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Damian Medina, National Convention Chair, (center left) shares in fellowship with Epsilon Brothers of Truman State University.

2,316 Members Bring Brotherhood to the Bayou

Being the biggest doesn't always mean being the best - unless you're talking about Alpha Phi Omega's 2002 National Convention. Our largest National Convention ever was a huge success! The workshops, legislation, service and especially the fellowship exceeded expectations.

To run a National Convention of this size takes a lot of people. There are plenty of people to thank (namely the entire National Convention Planning Committee); however, the people who truly made this event such a success are all of the members who participated in all of the activities.

Thanks to all 2,316 members in attendance for a great National Convention! In December 2004, we hope to see ALL 2,316 members (and more!) in Denver, Colorado.



Nu Mu Brothers from the University of Minnesota/Duluth enjoying the southern hospitality in Jackson Square.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY BOBBY M. HAINLINE, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Greetings Brothers!

There has been a lot of press recently on the awards shows - the Oscars, Golden Globes, Emmys, etc. Listening to the banter takes me back to my own theatrical exposure (many years ago). No, I can't act and I couldn't carry a tune in a basket. I was the geek, the guy who did lights, sound and stage. We had a great director then. You see, he felt that those people behind the scenes deserved just as much credit as the "stars".

As I reminisced about those times, I found myself being drawn back to our most recent National Convention and it dawned on me that there were some very special people who need to be recognized for their part in pulling off one FANTASTIC convention!

Now that everyone has already thanked Damian and Robert, let's spotlight a few more Brothers who helped make this convention such a success.

Rod Schnell. Rod is the stagehand who set up the history room, the Fraternity Store, the flags, candle and podium, and whatever we ask him to do. A fount of energy, a dedicated Brother.

Kim Francis. Did you know that the banquets are choreographed? Kim was our director, scripting out what was to be said, when it was to be said, and where it was to be done.

Betty Rauch. Betty has served as our official hostess in the VIP arena. Greeting and coordinating the registration and activities for our select Brothers as they dance their way through the new Alpha Phi Omega and share with us the "Good Old Days".

Mark Stratton. Mark assumed the responsibilities of Legislative Director. He made sure the reference committees had everything they needed, acted as timekeeper and coordinated the presentation of reports during our legislative session.

Staci O'Brien. Staci was responsible for the Alumni Auctions. She not only maintained the room, but actively solicited the auction items, catalogs, displays, as well as dispensed the valuables and researched the charitable organization we contribute the generated monies to.

And, I would be remiss if I didn't say something about the National Office Staff. These dedicated professionals start months ahead of the actual convention, assuring everybody gets what they register for, making sure each delegate is accounted for, and that every chapter is in good standing.

I wish I had more room. I have a spreadsheet in front of me that lists at least 100 more Brothers who gave diligently of their time and energy, working behind the scenes to assure flawless execution of our National Convention. Alpha Phi Omega is fortunate to have a variety of talented volunteers who remain dedicated to this Fraternity. These are the people we count on, some doing jobs that nobody else wants to do. But each one of them has a love, a passion for this Fraternity that cannot be matched.

I have been lucky to know most of these people. Some of you may not know them, may never have met them and may never have the chance to know them, but these are the jewels of this Fraternity. Without these special "stagehands" - the "stars" of our Fraternity, we would be standing on a soapbox, yelling through a megaphone, being spotlighted by a fellow Brother holding a flashlight.

My hats are off to this group of unsung heroes. They deserve the accolades for "a job well done". They deserve the "curtain calls" and the encores. In the theatrical world, these individuals may be called stagehands or GRIPs. Well, I suggest that we have our own special collection of GRIPs in APO. That's right, GRIPs...the Greatest Repository of Important People.

Let the credits roll!

Bobby



**NATIONAL PRESIDENT
BOBBY M. HAINLINE, CHI MU '71**

Elected as National President by the delegates of the 2002 National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Product Design Engineer, Truck Vehicle Office, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan. A.S. in Automotive Technology from Henry Ford Community College and B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Wayne State University. MBA in Management from the University of Michigan. Member, Society of Automotive Engineers. Recipient of Americanism Citation by the City of Livonia.

Charter President of Chi Mu Chapter at Henry Ford Community College. Served as Section 54 Vice Chair and Chair, 1977-1984, Region VI Treasurer, President of Chi Mu Alumni Association and Advisor for Chi Mu Chapter. National Finance Chair, 1994-1996 and 1998-2002, National Alumni/Internal Volunteer Director, 1996-1998. Served on the National Board of Directors as Region VI Director, 1984-1994 and Program Director, 1994-2002. Recipient of DSKs from: Chi Mu Chapter, Section 54, Region VI. Attended all National Conventions since 1974. Life Member, Silver and Gold Founders Circle, Torchbearer, Eagle Scout, Life Member of NESA, Order of the Arrow, 32nd Degree Master Mason, APO Codicil Club Member, and Blue and Gold Society Charter Member. Delegate to the 1995 APO International (Philippines) National Convention. Resides in Dearborn, Michigan.



**NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
MAGGIE KATZ, GAMMA PI '80**

Elected as National Vice President by the delegates of the 2002 National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Development Officer, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. B.A. in Political Science from the University of Michigan, 1984 and MBA in Marketing from Eastern Michigan University, 1996. Member of the following organizations: Association of Fundraising Professionals, Alpha Beta Chapter, and Alpha Gamma Delta Women's Fraternity.

Pledged Gamma Pi Chapter in Fall 1980, served as Pledgemaster, Mascot and Section 54 Conference Vice Chair. Served Section 54 as Gamma Pi Chapter Representative, 1984-1987, Treasurer, 1987-1989, and Chair, 1989-1994. Served on the National Board of Directors as Region VI Director, 1994-1998 and Program Director, 1998-2002. Served on the following National committees: Service, Finance, Pledge Class Namesake, Impact of Single Gender Chapters on Coeducational Campuses, Risk Management and Convention Site Selection as Chair. Staff Member of several Chapter Program Workshops and Sectional Resource Weekends. Recipient of DSKs from Gamma Pi Chapter, Section 54 and Region VI. Attended eleven National Conventions, advising numerous reference committees and conducting workshops. Life Member, Silver Founder's Circle and Torchbearer. Resides in Livonia, Michigan, with her two cats, Red and Blackie.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Lisa M. Covi, Ph.D.
Kappa '81

Assistant Professor, Library and Information Science, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Ph.D. in Information and Computer Science, University of California, Irvine, California; B.S. in Mathematics, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; M.A. Higher Education, Columbia University, New York, New York. Elected to the National Board of Directors as a Program Director in 2000. Resides in Highland Park, New Jersey.



ALUMNI/VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

Julie A. Moore
Alpha Rho '82

Assistant Professor, Instructional Technology, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. ABD in Instructional Systems Technology, Indiana University; M.S. in Secondary Education, University of North Texas; B.S. in Education, University of Texas. Elected to the National Board of Directors as a Program Director in 2002. Resides in Athens, Georgia.



SERVICE/COMMUNICATION

Carla Moran
Theta Zeta '90

Chief of Staff to a Massachusetts State Legislator. B.A. Political Science, University of New Hampshire; Graduate Certificate (Public Policy), University of Massachusetts-Boston. Elected to the National Board of Directors as a Program Director in 2002. Resides in Quincy, Massachusetts.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS



MEMBERSHIP/EXTENSION

Ed Richter
Alpha Iota '83

Night Editor, Middletown Journal, Middletown, Ohio. B.A. in Journalism from Ohio State University, 1987. Elected to the National Board of Directors as a Program Director in 1998. Resides in Franklin, Ohio.



FINANCE/OPERATIONS

Keith D. Roots
Theta '83, Alpha Rho '89

Associate Director, Foundation Relations, University of Virginia. B.A. in Government from the University of Virginia, 1986 and M.Ed. in Educational Psychology from the University of Texas, 1991. Elected to the National Board of Directors as a Program Director in 2000. Resides in Charlottesville, Virginia.



MARKETING

Elizabeth "Beth" Tom, M.D.
Iota Phi '79

General Surgeon, private practice, Elko, Nevada. M.D. ('86) and B.S. in Biochemistry ('81), University of California, Davis; Surgery residency ('86 - '91), Stockton, California. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region X Director in 1998. Elected to the National Board of Directors as a Program Director in 2002. Resides in Elko, Nevada.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS



REGION I
Marilyn Mims Dow
Phi '91

Middle School Art Teacher at Parthum School in Lawrence, Massachusetts. B.F.A. in Surface Pattern Design, 1995 and M.S. in Art Education, 1996, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region I Director in 2002. Resides in Peabody, Massachusetts.



REGION II
Craig Muckle
Mu Omicron '85

High School Mathematics Teacher in Norwich, New York. B.S. in Computer-based Management Systems, Clarkson University, 1987. MBA in Marketing from Seton Hall University, 1997. Teaching Certification from SUNY-College at Cortland, 2002. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region II Director in 1998. Resides in Syracuse, New York.



REGION III
Jamie L. Conover
Zeta Beta '87,
Alpha Delta Iota '93

Admissions Officer at the Beta Tech Career Training School in Richmond, Virginia. B.A. in Communications (Broadcasting), Virginia Tech, 1989. Graduate coursework in Environmental Studies, Virginia Commonwealth University. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region III Director in 2000. Resides in Mechanicsville, Virginia.



REGION IV
Kimberlie H. Francis
Alpha Rho '87 & '93

Administrative Coordinator for Southern Telecom, a subsidiary of Southern Company. American Studies, University of Texas at Austin. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region IV Director in 2002. Resides in Atlanta, Georgia.



REGION V
Thomas W. Strong
Kappa '90

Consultant. A.S. in Physics, A.S. in Engineering Science, 1989, Community College of Allegheny County, B.S. in Physics/Computer Science, 1991, B.S. in Mathematics, 1992, Carnegie Mellon University, M.S. in Education, 1994, Duquesne University. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region V Director in 2002. Resides in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania.



REGION VI
Michael Leahy
Zeta Beta '83

Systems Analyst, Grand Valley State University. B.S. Computer Science, Virginia Tech, 1986 and M.S. Computer Science, Virginia Tech, 1990. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region VI Director in 2000. Resides in Holland, Michigan.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS



REGION VII
Belton Lim
Xi Delta '81

Project Engineer for United Space Alliance, a subcontractor to NASA. B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1984. Has served on the National Board of Directors since 1996. Resides in Houston, Texas.



REGION VIII
W. Brant Warrick
Beta Rho '90

Deputy City Prosecutor, Fayetteville, Arkansas; part-time faculty Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Program, Northwest Arkansas Community College. B.A. in Political Science with a Minor in Economics from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Juris Doctor from the University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region VIII Director in 1998. Resides in Fayetteville, Arkansas.



REGION IX
Erica Roberts
Eta Lambda '95

Corporate Trainer for Industrial Electric Wire & Cable, New Berlin, Wisconsin, and Organizational Development Consultant. B.S. in Organizational Communications from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 1997 and M.S. in Training & Development from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, 2002. Elected to the National Board of Directors as the Region IX Director in 2000. Resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



REGION X
Kevin S. Simpson
Kappa Sigma '90

Living Options Coordinator at the Regional Center of the East Bay in Oakland, California. B.A. in Government from California State University, Sacramento, 1992. Graduate coursework in Public Administration from San Francisco State University, 1993-95. Elected to the National Board of Directors as the Region X Director in 2002. Resides in Oakland, California.



REGION XI
David B. Corning
Gamma Alpha '68

Self-employed. Graduated from the University of Washington in 1972 with a B.A. in Sociology, from Central Washington University in 1976 with B.S. in Accounting, and from Oklahoma State University in 1977 with an M.S. in Accounting. Elected to the National Board of Directors as Region XI Director in 1998. Resides in Olympia, Washington.



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Clockwise from top left: Omicron Zeta Chapter from California State University-Hayward wins the Earle M. Herbert Friendship Award.

Epsilon Chapter from Truman State University wins the Josiah Frank Historian Award and the Man-Mile Award.

Alpha Rho Chapter from the University of Texas-Austin wins the M.R. Disborough Scouting Service Award.

Theta Upsilon Chapter from Case Western Reserve University wins the Dean Arno Nowotny Service Award.

award recipients



Peter Burger of the Phi Epsilon Chapter from the Maine Maritime Academy presents David Kulhavy, an advisor of the Nu Sigma Chapter from Stephen F. Austin State University, with the first Phyllis Churchill Tenney Excellence in Advising Award.



Patrick Burke presents Judy Mitchell, Director of Chapter Services, an award recognizing her thirty years of dedicated service.



Kay Krenok presents National Distinguished Awards to: (clockwise from above left) James C. Chandler, David P. O'Leary, and Patrick W. Burke.

NATIONAL CONVENTION ACTIONS

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA

DECEMBER 29-30, 2002

SHERATON NEW ORLEANS HOTEL - NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

The Legislative Assembly was called to order by Jack A. McKenzie, National President, at 9:44 a.m., December 29, 2002, with Kathryn Whitfield serving as Convention Recorder and Jeff Neurauter serving as Convention Parliamentarian.

AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL BYLAWS

ARTICLE V - NATIONAL OFFICERS SECTION 10. DUTIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR.

Amend to read:

SECTION 10. DUTIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR. It shall be the duty of the International Relations Director to coordinate the international affairs of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity (USA), including its participation in the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega and coordinating international extension activities, and to advise the National President and the National Board of Directors of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity (USA) on its relations with other national Alpha Phi Omega organizations. If appointed to do so by the National President with the approval of the National Board of Directors, the International Relations Director may perform the duties of Regional Director for a specific geographical area outside the United States of America.

ARTICLE VI - NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 6. BOARD MEETINGS.

Amend to read:

SECTION 6. BOARD MEETINGS. The National Board of Directors shall meet at least once each calendar year. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee of the National Board of Directors or by petition of a majority of the elected Members of the National Board of Directors. The time and place of all regularly scheduled Board meetings shall be determined by the National Board of Directors. A quorum at all Board meetings shall consist of a majority of the currently elected Members of the National Board of Directors. All action taken by the Board shall be reported to the Chapters electronically within thirty (30) days and in the next edition of the Torch and Trefoil.

ARTICLE VI - NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 9. IMPEACHMENT.

Amend to read:

SECTION 9. IMPEACHMENT. Members of the National Board of Directors and other elected officials of the National Fraternity, including regional officials, may be impeached for misconduct or malfeasance in office. Charges shall be submitted in writing to the National Board of Directors. The National Board of Directors shall investigate and hear the charges. If two-thirds of the Members of

the National Board of Directors present and voting sustain the charges, the official shall be suspended and removed from office. Those who have been impeached and removed from office shall not be eligible to serve on the National Board of Directors as a Past National President or Life Member of the Board unless they are reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the National Convention.

ARTICLE VII - NATIONAL COMMITTEES SECTION 9. NATIONAL HISTORY AND ARCHIVE COMMITTEE.

Amend to read:

SECTION 9. NATIONAL HISTORY AND ARCHIVE COMMITTEE. The National History and Archive Committee shall consist of the National Archivist as chair and Members nominated by the National Archivist and appointed by the National President.

It shall be the duty of the National History and Archive Committee to assist the National Archivist in recording and preserving the history of Alpha Phi Omega, to promote and encourage programs for Chapters to record and preserve their history, to promote and encourage Sections and Regions to record and preserve their history, and to develop means by which our history may be shared with our membership. The Committee will also work with the National Office in securing and preserving records and other items of historical importance.

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCE SECTION 4. PLEDGE FEE.

Amend to read:

SECTION 4. PLEDGE FEE. There shall be a National Pledge Fee of twenty (\$20) dollars to be paid by each new Pledge. The fee shall be nonrefundable and shall be sent to the National Executive Director not later than ten days after the Pledge Ritual is conducted.

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCE SECTION 5. INITIATION FEE.

Amend to read:

SECTION 5. INITIATION FEE. There shall be a National Active Initiation Fee of thirty-five (\$35) dollars to be paid by each new Active Member. The fee shall be nonrefundable and sent to the National Executive Director not later than ten days after the Initiation Ritual is conducted.

****This amendment will be effective March 1, 2003.**

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCE SECTION 10. FEE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

Amend to read:

SECTION 10. FEE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. There shall be an Honorary Membership fee of twenty-five (\$25) dollars to be paid by the conferring party.

ARTICLE IX - CHAPTERS SECTION 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING A CHAPTER.

Amend to read:

SECTION 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING A CHAPTER. A charter shall be grant-

ed only on a formal petition of fifteen or more students at an accredited college or university. Prior to the issuance of a charter, a Petitioning Group shall be established when it meets the qualifications recommended by the Membership and Extension Committee and approved by the National Board of Directors. Should Petitioning Group status be denied, a written explanation of the reasons for denial must be submitted to the National Executive Director, who shall forward it within 14 days to the National Board of Directors and to the group seeking Petitioning Group status.

ARTICLE IX - CHAPTERS SECTION 6. ANNUAL CHARTER REAFFIRMATION.

Amend to read:

SECTION 6. ANNUAL CHARTER REAFFIRMATION. Each Chapter shall annually reaffirm its charter by November 15 by submitting a roster of the Active Members, a roster of the Advisory Members, payment of Annual Active Membership Dues, confirmation of submission of a National Youth Service Day Report and a National Service Week Report, and certifications that the Chapter is in compliance with the Membership and Risk Management Policies of the Fraternity and is in compliance with the Standard Chapter Articles of Association.

ARTICLE IX - CHAPTERS SECTION 8. CHAPTERS IN GOOD STANDING.

Amend to read:

SECTION 8. CHAPTERS IN GOOD STANDING. A Chapter in good standing is one which yearly meets its financial, administrative, and Annual Charter Reaffirmation obligations to the National Fraternity; is not more than 90 days delinquent in its financial accounts with the National Office; has at least one Active Member; and which has not been declared inactive or suspended, or had its charter revoked, or has not otherwise been deemed in violation of the policies or National Bylaws of Alpha Phi Omega; or of the rules, regulations, or policies of its school.

ARTICLE IX - CHAPTERS SECTION 16. AUTHORITY OF CHAPTERS.

Amend to read:

SECTION 16. AUTHORITY OF CHAPTERS. Any Chapter may adopt bylaws, rules, or regulations not in conflict with the National Articles of Incorporation, the National Bylaws, the Standard Chapter Articles of Association, National policies, or the rules, regulations, or policies of the educational institution, state, commonwealth, or territory in which the chapter is located. In the event that the rules, regulations, or policies of the educational institution, state, commonwealth, or territory in which the Chapter is located are more stringent than those included in the National Articles of Incorporation, the National Bylaws, the Standard Chapter Articles of Association, or other National policies, the rules, regulations, and policies of the host institution, state, commonwealth, or territory in which the chapter is located shall prevail.

ARTICLE X - SECTIONS

SECTION 3. SECTIONAL CONFERENCES.

Amend to read:

SECTION 3. SECTIONAL CONFERENCES. A Sectional Conference shall be held at least annually at a time and place determined by the Chapters in the Section, subject to the approval of the Regional Director. A Sectional Conference may formulate recommendations and propose amendments for the consideration of a Regional Conference, the National Convention, or the National Board of Directors. Any Chapter not in good standing but represented at a Sectional Conference shall be entitled to all privileges as a Chapter in good standing, with the exception of voting.

ARTICLE XII - ALUMNI

SECTION 2. LOCAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Amend to read:

(4) Each recognized Local Alumni Association shall annually reaffirm its recognition by January 15 by application to the National Alumni Relations and Internal Volunteer Development Committee. New Associations may apply for recognition at any time. The fee for formal recognition will be fifteen dollars (\$15).

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. POWER TO AMEND.

Amend to read:

SECTION 1. POWER TO AMEND. The power to amend the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Standard Chapter Articles of Association, Rituals, Ceremonies, Insignia, and Toast Song shall rest in the National Convention.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 2. PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENT.

Amend to read:

SECTION 2. PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENT. Every proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, National Bylaws, Standard Chapter Articles of Association, Rituals, Ceremonies, or Toast Song shall be submitted to the National Executive Director in writing or electronically at least ninety (90) days before the first legislative session of the next National Convention. All proposals shall be submitted by the National Executive Director to the Chapters and the National Board of Directors at least eighty (80) days before the first legislative session of the next National Convention. Any corrections to the text of proposals must be submitted to the National Executive Director in writing or electronically at least sixty (60) days before the first legislative session of the next National Convention. All text or omission corrections of proposals must be submitted by the National Executive Director to the Chapters and the National Board of Directors at least fifty (50) days before the first legislative session of the next National Convention. If there are no corrections, the National Executive director must send notification of this to the Chapters and to the National Board of Directors no later than fifty (50) days before the first legislative session of the National Convention.

Written testimony pertaining to any proposal may be submitted to the National Executive Director no later than the opening session of the Convention. Fifteen (15) copies shall be provided. The National Executive Director shall be responsible for transmitting such testimony to the appropriate Convention Committee.

All proposals submitted shall be considered by an appropriate convention committee, prior to the opening of the legislative session of the convention. Such committee shall determine the proposals to be placed on the agenda of the legislative session of the

convention. Such committee shall also have the power to propose amendments to lesser documents to maintain consistency with proposals made to superior documents.

Proposals not placed on the agenda of the convention may be brought to the floor only by a delegate from the Chapter proposing the amendment, or by a Member of the Fraternity who proposed it and is present as a delegate at the convention, or by a petition signed by all of the delegates present from five Chapters.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 3. VOTE REQUIRED TO AMEND.

Amend to read:

SECTION 3. VOTE REQUIRED TO AMEND.

An affirmative vote equivalent to three-fourths of the total votes cast by registered delegates present and voting at any session of the National Convention shall be necessary for the adoption of any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, National Bylaws, Standard Chapter Articles of Association, Rituals, Ceremonies, Insignia, or Toast Song.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 5. ADVISORY MEMBERSHIP.

Amend to read:

SECTION 5. ADVISORY MEMBERSHIP.

Advisory Membership may be conferred upon persons approved by the Chapter to serve on the Advisory Committee and whose Chapter has completed the necessary forms and submitted them to the National Office. Advisory Membership shall have all rights and privileges of Active Membership except those of voting, directing the supervision of pledges, and directing the establishment of Pledge or Active Membership programs and policies.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RITUALS of the Fraternity are available from the National Office.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PLEDGE MANUAL

PLEDGE MANUAL

THE FRATERNITY WORLD

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Amend to read:

THE FRATERNITY WORLD-¶2. When William and Mary temporarily closed in 1781, the college fraternity system would have dissolved if it had not been for a grant which was given to one of the Members to establish Chapters at Yale (1780) and Harvard (1781).

NATIONAL PLEDGING STANDARDS

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11. THE PROMOTION OF FRIENDSHIP

Amend to read:

An appropriate period of pledging includes a requirement that each Pledge meet and establish a fraternal relationship with all Active, Associate, Advisory, and when possible, Alumni or Honorary Members of the Chapter.

RESOLUTIONS

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

REGIONAL BOUNDARIES

Whereas Section 48 (in Region VI) is currently

splitting into smaller sections; and

Whereas Zeta Nu (Carbondale, IL), a newly rechartered chapter, realizes that it is several hours from the nearest chapter in Section 48 but only an hour away from several chapters in Section 49 (in Region VIII); and

Whereas the Staffs of Region VI and VIII have determined that there are no other four-year colleges or universities without chapters in the counties surrounding Zeta Nu (roughly the lower southwest quadrant of Illinois), and thus no nearby extension prospects; and

Whereas the chapters in Section 49 have voted to welcome Zeta Nu into their Section, and the chapters of Section 48 have voted to allow Zeta Nu to choose its section; and

Whereas the Zeta Nu chapter has directed the Region VI Director and Staff to propose legislation on their behalf such that the chapter and surrounding counties be transferred to Region VIII;

Be it therefore resolved that the boundaries of Region VI and Region VIII be defined as follows:

Region VI shall be composed of the states of Indiana and Michigan, and the following counties in the state of Illinois:

Adams, Boone, Brown, Bureau, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay, Coles, Cook, Crawford, Cumberland, De Kalb, De Witt, Douglas, Du Page, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Ford, Fulton, Gallatin, Greene, Grundy, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Jasper, Jersey, Jo Daess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, La Salle, Lake, Lawrence, Lee, Lingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Marshall, Mason, McDonough, McHenry, McLean, Menard, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Ogle, Peoria, Piatt, Pike, Pope, Putnam, Richland, Rock Island, Saline, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Shelby, Stark, Stephenson, Tazewell, Vermilion, Wabash, Warren, Wayne, White, Whiteside, Will, Winnebago, and Woodford.

Region VIII shall be composed of the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Wyoming, and the following counties in the state of Illinois:

Alexander, Bond, Clinton, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Perry, Pulaski, Randolph, St. Clair, Union, Washington, and Williamson.

Be it further resolved that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Whereas Regional Directors occasionally fill positions as Regional Representatives to national committees; and

Whereas opportunities for leadership development should be open to all Brothers; and

Whereas this will allow others the opportunity to serve the Fraternity.

Be it resolved that the National President should not consider Regional Directors as Regional Representatives to national committees unless there is no other brother available to fill that position.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Whereas this committee considered the inclusion of a National Board position for two student members to the Board of Directors, and

Whereas no direct student representation on the Board of Directors exists exclusively for students, and;

Whereas this committee agrees with the need for representation of student points of view and perspectives on issues affecting the Fraternity;

Be it resolved that the 2002 National Convention directs the National President and the National Board to appoint a committee consisting of students and alumni staff representatives to fur-

ther investigate the roles and responsibilities of students on the National Board of Directors. The committee should also research such topics as logistics, legalities and other concerns pertinent to the Fraternity.

Be it further resolved that the committee shall present a formal report on their findings at the Spring 2004 National Board Meeting, and, if appropriate, submit legislation to develop the aforementioned student board positions at the 2004 National Convention.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Whereas this committee considered the elimination of lifetime membership from the National Board of Directors, along with the removal of Past National Presidents' positions on the Board, and

Whereas this committee did not wish to exclude Life Members and Past National Presidents who are currently active on the Board and deserve voting privileges, and

Whereas the input of these Life Members and Past National Presidents is valuable to the current members of the Board, and

Whereas it can be difficult to locate inactive members when their consideration is needed to make Board of Director decisions;

Be it resolved that the 2002 National Convention directs the National President and the National Board to appoint a committee to develop guidelines that would determine the criteria of an inactive Life Member and/or Past National President.

Be it further resolved that this committee establish procedures for removal of inactive members of the Board.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Whereas Membership and Extension are separate entities and each requires a unique perspective, and

Whereas the Membership Director should and needs to focus on the maintenance of current chapters, and the Extension Director has the task of creating new chapters of Alpha Phi Omega on college campuses where it does not currently exist, as well as the task of assisting in the recruitment of members for struggling chapters, and

Whereas the current role of the Membership and Extension Director does not allow for these two tasks to be performed to the fullest and has hindered the growth of Alpha Phi Omega, and

Whereas it is currently stated in the National Bylaws (Article VII, Section IV), that the role of membership and extension should encourage and promote activities that serve and support Chapters, programs and activities for the enhancement of membership recruitment, retention and reporting in the Fraternity, programs and services for Chapter Advisors, the reactivation of previously voided charters, and to promote and encourage the formation of new chapters, and

Whereas these responsibilities are too broad to be effectively executed, and keeping them combined does not allow for the duties to be effectively carried out, and inhibits the long-term and current goals of Alpha Phi Omega, and

Whereas the legislation recommended by the 2002 National Organization II Committee to the voting delegates of the 2002 National Convention created the appointed position of National Extension Director, and;

Whereas the committee believes, after further development and review, that this position should be an elected position;

Be it resolved that the 2002 National Convention directs the National President and the National Board to appoint a committee to research and consider the creation of a seventh program director to be elected to serve as the National

Extension Director.

Be it further resolved that the committee shall present a formal report on their research and findings, and if appropriate, submit legislation to develop the aforementioned elected position at the 2004 National Convention.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Be it resolved that the National Office shall create a comprehensive guide to writing effective legislation and resolutions pertaining to national legislation.

Be it further resolved that the National Office shall distribute this guide to all chapters and encourage the establishment of training sessions at the regional and sectional levels.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Be it resolved that the National standing International Relations Committee is charged to explore the further details related to the creation of a formal "Student Ambassador to APO-Philippines."

Be it further resolved that the National standing International Relations committee is charged to provide a vision statement including, but not limited to:

- The purpose of promoting understanding of cultural differences through the exchange of ideas and experience
- Commitment to the continued development of international involvement and diversity within the fraternity
- The maintenance and development of the relationship between APO-USA and APO-Philippines
- Encouragement of APO-USA active student involvement on an international level

Be it further resolved that the National standing International Relations Committee is charged to explore the details in areas including but not limited to:

- The feasibility and origin of funding for the program
- Method of establishing eligibility criteria for delegation
- Establish a formal training structure as part of the program to include but not be limited to cultural education and travel safety information
- Specific responsibilities of the delegates during and after the convention (i.e. run workshops, submission of reports to APO-USA, etc.)
- Exploring other methods of communication (i.e. video conferencing, etc.)

Be it further resolved that the National standing International Relations Committee report and make a recommendation for action to the National Board at the National Board meeting in February 2004, with a copy of the final report, including the action requested, sent to the International Relations Reference Committee at the 2004 National Convention.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

Whereas the Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Relations and Internal Volunteer Development Committee has focused primarily on Internal Volunteer Development, and

Whereas Alpha Phi Omega Alumni desire to develop an ongoing relationship with the fraternity, and Alpha Phi Omega wishes to maintain a positive relationship with its alumni, and

Whereas Alpha Phi Omega should continue to improve alumni relations,

Be it resolved that the Alumni Relations and Internal Volunteer Development Committee should form the Alumni Relations subcommittee.

Be it further resolved the Alumni Relations subcommittee is to investigate alumni relations, such as the feasibility of program development for our

alumni, continuing to locate all alumni, to explore the utilization of electronic communication for contacting Alumni.

Be it further resolved that the Alumni Relations subcommittee shall consist of at least 5 Alumni Relations and Internal Volunteer Development Committee members and any other members as deemed necessary by the Alumni Relations and Internal Volunteer Development Program Director.

Be it further resolved that the Alumni Relations subcommittee shall report back its findings to the Alumni Relations and Internal Volunteer Development Reference Committee at the 2004 National Convention.

SERVICE AND COMMUNICATION

Whereas Alpha Phi Omega promotes constant and continual service by the Chapters;

Whereas Alpha Phi Omega recognizes the importance of the youth of our nation, and promotes service to the youth of our nation;

Whereas Alpha Phi Omega, in its furtherance of promotion of our principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service, recognizes the importance of partnerships with such organizations that support service to the youth of our nation;

Whereas Youth Service America supports service to the youth of our nation;

Whereas America's Promise additionally supports service to the youth of our nation;

Be it resolved Alpha Phi Omega continues to recognize a national spring day of service to our youth each April to coincide with other national service organizations such as Youth Service America and America's Promise.

Be it further resolved such day of service be known as the National Youth Service Day and that all Chapters participate in this event by organizing and/or participating in service projects to benefit youth on their campuses and in their communities.

NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK

Be it resolved that the National Service Week program of emphasis for 2003-2004 be "Building a Sound Mind and Body."

Be it further resolved that the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Week project theme for 2003 be "Building a Sound Mind" to promote literacy and mental health, and that the project theme for 2004 be "Building a Sound Body" to promote personal and physical well-being.

Building a Sound Mind includes but is not limited to projects such as the following: working with college health centers, local counseling centers, after-school programs, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, suicide awareness, eating disorders, and local libraries.

Building a Sound Body includes but is not limited to projects with the following: childhood immunizations, March of Dimes, child safety seats for cars, bicycle helmet awareness, Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Association for Childhood Cancer, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Ronald McDonald/Hospitality House, Shriners Hospitals, Operation Smile, and Doctors Without Borders.

Be it resolved that a method of tracking National Service Week and National Youth Service Day Reporting be added to the Perpetual Inventory.

Be it resolved that given the resounding success of 2001's International Book Drive, the National Service and Communications Committee is charged to research and present a proposal to the 38th National Convention for another International Project to be held in 2005. This report should include a budget, timeline, strategy, and details of any partnerships in other organizations.

Whereas the Service and Communications Reference Committee did not have adequate information to consider the recommendations made regarding the Outstanding Chapter Website Award, we therefore charge the National Service and Communication Committee to review all of the criteria including the recent recommendations for the Outstanding Chapter Website Award and also review the current penalties for public accessibility given the chapter's want to protect the information of their brothers. We direct the National Service and Communication Committee to report the criteria back to the next Service and Communication Reference Committee at the 38th National Convention.

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Access to the Board of Director's Records of Policy Implementation

Whereas the records, minutes, and policy of the National Board of Directors can be accessed by any Alpha Phi Omega Brother,

Whereas it is apparent that many Brethren are not aware of this privilege, and

Whereas the committee reviewed several proposed amendments and resolutions pertaining to this ability,

Therefore be it resolved that the National Board of Directors make a concerted effort to inform Alpha Phi Omega Brethren that this information can be elicited directly from the National Office.

MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION

Whereas the Petitioning Group Ceremony of Alpha Phi Omega bears a definite resemblance to the Pledge Ritual of Alpha Phi Omega;

Whereas changes to the Petitioning Group Ceremony have not been done to update language and congruence to the Pledge Ritual;

Therefore be it resolved that any changes in language and procedures made to the Pledge Ritual also be made as appropriate to the Petitioning Group Ceremony, in order to maintain consistency. Such changes shall include but are not limited to: candle size/type, words of Frank Reed Horton, number of chapters chartered/currently active, capitalization, procedure for lining up Petitioners, and/or clarification of use or nonuse of blindfolds.

Whereas the purpose of a Petitioning Group is to give students the opportunity to learn to function as a Chapter in Alpha Phi Omega;

Whereas part of the education in learning to function as a Chapter is the effective and efficient running of meetings;

Whereas the Formal Opening Ceremony and Formal Closing Ceremony are published only in the Ritual Book of the Fraternity;

Whereas a Petitioning Group does not have the right to view a Ritual Book;

Therefore be it resolved that the Formal Opening Ceremony and Formal Closing Ceremony be edited and published for use for a Petitioning Group as part of the Petitioning Group Ceremony booklet.

Pledge Manual

Whereas the Oath of Loyalty and Service is required to be taken by all Neophytes prior to admission to membership in Alpha Phi Omega; and

Whereas the Scout Oath and Law is currently printed in the Pledge Manual (pg. 4); and

Whereas we feel that in addition to educating our Pledges on the Scout Oath prior to initiation, that they should also learn the Oath of Loyalty and Service prior to initiation; and

Whereas the National Pledging Standards, #16, clearly state, "An appropriate period of pledging includes the presentation and explanation of the Oath of Loyalty and Service to the Pledges by the

officers supervising the Pledge class."

Therefore be it resolved that the Oath of Loyalty and Service shall be added to the Pledge Manual, and taught as part of our Pledge Education Program.

Whereas in previous years several chapters and extension groups have had difficulty meeting the fraternity's goal of correlating both group demographics and individual campus populations for rechartering and chartering purposes, and

Whereas many of these chapters and extension groups have been and continue to be located on the campuses of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's),

Therefore be it resolved that the National Convention charges the Membership and Extension Committee to create a task force to address the issues surrounding group demographics in compliance with the fraternity's goal, and the effect of alumni presence, upon both membership extension efforts and active chapters, with the results to be presented to the Membership and Extension Reference Committee at the Alpha Phi Omega 2004 National Convention.

Whereas our fraternity's history and founding still play a large role in the chapter's everyday dealings and actions,

Therefore be it resolved that the fraternity as a whole will make an active effort to interview immediate descendents of founders and provide them a warm welcome to the family of Alpha Phi Omega, possibly by conferring upon them an Honorary Membership status.

Whereas one of the keys to active growth in Alpha Phi Omega is based on the successful rush programs of our individual chapters, and

Whereas the retention of member is essential to the vitality of the fraternity,

Therefore be it resolved that the National Convention charges the Program Director of Membership and Extension to investigate and identify successful rush and retention programs and practices to be published, as appropriate, in the Torch and Trefoil and/or on the national website.

Whereas APO-USA has committed to establish five active chapters of Alpha Phi Omega in Canada by 2008, and

Whereas APO-Philippines has offered to assist in this expansion effort,

Therefore be it resolved that the National Convention directs the International Relations Committee of APO-USA to investigate the possibilities for and the feasibility of working with members of APO-Philippines currently living in Canada on continuing extension efforts, with a culminating report to be presented at the July 2003 Board of Directors' Meeting.

Whereas Petitioning Groups are not allowed to wear the phrase "Alpha Phi Omega" or its Greek letters, without the words "Petitioning Group" visible,

Therefore be it resolved that the National Convention charges the National Executive Director to create a Petitioning Group badge/button that meets the requirements set forth in both the 1994 National Convention Resolution and Appendix F of the National Board Policy Manual. It is the suggestion of the National Convention that a style similar to the fraternity name badge be used, replacing the crest with the petitioning pin logo.

CHAPTER OPERATIONS

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors will research and modify the current Chapter Program Planning Conference (CPPC) based upon the rec-

ommendations that are presented in a separate report to the Board. The recommendations include incorporating different motivational factors and recognition in order for chapters to continue to thrive in the campus environment.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Be it resolved that the National Convention and the National Board of Directors should continue to follow the Long-Range Planning cycle from one Convention to the next.

Be it further resolved that, the National Convention reaffirms its National Strategic Plan as consisting of Vision Statement, a Mission Statement, Goals, and Action Steps.

Be it resolved that the National Convention adopt the following as its Vision Statement for its National Strategic Plan.

The National Vision Statement

An all-inclusive collegiate Fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega is committed to being the foremost student-run fraternity in developing lifelong leaders, instilling lasting friendships, and fostering a lifetime of service to all people.

Be it resolved that the National Convention shall adopt the following as the Mission and Goals for the National Strategic Plan.

Be it further resolved that, the National Board should follow this guidance to develop specific plans for accomplishing the National Mission and Goals.

Mission

- To strengthen the presence of Alpha Phi Omega on college campuses and among its members
- To support the spread of the Fraternity's principles and activities on college campuses and among its members
- To provide opportunities for its members and college students to develop effective leadership skills
- To promote fellowship among all people
- To provide service to humanity
- To further our acknowledged freedoms

National Goals include:

Goal 1: Media and Technology

Objective: To meet the information needs of all sectors of the Fraternity

- Improved access to Fraternity documents and press releases in user-friendly formats
- Improved data collection and management capability

Directive 1: Investigate the potential costs and benefits of online submission of data.

Goal 2: Communication and Public Relations

Objective: To promote better, more consistent and ongoing communication within the Fraternity at all levels

Directive 1: On all official Fraternity publications the national website address shall be printed.

Directive 2: Ensure the sectional representative position for every Fraternity chapter is filled.

Directive 3: Ensure that the National Strategic Plan is included in all applicable publications, including all training materials, electronic media, and chapter resources such as the Chapter Program Planning Conference (CPPC). The Fraternity Vision and Mission Statements shall be prominently displayed on the Fraternity's national website.

Directive 4: Review and take appropriate action to improve the effectiveness of communication within the Fraternity at all levels. A report shall be issued at the July 2003 Board of Directors meeting and disseminated to all the regions.

Objective: Improve relations with Alpha Phi Omega Philippines

Objective: To develop a consistent and ongoing external public relations campaign in an effort to educate a wider and ever expanding audience about the endeavors of the Fraternity, promote a more beneficial public image, and establish/ enhance relationships with other service-oriented organizations

Directive 1: Develop more effective mechanisms to allow chapters at the local level to develop relationships by targeting the following:

- High School/early college students
- Community and/or student-based service organizations

Directive 2: Encourage Chapter/Fraternity participation with organizations with which Alpha Phi Omega has existing/potential partnerships.

Goal 3: Membership Retention

Objective: To maintain all active chapters and assist them in retaining their Active and Pledge members

Directive 1: Provide more effective tools to Sectional Chairs to allow them to review membership statistics in a timely manner and identify potential problems.

Goal 4: Membership Extension

Objective: To reach out to as many college campuses and college students as possible to promote the principles of Alpha Phi Omega and ultimately ensure the future of the Fraternity

Directive 1: Investigate methods in order to facilitate and expedite the revival of inactive chapters within the Fraternity.

Goal 5: Volunteer Base

Objective: To capture the attention of Active and Alumni Brothers on the benefits of and need for Fraternity volunteerism at all levels

Directive 1: Actively recruit graduating members for positions in Sectional, Regional, and National Fraternity level staff. Concurrently, maintain an updated database of recently graduated members.

Goal 6: Financial Development

Objective: To develop the financial resources needed to carry out critical efforts in support of leadership development, membership retention, chapter development and retention, and public relations

Directive 1: Investigate and identify ways to assist chapters in financial distress.

Goal 7: Leadership Development

Objective: To develop individual and group leadership skills among college students in a supportive environment through enacting community service projects and other opportunities

Directive 1: Conduct continuous reviews of the LEADS program to evaluate its effectiveness and relevancy to chapters and to the Fraternity as a whole.

Goal 8: International Extension

Objective: To provide support to and fulfill a commitment to the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega.

Directive 1: Consider expansion possibilities in countries other than Canada and Australia.

Directive 2: Continue existing extension efforts in Canada.

Be it resolved that the National Goals resulting from the 2002 National Convention and subsequent action by the National Board of Directors shall supersede and replace any and all Long-Range Goals existing prior to the 2002 National Convention.

Be it resolved that the Mission Statement and Vision Statement should be printed annually along with the National Goals that are developed to accomplish the Fraternity's stated Mission and Vision.

Be it resolved that the National President shall direct and monitor the development, assignment, and implementation of plans and efforts to accomplish National Goals and make recommendations for remedial actions as necessary.

Be it resolved that at the 2004 National Convention the National President will present a progress report regarding the status of the National Goals adopted by the 2002 National Convention.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Whereas all rituals should be conducted in as serious and respectful a manner as possible, and

Whereas all Brothers with parts in rituals should be knowledgeable and respectful toward all parts of the ceremony and our Fraternity history, and

Whereas all Brothers participating in ceremonies should know their parts of the ceremony, and

Whereas any sort of mishap or mispronunciation during a ceremony undermines said ceremony,

Be it resolved that pronunciation of difficult words in ceremonies be included in the Ritual Book, as a separate section with the phonetic spellings of those difficult-to-pronounce words in the ceremonies.

Be it resolved that:

1. Each region shall form a committee comprised of equal representation of students from each section with a student chair and a staff advisor to research ramifications of changes to the toast song including but not limited to membership and inclusion as it relates to the Vision and Mission Statement.
2. The research method shall be left up to the committee but an explanation of this process will be included in the report.
3. The committee shall submit a detailed report of its findings for the 2004 National Convention by June 15, 2004. Reports shall be made available electronically as of July 1, 2004, and mailed out to all chapters by August 31, 2004.

AWARDS AND APPRECIATION

Whereas, the Distinguished Service Keys (also known as the Distinguished Service Awards) are the highest awards the Fraternity bestows on Brothers at the Chapter, Sectional, Regional, National, and Alumni levels;

Whereas, National and Alumni Distinguished Service Keys currently have certificates for those awards;

Therefore, be it resolved that certificate(s) be developed for the Chapter, Sectional, and Regional Distinguished Service Key.

Be it resolved that the National Fraternity create and adopt a National Alumni Activity Award, to be given to the chapter with the best alumni relations program. The criteria for this award shall include alumni events and alumni participation within the Chapter. Presentations may be verbal, written, or visual and are to be presented to the Awards and Appreciations Committee at the National Convention.

Criteria:

- Maintaining alumni newsletter
- Response and participation of alumni

- Alumni attendance at ceremonies
- Participation with local alumni organizations

Whereas the 2002 Convention Committee has unselfishly committed their time and energy to coordinate, plan, and execute the 2002 National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, and

Whereas the Awards and Appreciation Committee would like to officially recognize the diligent work and efforts of Damian Medina, Robert Long, the Convention Committee, and the volunteers who have shown and promoted the principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service at this convention,

Be it hereby resolved, that the Awards and Appreciation Committee recognize and declare this day, Convention Committee and Volunteer Appreciation Day.

Be it resolved that the 2002 Alpha Phi Omega National Convention extends its heartfelt appreciation to the following for their diligent and tireless work in the planning and execution of our 37th Biennial Convention:

Damian Medina, Convention Chair; Robert L. Long, III, Convention Coordinator; Landon Smith and Adam Lam, Banquets; Krutar Patel and Nicole Hevener, Ceremonies and Awards; Sharon Wilson-Brown, Committee Secretary; David Mayo and Candice Jessup, Entertainment; Emily Heine and Janette Stanberry, Floor Services; Chris Jarnagin and Carmen Nasr, Graphics/Web-Design; Brandon Ayler, Dannie Wallace and Alyson Head, Hosting & Information; Hector Hernandez, Jr. and Jennifer Franklin, Publicity; Michael Nguyen and Meredith Duncell, Printing and Publications; Mike Costantino and Amanda Manley, Registration; Lauren Hood, Safety & Security; Carrie Jane Benefield and Stephanie Tabor, Service; Robert Garcia, Michael Lehrer, Zulema Rodriguez and Denise Lopez, Workshops; Chris Jarnagin, Webmaster; Delta Omega, Eternal Flame Ceremony; Mark Stratton, Legislative Director; Illona Smith and Rolron Smith, American Sign Language Volunteers; Sarah Burton, Adopt-A-Delegate Program; and Rob Coop, Building Coordinator.

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Extend thanks and appreciation to the National Board of Directors, the Region Directors and staff, and the Section Chairs and staff in attendance. Extend special thanks and appreciation to all voting delegates, all reference committees and advisors

Extend thanks to the Service/Communication Committee and those who served during 2000-2002.

Extend thanks to all chapters who work at developing their service programs to make your world a better place to live

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Alpha Sigma, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Zeta Delta, Miami University of Ohio
Theta Upsilon, Case Western Reserve University
Nu Sigma, Stephen F. Austin State University
Alpha Epsilon Eta, Concord College

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Hayward

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Extend thanks and appreciation to the Region 7
and their Regional Director, Belton Lim

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for helping with the decorations for the 2002
Nationals Convention

Extend congratulations to all chapters who were
chartered or rechartered in the past two years

The Fraternity recalls with sadness the death of
Donald Terwilliger, a founding member of the
Fraternity.

RULES AND CREDENTIALS

Whereas the legislative session of each National
Convention is an extremely important function of
the Fraternity; and

Whereas the voting delegates and reference
committees at each National Convention are
required to do an exceptional amount of work in a
very short period of time; and

Whereas the sheer volume of legislation and the
organization of legislation oftentimes contribute to
inefficiency in competing the assigned work and to
fatigue in the delegates who do that work; and

Whereas a more efficient and streamlined leg-
islative process will assist the voting delegates and
reference committees in completing the important
tasks entrusted and assigned to them.

Therefore be it resolved that the National
President appoint a committee, including active
members, to investigate and review all facets of the
legislative process; and

Therefore be it further resolved that the com-
mittee shall make such recommendations it deems
necessary to improve and make more efficient the
legislative process; and

Therefore be it further resolved that the com-
mittee shall submit its final report, including rec-
ommendations, to the National Board of Directors
no later than the February 2004 meeting of the
Board; and

Therefore be it further resolved that the
National Board of Directors may submit legislation
it deems necessary or prudent to enact the recom-
mendations of the committee.

Whereas the Rules and Credentials committee is
charged with credentialing delegates for the
National Convention,

Whereas the Rules and Credentials committee
has reviewed the National Bylaws and the National
Board of Directors Policy Manual,
Whereas it is the opinion of the Rules and
Credentials committee that there are potential
inconsistencies within Article IV, Sections 1 and 2
of the National Bylaws and Policy II, Section 18 of
the National Board of Directors Policy Manual,
Therefore be it resolved that the National Board of

Directors review Article IV, Section 1 and 2 of the
National Bylaws and Policy II, Section 18 of the
National Board of Directors Policy Manual and
report any potential inconsistencies found to the
Rules and Credentials committee in 2004, and
Be it further resolved that the National Board of
Directors draft legislation and/or modify the
National Board of Directors Policy Manual as
appropriate at the summer 2004 National Board
Meeting to solve any potential inconsistencies
found between Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the
National Bylaws and Policy II, Section 18 of the
National Board of Directors Policy Manual.

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS

The Voting Delegates elected the following
officers:

National President: Bobby Hainline
National Vice President: Maggie Katz

Program Directors:

Lisa Covi
Julie Moore
Carla Moran
Ed Richter
Keith Roots
Beth Tom

TIME AND PLACE

Be it resolved that the 2004 National Convention
be held December 27-30 in Denver, Colorado.

FROM THE FLOOR

Be it resolved that the Fraternity begin publica-
tion of an electronic version of the Torch and
Trefoil, and send it in lieu of hardcopy to those
who have computer access and request it.

Whereas the current phrasing in the Risk
Management Policy states we will not discriminate
by "sexual preference."

Whereas the term "sexual preference" is no
longer considered accurate terminology.

Be it resolved that the wording "sexual prefer-
ence" be struck and replaced by "sexual orienta-
tion."

Be it resolved to challenge the chapters to
explore fundraising for the Fraternity on a national
level.

Whereas Alpha Phi Omega has run a promo-
tional table at previous National Boy Scouts of
America Jamborees, and

Whereas the World Scouting Movement is cele-
brating its 100th Anniversary during the winter of
2006-2007 in England, and

Whereas our Founder mandated that "as
Scouting is worldwide, so should Alpha Phi
Omega be worldwide,"

Be it resolved that the National President will
designate a committee to check into the feasibility
and funding of a delegation of Brothers to repre-
sent Alpha Phi Omega at said event and have a
report ready for the appropriate persons, with mul-
tiple options, no later than the 38th National
Convention.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned sine die at 12:30 p.m., December 30,
2002.

WHO, *what*, WHEN & *Where*?

ALPHA PHI OMEGA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 14-16

Section 23/27 Conference
Host: *Eta Lambda Chapter*
University of Wisconsin-
Eau Claire
Eau Claire, WI

FEBRUARY 21-23

Section 21 Conference
Host: *Xi Chapter*
Iowa State University
Ames, IA

Section 35 Conference
Host: *Beta Mu Chapter*
Southwest Missouri
State University
Springfield, MO

Section 43/44 Conference
Host: *Zeta Omega Chapter*
Baylor University
Waco, TX

Section 61 Conference
Host: *Tau Alpha Chapter*
Davis & Elkins College
Elkins, WV

Section 68/70 Conference
Host: *Tau Epsilon Chapter*
Tennessee Technological
University
Cookeville, TN

Section 77 Conference
Host: *Iota Mu Chapter*
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC

Section 80 Conference
Host: *Kappa Upsilon Chapter*
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC

Section 91/92 Conference
Host: *Omicron Alpha Chapter*
Kutztown University
Kutztown, PA

FEB. 28 - MARCH 2

Section 40 Conference
Host: *Omicron Delta Chapter*
McMurry University
Abilene, TX

Section 64 Conference
Host: *Alpha Alpha Pi Chapter*
Westminster College
New Wilmington, PA

Section 90 Conference
Host: *Iota Kappa Chapter*
Bucknell University
Lewisburg, PA

MARCH 1

Section 4 Conference
Host: *Alpha Alpha Xi and*
Iota Phi Chapters
University of California at Davis
Davis, CA

MARCH 7-9

Section 67 Conference
Host: *Theta Theta Chapter*
Centre College
Danville, KY

Section 69 Conference
Host: *Delta Chapter*
Auburn University
Auburn, AL

Section 99 Conference
Host: *Alpha Gamma Mu Chapter*
William Paterson University
Wayne, NJ

MARCH 21-23

Section 54 Conference
Host: *Eta Pi Chapter*
University of Detroit Mercy
Detroit, MI

Section 81 Conference
Host: *Zeta Beta Chapter*
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
& State University
Blacksburg, VA

MARCH 28-30

Section 26 Conference
Host: *Kappa Chi Chapter*
Creighton University
Omaha, NE

Section 52 Conference
Host: *Delta Xi and Delta*
Omicron Chapters
Ball State University
Muncie, IN

Section 62 Conference
Host: *Beta Chapter*
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA

Section 83 Conference
Host: *Alpha Delta Delta Chapter*
George Mason University
Fairfax, VA

75th Anniversary Celebration
Epsilon Chapter
Truman State University
Kirksville, MO

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