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15th National Convention

Tentative Program

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

Guide tours of the University of Texas and points of interest in Austin.

1:00 P.M.—Registration begins, Austin Hotel.

4.00 P.M.—National Executive Board Committee Meetings.

5:00 P.M.—Screening bids for 1960 National Convention.

6:00 P.M.-National Executive Board Meeting.

7:00 P.M.—"Fun and Fellowship Smoker", C. C. "Jitter" Nolen presiding.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00 A.M.—Registration and orientation continues.

Training Group leaders meet.

9:30 A.M.—OPENING SESSION OF CONVENTION. Advancing the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, Greetings, Reports of National Officers, Presentations of 1960 Convention bids by chapters, Credentials and Roll Call.

Keynote Address by Dean Robert G. Gordon, N.E.B.

Member.

12:30 P.M.—Fellowship Luncheon honoring National Presidents of the Fraternity. Address by President Willis Tate, Southern Methodist University.

2:30 P.M.—"Training for Service", Dr. Leonard Deuce. Training Groups and committee meetings.

6:00 P.M.—Stupendous, Colossal Barbecue!!! TEXAS-style—branding

irons, chuck wagons, etc., Zilker Park.

'Tall Tales" by Colonel Homer Garrison, Head of the Texas Rangers; by Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, National President of the American Historical Association, author of The History of The Texas Rangers and other tall tales; by J. Frank Dobie, Cowboy Narrator and the "Will Rogers of the South".

Song Fest.

9:00 P.M.—General Business Meeting.

Constitution and By Laws Committee Report. National Executive Board Committee Reports.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00 A.M.—Sectional Meetings.

9:00 A.M.—Training Groups Report.

10:30 A.M.—Church Services (each person goes to the church of his choice); Convention address by Dr. Carlyle Marney, First Baptist

Church of Austin.

2:00 P.M.—Convention Photograph.

2:30 P.M.—Training Group reports continue, Constitution and By Laws Committee Report continues, report of Nominating Committee and election.

7:00 P.M.—Convention Banquet.

Greetings by Governor Price Daniel of Texas.

Address by H. Roe Bartle, Past National President. 9:30 P.M.—Coffee Hour at Home of Dean Arno Nowotny, Past National President. For Advisors, National Executive Board Members and wives.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 A.M.—Minutes of Sectional Meetings.

Time and Place Committee Report, remaining reports to continue.

10:00 A.M.—Rededication, Installation of new officers and Board members; ADJOURNMENT.

12:30 P.M.-Meeting of National Executive Board.

2:00 P.M.—Trip to San Antonio for those who wish with Texas Ranger Escort all the way.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The following are pertinent to our forthcoming National Convention. Please make note of the dates AND NOTE THE SUGGESTIONS on early dates below.

ARTICLE IX

National Convention

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION. The supreme authority of the fraternity shall be vested in the National Convention composed of the members of the National Executive Board, two delegates from each Collegiate Chapter, one of whom should be an undergraduate and the other an advisor, and two delegates from each Alumni Chapter.

SECTION 2. VOTING POWER. Each chapter represented at a national convention shall have two votes. In case a chapter has but one delegate present, that delegate shall have power to cast both votes. Each member of the National Executive Board present at a convention shall have one vote.

SECTION 3. QUORUM. A quorum to do business shall consist of two-thirds of the delegates assembled, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates constituting a quorum shall be necessary to pass a measure.

ARTICLE XI

Order of Business at the National Convention

The order of business for the National Convention shall be decided upon by a special committee appointed for this purpose by the National President, and shall be subject to the ap-

proval of the National Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIX Amendments

SECTION 1. The power to amend the National Constitution and By-Laws shall rest in the National Convention.

SECTION 2. Every proposed alteration, amendment, or addition to the Constitution and By-Laws must be submitted to the National Secretary in writing at least sixty days before it is to be acted upon at the National Convention. Upon receipt of such proposed amendment the National Secretary shall submit the same to the chapters and members of the National Executive Board within ten days.

SECTION 3. An affirmative vote of three-fourths of the delegates shall be necessary for the adoption of the amendment.

ARTICLE XII

Powers and Duties of the National Convention

SECTION 1. The National Convention shall have power to:

- Elect officers and members of the National Executive Board as herein above prescribed.
- 2. Establish badges and ritual and other fraternity insignia.

ARTICLE IX

National Convention

SECTION 4. TIME AND PLACE. The National Convention shall be held biennially in even-numbered years. The time and place for the succeeding convention shall be nominated by the Time and Place Committee and presented for ratification by the delegates, bound by the following rotation plan:

A. There shall be three convention areas to be defined as follows: Eastern—All Atlantic Seaboard states and the states of Vermont, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Midwestern—Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota. Western—All Pacific Seaboard states and the states of Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico.

B. The conventions shall be planned in such a manner that in every eightyear period the convention shall be held once in the Eastern area, once in the Western area and twice (not to be consecutive) in the Midwestern area.

Proposed sites for National Conventions shall be submitted to the National Office at least sixty days prior to the pending National Convention and the National Secretary shall transmit them to all chapters for consideration prior to the convention.

SUGGESTION

So that chapters may all screen proposals to changes we recommend you follow this time schedule:

April 15-Submit proposals to National Office

April 30—Proposals submitted by April 15 will be sent to chapters

June 29-Official submission of changes due

July 9—Resubmit all proposals (official as per Constitution)

August 30-Convention Opens - Stephen Austin Hotel

SUGGESTION

By our rotation plan, the next convention will be in the Eastern Section. Formal requests should be mailed to National Office by April 30.

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WILLIS McDONALD TATE



Willis McDonald Tate was born in Denver, Colorado, and became President of Southern Methodist University May 6, 1954, the youngest man to be named to that position.

Most of Dr. Tate's boyhood was spent in San Antonio, Texas, where he was graduated from the old Main Avenue High School. He is an alumnus of SMU, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1932 and his Master of Arts, in sociology, in 1935.

He has done additional graduate work at The University of Texas and at The University of Chicago, and he holds honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Texas Wes-

leyan College, from Centenary College, and from The University of Denver, and the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Oklahoma City University.

Dr. Tate was a member of SMU's Southwest Conference championship football team of 1931. He was an all-conference tackle that year and received honorable mention for All-American.

In September, 1945, Dr. Tate joined the SMU staff as Assistant Dean of Students. July 1, 1948, he was appointed Dean of Students, and November 15, 1950, he was made Vice-President in Charge of Development and Public Relations.

He was elected fifth president of SMU, by unanimous vote of the University's Board of Trustees, May 6, 1954, to succeed Dr. Umphrey Lee; Dr. Tate assumed the responsibilities of office on that date, and formal inauguration was held May 5, 1955.

In 1932 Willis M. Tate married an SMU classmate, Joel Estes, of Cleburne, Texas. They have two children: a son, Willis, Jr., who is a graduate student at Harvard; and a daughter, Jo Ann, a senior at SMU.

M. R. DISBOROUGH

M. R. Disborough, our National President, was elected to that office in 1954 at the National Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was re-elected at the National Convention held in Long Beach, California in 1956.

He served as organizer and first President of Alpha Tau Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega at Butler University. He has served as a Presidential Representative, member of the National Executive Board, National Third Vice President, National First Vice President, and as National Extension Chairman for four years, during which time the fracturity more than doubled its number of ch

ternity more than doubled its number of chapters.

In 1940 he served as the Convention Chairman for the National Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Disborough is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, member of the National Personnel Advisory Committee, a former member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, member of the Rotary Club of Louisville, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Louisville Chamber of Commerce, Executives Club-Louisville Chapter, and Christian Church. Also a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

He is the Scout Executive of the Old Kentucky Home Council, Louisville, Kentucky. Before coming to Louisville he had served Councils in Indiana, Iowa and Kansas.

In 1948 he was honored by the Swedish Scout Union by being presented the Radslijan. The award is the highest award presented by the Swedish Scout Union for volunteer service to Scouting.

M. R. Disborough, a native of Indianapolis, Indiana, is married to the former Marjorie Kaser. They have two children, one son and one daughter. They are Judy, 14, and David, 10.

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PRICE DANIEL

Price Daniel was born at Dayton, Liberty County, Texas. He attended public schools, graduating from senior high school in Fort Worth.

His college training was at Baylor University where he received a degree in journalism in 1931 and a degree in law in 1932. He was awarded a Doctor of Laws degree by Baylor in 1951.

He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1932 and returned to Liberty where he opened a law office on the same spot where Sam Houston, hero of the Texas Revolution, and former Texas governor and United

States senator, had his law office. He took an active interest in civic affairs, served two terms as president of the Chamber of Commerce, master of the Masonic lodge and became a co-owner and publisher of the Liberty Vindicator and Anahuac Progress, weekly newspapers. He served as president and teacher of a Baptist Men's Bible Class and has always been active lay leader and speaker.

Daniel was elected to the House of Representatives and membership on the State Democratic Executive Committee in 1939. He served three terms in the Legislature.

At the conclusion of the session at which he was speaker, Daniel waived his legislative exemption and while still Speaker of the House, enlisted in the Army. After a year as an enlisted man, he graduated from the Judge Advocate Generals' Officers' Candidate School as a second lieutenant.

He was elected attorney general in 1946. Twice since he has been re-elected without opposition.

Price Daniel was elected U. S. Senator in 1952. He was elected Governor of Texas in 1956 and took the oath of office on January 15, 1957.

He is a member of the Texas State Bar, the American Bar Association, American Society of International Law, Texas Press Association, Sigma Delta Chi journalistic honor fraternity, Scholarship Societies of the South, Liberty Masonic Lodge, Arabic Temple Shrine in Houston, Woodmen of the World, Houston Elks Club, Rotary, Baptist Church, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In 1940, Daniel married Jean Houston Baldwin of Houston, a great-great granddaughter of General Sam Houston. They have four children, three sons and a daughter. They are Price, Jr., 16; Jean, 14; Houston Lee, 11; and John Baldwin, 9.



C. C. "JITTER" NOLEN

C. C. "Jitter" Nolen, a former University of Texas cheerleader, is director of the University's Texas Union, student recreation center.

He became student union director in 1951 after operating a boys' camp in Colorado for two years.

Nolen received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology in 1948 and has completed course work for his Master of Arts degree.

Nolen, a native of Austin, is a deacon in the University Christian Church and a Boy Scout district committeeman. In January, 1958, he was awarded the Boy Scouts' high-

ly-coveted Silver Beaver award for long and meritorious scouting service. He is a member of the Lions Club, Masonic Lodge 456, Ben Hur Shrine Temple, and Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity.

He served in the Navy in World War II and is a member of the Austin Naval Reserve Telecommunications and Censorship Unit.

Nolen is married to the former June Dameron of Hereford. They have two daughters, Cynthia Jane and Nina Elyse.



ARNO NOWOTNY



Arno Nowotny is dean of student life at the University of Texas.

Known as "Shorty" to his friends, the five-foot dean has carried into his professional career the enthusiasm he exhibited in his undergraduate days as a cheerleader and student leader. Dean Nowotny holds three University degrees: Bachelor of Arts (1922). Bachelor of Laws (1925) and Master of Arts (1927).

Nowotny was named dean of men in 1942 and a year later became the dean of student life. Under his supervision are the Longhorn Band, men's and women's intra-

murals, loans and scholarships, student housing, discipline, Student Union, dean of men, dean of women and student employment.

A life-long advocate of Scouting, Dean Nowothy serves on the national board and is past national president of Alpha Phi Omega, service organization of former Boy Scouts. He is also holder of the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope Awards.

Dean Nowotny also serves on the national executive board of Phi Eta Sigma, scholastic honorary for freshmen men. He is a past national president of Deans and Advisors of Men; a former National Independent Students' Association official; trustee for the American Humanics Foundation, and national chairman of the expansion committee for Phi Kappa Sigma, social fraternity.

Dean Nowotny, a native of New Braunfels, is married to the former LaVerne Stugard. They have one daughter, Betty Lou.

DR. ROBERT G. GORDON



Dr. Robert G. Gordon, Associate Dean of Students at the University of Southern California was counselor of men at SC during 1955 and 1956. Last year he was on the executive committee of the National Deans' Assn.

Dr. Gordon came to SC in 1955 from the University of Texas, where he had been assistant dean of students since 1948. He is a graduate of Denison University, Granville, Ohio, and Columbia University, where he did graduate work in guidance and counseling.

He was dean of freshmen at Bucknell Unversity, Lewisburg, Pa., in 1940-42 and then served as a naval officer four years during World War II.

From 1946 to 1948, when he went to Texas, he was dean of men at the University of Redlands.

Dr. Gordon is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and the following honorary organizations: Omicron Delta Kappa (scholarship), Pi Kappa Delta (forensic), Tau Kappa Alpha (speech), and Phi Delta Kappa (education).

Dr. Gorden and his wife, Betty Jane, have two sons, Rick and Jim.

DR. WALTER PRESCOTT WEBB

Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, University of Texas history professor and American Historical Association president, has taught at the University of Texas since 1918.

The evolution of "Webb courses" in the University's history department has been closely connected with his publications, a biographer has observed. His books include "The Great Plains," considered a classic in American history; "The Great Frontier," setting forth his theory of modern world history; "The Texas Rangers," "Divided We Stand" and "More Water for Texas.' His latest research concerns the

history of the American West since 1865 and he conducted a graduate seminar on that topic during the 1957 fall semester.

He was editor-in-chief of a mammoth two-volume "Handbook of Texas," an encyclopedia that has become a standard reference work since its publication in 1952.

The American Council of Learned Societies recently recognized Dr. Webb's "distinguished scholarly accomplishments" with a \$10,000 special award. He has received many other honors including two Guggenheim Fellowships, the Loubat Prize (for "The Great Plains"), the Carr P. Collins Award (for "The Great Frontier"), a U. S. Bureau of Reclamation conservation award (for his efforts toward providing more water for Texas), lecture-ship and professorship appointments at the University of London (1938) and Oxford University (1942-43) and honorary degrees from Oxford and Southern Methodist University.

All his earned degrees (Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy) are from the University of Texas.

Dr. Webb was director of the Texas State Historical Association and edited its Southwestern Historical Quarterly for several years. He was 1955 president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and 1957 vice-president of the American Historical Association. He is a fellow of the Texas Institute of Letters, a member of the Texas Philosophical Society and Phi Beta Kappa.

He is married and has one daughter, Mildred Webb.

DR. H. ROE BARTLE



Dr. H. Roe Bartle was elected as National President at the convention in 1931. Roe Bartle of Iota Chapter immediately launched Vigorous growth and development which was destined to advance Alpha Phi Omega to nationwide scope. With eighteen chapters in the fraternity at the time of his installation, Dr. Bartle began spreading the fraternity to more campuses and increasing the values of the organization.

Under Brother Roe's leadership an application to the National Council of the Boy Scouts of American for official recognition was given approval, giving stimulus to fine cooperation from the Scout field.



The service program really came into prominence under Dr. Bartle's dynamic leadership, and chapter activities advanced from minor services to accomplishments of real magnitude.

Traveling widely in the interest of the fraternity, Dr. Bartle personally visited many colleges and universities in building Alpha Phi Omega to the outstanding organization we know today. He gave generously of his time and money in developing a strong and worthy organization.

Brother Roe served sixteen great years as National President which were concluded when he asked the convention delegates in 1946 to elect a new president. He continues as a member of the National Executive Board and maintains keen interest in APO. He is a Life Member of the fraternity and also serves as a Trustee.

He was formerly President of Missouri Valley College and Scout Executive of the Kansas City Area Council. He is now the Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri. He also serves as the Administrator of the American Humanics Foundation.

Dr. Bartle will serve as the banquet speaker for the Convention. All who have ever heard him speak will make the journey to Austin, Texas just to hear him if not to participate in any other part of the program.

"TEXAS BRAGS"

Texas Brags about the 15th National Convention, to be held August 30 - September 1, 1958. The Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico Chapters in the Southwest Section guarantee the best National Convention APO has ever put on!

We brag specifically about . . .

- Austin, Texas: The Convention Site set in the midst of the beautiful rolling hills, streams and lakes of Central Texas, and host to the Texas State Capitol and the main campus of The University of Texas.
- Welcoming Booths: Look for the banners and booths along the highways and prepare to enter the city by a western mode of transportation!
- The Barbecue: A free "Texas Style" barbecue conducted under the beautiful skies of The Lone Star State, with strolling spanish vaqueros, western atmosphere, barbecue out of the pit, and a program built around Southwestern Lore and Texas Tall Tales.
- The Smoker: A good time for all in a western saloon atmosphere! Come through the swinging doors for

- a gala evening of women and song complete with characters from the Old West.
- The Alamo Trip: A fitting climax to a great convention. See the famed Shrine of Texas Liberty, "The Alamo", famed Spanish Mission San Jose, and other colorful attractions of Texas and the Southwest, ending with a gala fiesta and dinner at La Villita, the authentic remains of old San Antonio.
- Alpha Rhozone: The spirit of Alpha Rho, specially brewed by a secret process and guaranteed to be the talk of the convention!
- Elmer T. Zilch, Jr.: The veteran convention "goer" of us all, world traveler and Patron Saint of Alpha Rho, will preside at all convention functions.
- The Chowhounds: An organization dedicated to the proposition that all men are created "eaters", and identified by their large checkered napkins.
- The Orange Band: A distinguished group of men whose organization is so secret that even its own members don't know its purpose.

FACTS AND FIGURES

PAST NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

1931 — St. Louis, Missouri

1932 — Chicago, Illinois

1934 - Kansas City, Missouri

1936 - Akron, Ohio

1938 — St. Louis, Missouri

1940 — Indianapolis, Indiana

1946 - Kansas City, Missouri

1948 — Chicago, Illinois

1950 - Des Moines, Iowa

1952 - Columbus, Ohio

1954 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1956 - Long Beach, California

1958 - Austin, Texas

The place of the next National Convention (1960) will be settled at this Convention.

PLACE AND ARRANGEMENTS

Austin, Texas, home of The University of Texas, and Capitol City of Texas has been chosen as the location for the Fifteenth National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega. The Stephen Austin Hotel will serve as the head-quarters for the Convention.

Dean Arno Nowotny, Past National President, is serving as Program Chairman; "Jitter" Nolan, of The University of Texas is serving as Arrangements Chairman; Board Member Robert J. Hilliard of Temple University is serving as Assistant Program Chairman. Phil Paul, of the host chapter Alpha Rho, is serving as Chapter Coordinator.

All chapters of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico have been assigned specific jobs in preparation for the convention program. At a recent Planning Conference at Trinity University, enthusiasm for the job was high. You can look for big things in Austin in '58.

HOUSING AND COSTS

Banquet—\$3.25—Includes gratuities

Luncheon-\$2.25-Includes gratuities

Rooms: Single \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.00

Two to room, twin beds, \$3.50 Each

Two to room, double beds, \$3.35 Each

Three or more to room, \$3.00 Each

Suites: Prices will be quoted upon request

Remember . . .

LONE STAR STATE IN '58

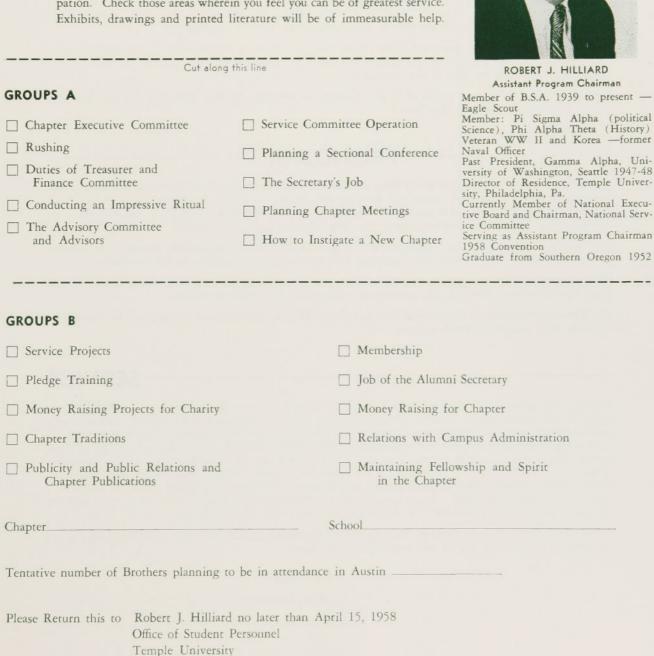
TRAINING GROUPS

What are they: Training groups are the working sessions of our convention. Many and varied are the topics presented for discussion. Here ideas concerning chapter administration, operation and progress are discussed.

Who leads: Each group has a chairman selected from one of the active chapters. A consultant and a recorder are also selected, usually from different chapters. An advisor is selected to act as lecturer for each session.

YOU CAN HELP by letting us know as soon as possible your choices for participation. Check those areas wherein you feel you can be of greatest service. Exhibits, drawings and printed literature will be of immeasurable help.

Philadelphia 22, Pennsylvania



LEADERSHIP-

Our convention every two years gives every member and every chapter the opportunity to exemplify the leadership on which our fraternity is based. Every chapter has been asked by this bulletin to give leadership in bringing to the fraternity as a whole, that which they feel they can best portray.

Our convention also gives the fraternity an opportunity for us to evaluate our leadership. Not only as it relates to the chapter, but on the National level. Our officers are elected for two year terms. With the election of new officers, we are able to constantly strengthen our organization.

Our National Board is the governing body of the fraternity between conventions. It rests with the delegates to select the best possible slate of officers and board members for the coming years. At least 5 Board terms of 6 years will be open at the convention.

Your delegates should come prepared to give thought to selecting the best leadership for our fraternity regardless of where the men may live.

---- FRIENDSHIP ---

The convention's very being this year reflects the warmth and friendship of our Southwest Sectional group. Every phase of the convention program is built on the friendship note. The hosts are planning from your earliest arrival on the roads leading into Austin, until your departure from San Antonio after the fellowship there, to make your stay one of the most pleasant you have ever had.

The Smoker is planned for your enjoyment and to give you the opportunity to make friends at the opening of the convention. The "Texas Style" barbecue will be one of the highlights of the convention.

Our convention offers the opportunity for you to make friends across the country. Many lasting friendships have developed through the associations made at the National Conventions.

An opportunity to keep in contact with other chapters after an acquaintance is made at the convention will help your chapter in years to come.

--- SERVICE

Service is the main reason for very existence. If we were to divorce Service from our organization we would be but another greek letter on the college scene. We are welcomed by the college and community because we do render a Service above and beyond that of any other organization. This is foreign to the thinking of many organizations and individuals on the college campus. So foreign that many administration officials are constantly amazed that here is an organization for the "doing for others" and not for "what can I do for me". Our convention is a Service convention. Every phase of organization, every speech, every program, every member present will be there with only one central theme — Service. I urge you to come in numbers. Every member of our fraternity may attend. The more men who see bigness of our fraternity and see it in operation, the better will be your chapter.

I count on seeing you in Leadership, meeting you in Friendship and developing a Service program at our Convention, August 29, 30, 31 and September 1 at Austin.

Fraternally,
M. R. Disborough
National President