Beta Sigma, Beta Tau, Beta Chi, Beta Psi, Gamma Zeta, Gamma Theta, Gamma Iota, Gamma Kappa, Gamma Lambda, Gamma Chi, Gamma Psi, Delta Beta, Delta Epsilon, Delta Zeta, Delta Theta, Delta Iota, Delta Nu, Delta Xi, Delta Omicron, Delta Pi, Delta Rho, Delta Rho Alumni Association, Delta Tau, Delta Upsilon, Delta Phi, Epsilon Delta, Epsilon Eta, Epsilon Theta, Epsilon Iota, Epsilon Kappa, Epsilon Lambda, Epsilon Nu, Epsilon Xi, Epsilon Pi, Epsilon Sigma, Epsilon Phi, Epsilon Chi, Epsilon Chi Alumni Association, Epsilon Psi, Zeta Gamma, Zeta Delta, Zeta Epsilon, Zeta Zeta, Zeta Zeta Alumni Association, Zeta Eta, Zeta Theta, Zeta Iota, Zeta Kappa, Zeta Lambda, Zeta Lambda Alumni Association, Zeta Mu, Zeta Nu, Zeta Xi, Zeta Omicron, Zeta Pi, Zeta Rho, Zeta Tau, Zeta Upsilon, Oakland, Cameron, Wisconsin-Lacrosse, North Carolina Wesleyan, Michigan-Flint, Auburn, Oklahoma State, San Jose State, Southern Illinois, Texas Tech, California-Irvine, Texas-Austin, Texas-San Antonio, Western Carolina, North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Past Grand Senior President Thurston, Past Grand Senior President Garvey, Past Grand Senior President Spisak, Past Grand Senior President Ritter; Grand Councilor Pawley, Grand Councilor Lucas, Grand Councilor Buss, Grand Councilor Hoffman, Grand Councilor Waters, Grand Councilor

Rusk, Grand Marshal Hughes, Grand Secretary Orendi, Grand Treasurer Maurer, Grand Junior President Hinkley and Grand Senior President Proctor.

Absent:

Theta, Kappa, Mu, Rho, Upsilon, Alpha Omicron Alumni Association, Alpha Tau, Beta Gamma, Beta Mu, Delta Delta, Delta Eta, Delta Chi, Epsilon Mu, Epsilon Rho, Epsilon Upsilon, Zeta Alpha, Zeta Beta, Zeta Sigma, SUNY Oneonta, Central Arkansas, Past Grand Senior President Dexter, Past Grand Senior President Gibson and Past Grand Senior President Still

Delegates Not in Good Standing:

Theta, Upsilon, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma, Beta Rho, Beta Psi, Gamma Theta, Gamma Lambda, Delta Delta, Delta Iota, Delta Nu, Delta Xi, Epsilon Eta, Epsilon Lambda, Epsilon Mu, Epsilon Nu, Zeta Alpha, Zeta Delta and Zeta Sigma

Past Grand Senior President Ritter moves to rectify changes to the Constitution as decided by the 2012 Grand Chapter. 2nd by Epsilon Chi Alumni Association. Motion carries.

Nominations Committee Report:

- 2014-16 Grand Council Slate presented that included: Tom Brown, Scott Grissom, Byron Hughes, Matt Maurer and Bryan Proctor. Motion to approve the slate by Brother Hinkley. 2nd by Zeta Lambda Chapter. Motion passes with Past Grand Senior Presidents Garvey and Spisak abstaining.

Ritual Committee Report:

- Charge 1: Develop a Public Ceremony that is appropriate for the selection of a Chapter Sweetheart
- Charge 2: Develop a Public Ceremony that is appropriate when a chapter member lavalieres his significant other
- Charge 3: Develop a Public Ceremony that is appropriate for Founders Day

Committee recommendation: "Therefore, let it be resolved, that the recommendation of the Ritual Committee is to move that these charges be turned over to a committee appointed by the CEO and Grand Marshal for further exploration and clarification. The committee will be tasked with creating the rituals to be exemplified at Elevate 2015. We understand these rituals to be important in preserving the national brand of our organization."

Question called by Zeta Theta Chapter, seconded by Delta Phi Chapter. Motion carries.

Committee recommendation approved.

Motion to dissolve the Ritual Committee. Motion carries.

Credentials, Resolutions and Law Committee Report:

CONSTITUTIONAL CHARGES:

- Charge 1: The Fraternity's vision should be changed to "to Better the World through Better Men" (Article I, Section 2).

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- Charge 2: In accordance to the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) Standards, for those undergraduates seeking membership in Alpha Sigma Phi, they should be male persons who have achieved at minimum a 2.50 cumulative collegiate grade point average. For first term students, they must have achieved at minimum a 2.50 cumulative high school grade point average (Article II, Section I, F).
- Charge 3: In accordance to the North American Interfraternity Conference Standards, Article III, Section 9 should be changed to read, “Academic Performance: Each Chapter shall maintain a grade point average of all undergraduate members in good standing of at least 2.70, or above the all-men’s average if the average is below 2.70.”
- Charge 4: Addition: Recognized Housing Corporation to be consistent with Section 4 as it relates to an Alumni Association (Article IV, Section 8).
- Charge 5: (Article IV) With the addition of Article IV, Section 8, the subsequent sections should be renumbered as follows: Section 9 – Regional Alumni Club(s); Section 10 – Constitution and Bylaws of Affiliate Organizations; Section 11 – Disposition of Affiliate Groups’ Property
- Charge 6: (Article VII, Section 3) Grand Council should be given authority to make changes to Ritual for consistency with the bylaw change that was passed unanimously at the 2012 Grand Chapter. The constitution and bylaws should reflect that no changes, however, may be made to the Initiation Ceremony without Grand Chapter approval.
- Charge 7: (Article IX, Section 2, F) Charter Revocation should be changed to Charter Review to clarify the chapter status meaning and this should be changed in all other appropriate places in the constitution and bylaws.
- Charge 8: Reduce Alumni Grand Council Members from 9-7 (Article V, Section 1 of Constitution).
- Charge 9: Ensure that any duplication in Constitution and Bylaws is eliminated.

Motion by Zeta Rho Chapter to divide each charge. 2nd by Phi Chapter.
Motion fails.

Motion to separate Charge #3 and Charge #6 by Epsilon Alpha Association. 2nd by Gamma.
Motion carries.

Motion to approve Charges 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 9. Motion carries and charges approved.

Motion to divide Charges #3 and #6 by Alpha Xi Chapter, 2nd by Epsilon Alumni Association.
Motion carries.

Motion by Zeta Pi Chapter to include the Pledge Ceremony in Charge #6 as a ceremony that may not be changed by just the Grand Council. 2nd by Beta Mu Chapter.

Motion by Psi Chapter to amend the wording that all esoteric rituals and the Pledge Ceremony must have Grand Chapter approval to change. 2nd by Alpha Psi Chapter. Motion Carries.

Question called by Alpha Iota Chapter, second by Gamma Chapter. Motion carries.

Amendment passed.

Motion to call the question by Zeta Theta Chapter on the main motion as amended. 2nd by Delta Chi Chapter. Motion carries.

Main motion (Charge #6) as amended passed.

Question called on Charge #3 by Zeta Rho Chapter, 2nd by Omicron Colony. Motion carries.

Charge #3 approved.

BYLAW CHARGES:

- Charge 1: (Article XIV, Section 7) Add sentence: "Chapter and Affiliate Groups are not permitted to establish a 501c3 status with the IRS and instead should utilize the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation to assist with educational related funding needs.
- Charge 2: (Article XII, Section 6) Remove "shall be Member at Large" to avoid conflict in section.
- Charge 3: Include Position Statement on Sexual Assault
- Charge 4: The constitution and bylaws should be changed, when appropriate, to reflect any legislation passed at 2012 and 2014 Grand Chapter to ensure there are no discrepancies in the governing documents.
- Charge 5: The constitution and bylaws should be changed, when appropriate, to correct any grammatical or spelling errors, provided the changes do not alter or amend the meaning or intent.
- Charge 6: Include Resolution: GCA Service Resolution

Motion to divide Charge #1 by Epsilon Alumni Association, second by Nu Chapter. Motion passed.

Zeta Rho Chapter called the question on Charges #2-#6. 2nd by Omicron Colony. Motion carries.

Charges #2-6 approved

Charge #1 fails.

Credentials, Resolutions, and Law committee dissolved.

Proposed Amendment to Article V Section 1 of Constitution. (Grand Council Composition) would include 5 undergraduate members. Moved by Zeta Theta Chapter, 2nd Gamma Chi Chapter.

Question called by Zeta Rho Chapter, 2nd by Delta Chapter. Motion carries.

Motion fails

Motion to suspend Standing Rule 14 by Alpha Xi Chapter, 2nd by Nu Chapter. Motion carries.

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Motion by Alpha Xi Chapter to pass a resolution that the fee structure returns to August 1, 2013. 2nd by Zeta Zeta Chapter. Resolution approved.

Zeta Theta Chapter moves to amend article 15 section 9 to state that chapters that do not have a house shall not be billed an annual housing fee. 2nd from Beta Sigma Chapter.

Zeta Pi Chapter moves to amend motion that chapters that are not allowed to have a house are not required to pay the annual housing fee. Alpha Xi Chapter objects to the consideration of the motion. Motion carries.

Alpha Xi Chapter moves to table the motion until a special committee can be formed, 2nd by Epsilon Chapter. Motion carries.

Epsilon Chi Alumni Association moves to delete article 18 of the bylaws and renumber accordingly. 2nd by Epsilon Alumni Association. Question was called by Past Grand Senior President Ritter. Motion carries to call the question. Motion to delete article 18 of the bylaws approved.

Grand Chapter adjourned until 10:00AM on August 9, 2014.

Plenary Session #3 and Closing Ceremony

Roll Call – Present: Gamma, Delta, Delta Alumni Association, Epsilon, Epsilon Alumni Association, Zeta, Eta, Theta, Iota, Kappa, Omicron, Pi, Psi, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Mu, Alpha Nu, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Omicron Alumni Association, Alpha Tau, Alpha Psi, Beta Delta, Beta Theta, Beta Nu, Beta Xi, Beta Omicron, Beta Sigma, Beta Tau, Beta Chi, Beta Psi, Gamma Zeta, Gamma Theta, Gamma Lambda, Gamma Chi, Gamma Psi, Delta Epsilon, Delta Eta, Delta Theta, Delta Iota, Delta Nu, Delta Omicron, Delta Pi, Delta Rho, Delta Tau, Delta Upsilon, Delta Phi, Delta Chi, Epsilon Delta, Epsilon Eta, Epsilon Theta, Epsilon Iota, Epsilon Mu, Epsilon Nu, Epsilon Xi, Epsilon Pi, Epsilon Upsilon, Epsilon Phi, Epsilon Chi, Epsilon Chi Alumni Association, Zeta Alpha, Zeta Beta, Zeta Gamma, Zeta Delta, Zeta Epsilon, Zeta Zeta, Zeta Eta, Zeta Theta, Zeta Kappa, Zeta Mu, Zeta Nu, Zeta Xi, Zeta Omicron, Zeta Pi, Zeta Rho, Zeta Sigma, Zeta Tau, Virginia, Oakland, Cameron, Wisconsin-Lacrosse, North Carolina Wesleyan, Michigan-Flint, SUNY Oneonta, Auburn, Oklahoma State, San Jose State, Southern Illinois, Texas Tech, California-Irvine, Texas-Austin, Central Arkansas, Texas-San Antonio, Western Carolina, North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Past Grand Senior President Dexter, Past Grand Senior President Thurston, Past Grand Senior President Garvey, Past Grand Senior President Spisak, Past Grand Senior President Gibson, Past Grand Senior President Ritter; Grand Councilor Pawley, Grand Councilor Lucas, Grand Councilor Buss, Grand Councilor Hoffman, Grand Councilor Waters, Grand Councilor Rusk, Grand Marshal Hughes, Grand Secretary Orendi, Grand Treasurer Maurer, Grand Junior President Hinkley and Grand Senior President Proctor.

Absent:

Mu, Nu, Rho, Upsilon, Phi, Alpha Rho, Beta Gamma, Beta Rho, Gamma Iota, Gamma Kappa, Delta Beta, Delta Delta, Delta Zeta, Delta Xi, Delta Rho Alumni Association, Epsilon Kappa,

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Nominations Committee Report:

- Slate of Officers for 2014-2016 submitted that included: Grand Senior President, Bryan Proctor; Grand Junior President, Matt Maurer; Grand Secretary, Rodney Rusk; Grand Treasurer, Tom Brown; and Grand Marshal, Byron Hughes. Motion to approve the slate of officers approved.

Dissolution of the Nominations Committee. Motion by Past Grand Senior President Ritter, 2nd by Pi Chapter. Motion passed.

Iota Chapter proposes resolution regarding financial structure to still have Headquarters bill chapters for membership fees with modifications. 2nd by Pi Chapter. Motion passed.

Past Grand Senior President Ritter proposed amending our Position Statement on Service and National Philanthropy to reflect new philanthropic partners. 2nd by Omicron Colony. Motion passed.

Tabatha Sarco presented all of the Manigault Awards of Distinction and the Gary A. Anderson Membership Education Award.

Grand Chapter Advisor Installation

Grand Council Installation

Grand Senior President Remarks

Grand Chapter adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gordy Heminger
President and CEO