

DELTA SIGMA PI
NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE
 Provincial Council Meeting Agenda
 February 12, 2011
 Madison, WI

A. Opening Ritual by Provincial Vice President Amy Briggs

B. Call the meeting to order
 Time: 1:50 p.m.

C. Roll call of the Delegates

Present:

Delta	Delta Tau	Kappa Omega
Epsilon	Epsilon Iota	Lambda Xi
Zeta	Epsilon Xi	Lambda Omicron
Xi	Epsilon Omicron	Mu Phi
Upsilon	Epsilon Omega	Mu Psi
Psi	Zeta Xi	Nu Tau
Alpha Delta	Eta Mu	Xi Chi
Alpha Epsilon	Eta Pi	Pi Tau
Alpha Eta	Eta Rho	Chicago Alumni
Alpha Iota	Theta Tau	Milwaukee Alumni
Alpha Omega	Iota Lambda	Twin Cities Alumni
Gamma Eta	Iota Sigma	Great Lakes Regional Vice President
Gamma Theta	Iota Chi	Huron Regional Vice President
Gamma Kappa	Kappa Sigma	North Central Regional Vice President
Gamma Pi	Kappa Upsilon	North Central Provincial Vice President
Delta Rho	Kappa Phi	

Not Present

Alpha Pi	Indianapolis Alumni	Lincoln Greater Nebraska Alumni
Central Regional Vice President		Great Plains Regional Vice President

Delegate survey explained
 “snaps” agreement initiated
 Procedural process

D. Adopt the agenda

Moved by: Iota Sigma
 Seconded by: Alpha Eta
 Motion Passes

- E. Approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting
Moved by: Alpha Iota
Seconded by: Kappa Sigma
Motion Carries
- F. Review votes taken since the last meeting
1. None
- G. Receive or distribute the report of the Provincial Vice President, including an update on National Fraternity or Leadership Foundation issues
- Distributed in packets
 - Financial documents include last year's results, explains leadership expenses
- H. Receive or distribute the reports of the Regional Vice Presidents
1. Central – Amy Briggs (acting)
 2. Great Lakes – Dennis Protasio
 3. Great Plains – Amy Briggs (acting)
 4. Huron – Matt Carrington
 5. North Central – Jodi Schoh
- Reports available in distributed materials
- I. Receive or distribute a Provincial Financial report
Reports not discussed. Reports available in distributed materials
- J. Receive or distribute the reports of the Provincial Committees
1. Alumni Development – Kara Lenox
 2. Community Service – Teresa Schudrowitz
 3. Professional Development – Courtney Fujara
 4. Scholastic Development and Awards – Jason Campbell
 5. Disciplinary – Amy Briggs
- K. Old Business
1. None
- L. New Business
1. Approve the 2011-2012 Provincial Budget (Appendix A)
Moved by: Eta Rho
Seconded by: Mu Phi
Motion Carries
 2. Determine 2011-2012 Provincial Community Service Options
Will continue with the American Cancer Society
- M. Legislative Review (for Grand Chapter Congress)

1. Proposed Ritual change review

Proposal to move into ritual discussion committee as a whole

Motion: Alpha Iota

Second: Kappa Upsilon

Motion Carries

Brother Lou Mall to serve as chairman of the committee. Committee called to order at 2:04. Membership of committee as a whole allows all to speak, delegates given preference. Task force is seeking comments on 16 proposals, which will be presented at Grand Chapter Congress in Louisville. Committee as a whole suspends Robert's Rules for duration of committee meeting.

Proposals, Ballot (gold cards for chapters, purple for leaders), Colored Cards (use for determining agreement)

Amendments: delegates to write suggestion on voting cards. Suggestions welcomed.

Proposal One: Ritual guidelines (7 minutes)

- 3 changes, clause and amendments deleted
- What changes can be made to ritual books without permission of grand chapter
- No changes or objection

Proposal Two:

- Alumni chapters can use ritual
- No changes or objection

Proposal Three:

- Additions: purpose of the statement is that ritual cannot be written without explicit statements
- No changes or objections

Proposal Four:

- Alter and regalia: cleans up language, four sections to two and reordered to simplify.
- Supplemental change to alter setting.
- Iota Sigma inquires to why banner removed. Banner included on page 40, seeking to correct redundancy.
- Zeta Xi inquires is this unnecessary work for down the road. Attempt is to clean up the language and make ritual book more comprehensive.
- North Central PVP states that this is the 5th edition of ritual book in 25 years.
- Mu Phi inquires can we move ritual robes to actual initiation page.
- Debate consumed.

Proposal Five:

- Guide language reorder. Part I: pg 32, explicitly noting where speech is delivered. Waiting room for neophytes.
- Neophytes should know that they are being questioned at this time.

- No other objections

Proposal Six:

- For large pledge classes. Valid reasons for doing concurrent groups of large pledge classes. Elected to give the chapters the flexibility to determine if there can be concurrent or consecutive classes.
- Roughly 32 pledges constitutes a “large pledge class”

Proposal Seven:

- Board of directors can add language to the book and change it for the fraternity, given in Proposal One, as opposed to Grand Chapter. The following sections the board has say on: Part I (paragraphs discussing numbering neophytes), badges, election to membership, initiation fees, memorization, religious beliefs, badges, banquet, campus requirement, extra activities, forms needed for initiation, initiation fees, post initiation meeting, schedule. These sections will be marked with signifying marks indicating policy, not ritual. Grand Chapter will still be in control about “spoken word” and more specific ritual changes.
- Debate is consumed.

Proposal Eight:

- Graveside Ceremony changed to “Tribute to a Deceased Brother” Loosened structural language. Change from professional to “person.” Multiple brothers will able to bring multiple roses. Maximum flexibility allowed.
- No changes or objections.

Proposal Nine: (12 minutes)

Guides reorder:

- a- Guide to pledging to initiation ceremonies. Consolidates initiation ceremonies into one place
- b- Alumni chapter meetings may take place with alcohol, which technically violates ritual. Seeking suggestion to possibly change or completely delete alcohol from ritual and give to risk management.
 - a. Alpha Iota objects from deleting from ritual.
 - b. Iota Sigma wants to add reference to Policies and Procedures manual in ritual
 - c. Chicago addresses the alumni chapter proposal 2. This would have previously conflicted.
 - d. Debate consumed.
- c- Professional dress not uniformly required at business meetings. Suggestion would move to make only initiation, professional events, pledging ceremony
 - a. Alpha Epsilon: business casual
 - b. Chapters will be able to decide what is best for chapters.
 - c. Ashley Henry comments that this will affect national bylaws, not chapter bylaws.
 - d. Mu Tau: will pledges need to be in professional attire, based on current ritual. Yes.
 - e. No further objections
- d- Section reworded, probably will delete 2nd and 3rd sentences regarding candles during ritual.

- a. Mu Tau: battery operated candles allowed? Fraternity prefers no. due to wax stains and potential fire hazards
 - b. Xi: Four candles should be used. Suggests change to four and only four.
 - c. Brother wishes to delete all by four candles... to battery operated.
 - d. Marked as either agreement with succinct or with suggested changes
 - e- Lighting, moved and memorial service regarding lighting deleted.
 - f- Moving pledging ceremony to guides and ritual section.
 - g- Robes and headbands.
 - a. Alpha Delta: will there be listing regarding who typically serves as ritual team. Response: we will be removing it entirely.
 - i. Group disagrees.
- Add for historian & guides?
- Group wants them.
- Mu Tau: anyone could take these roles, why list them? (general agreement)
 - Iota Sigma: Asks that there is an explicit statement of “suggestion” (general agreement)
 - Headbands: All ritual team must wear headbands during part II of initiation. This should be mandatory.
 - Pi Tau: the headbands don’t get washed after every initiation. Group consensus, headbands are gross.
 - Gamma Eta: lowered the professionalism of the initiation. “geeky”
 - Alpha Iota: part of our ritual, that’s how we did it then, we can do it now.
 - PVP: Fine print items like this are more policy than ritual. Nowhere does it mention “headbands.” Sr. Guide does not mention them in description of robes
 - Chicago: Ritual trunk has often been found to be missing headbands
 - Grand President: issue with vote to use them or not use them. All initiations should be the same initiation. We have struggled as an organization to determine this. We need to come to a consensus.

Proposal Ten:

- Initiation language moved to beginning of Part I. Moved from pg 25 to beginning of pg 30.

Proposal Eleven:

- Deletion of entrance, initiation to membership, competing organization section

Proposal Twelve:

- Introductory paragraphs from part one. Sought to eliminate “loaded” phrases “mental conditioning.” Includes candles. Small changes to introductory paragraphs. Move “Welcome in the name of Delta Sigma Pi” to pledge holding room.
- Change the word “induction” to “initiation”
- No further objections.

Proposal Thirteen:

- Eliminating “submission of additional questions by other brothers” during beginning of Part I of initiations. Giving more people the authority to approve questions for chapters, to RVP & PVPs. Eliminates increased friction.
- Iota Sigma: Clarification of questions. Questions may still be submitted, but RVP or PVP must approve.
- PVP: If it’s approved for the pledge program, it would be approved for Part I. Based on this language, this would be the case.
- No further objections.

Proposal Fourteen:

- Removing the “bring up any questions” section. Adding confirmation of initiation as final test for neophytes before becoming brothers.

Proposal Fifteen:

- a- Clarifies that neophytes are to stand.
- b- Reiterates that only the Head Master & Scribe may ask questions. Currently required for purpose only. No Senior Warden, other than response to single question.
 - a. Mu Tau: Section may be redundant in explaining which parties ask questions.
 - b. Chicago: pg 32 when head master addresses brothers in ritual room. Only allows members of the high tribunal to ask questions of the neophytes
 - i. Stated there, then reduced later with new proposal.
 - c. Milwaukee: should add another proposal to change the head master on pg 32 to reduce confusion.
 - i. Would likely be included in Proposal 13
 - d. Iota Lambda: Should Sr. Warden be given the questions.
 - e. Sr. Warden is not allowed to ask questions to the neophytes.
- c- Reinforces the purpose to all brothers. Changes the response to neophyte’s incorrect response in recalling the purpose.
 - a. Alpha Iota: addition would not need to be said every time? Correct
 - b. Grand President: make it clear that it is done once with language. (General agreement)
- d- Only head master asks questions, other than the accounting question

Proposal Sixteen: Financial

80% of Grand Chapter approval given. 5 chapters have not asked the money question in the last 2 initiations.

- a- Change will provide move from individual help to collective help. Clarifying separate questions will be asked together.
 - a. Alpha Iota: Wishes to ask two questions, 1 for individual & 1 for collective, instead of replacing the test. Would be three questions.
- b- Question from pg 30 will be deleted. Question from pg 38 will be deleted, “would you give a worth Brother.... Worse than you.” This would complete removal of financial test.
 - a. Question is becoming obsolete as fewer neophytes carry cash.
 - b. Alpha Iota: chapter enjoys this question. Enforces point.
 - c. Mu Tau: could be considered hazing
 - d. Gamma Pi: We do not actual take money.

- i. Refuted.
 - ii. IOU system debated.
- e. Milwaukee: possibility of chapter coming together to help brother than cannot contribute money. Possibility of changing language to help language.
- f. Upsilon: Still be optional? Yes.
- g. Chancellor: Big Brother of her chapter would ensure that individual was prepared
 - i. Epsilon Omega: Possible mental hazing
 - ii. Xi: By preparing them, we don't see their actual surprised contribution
 - iii. Mu Tau: Why do we have to physically show actions? They already answer the other financial questions
 - iv. Brother: Financial test question is only opportunity to show financial obligation, as opposed to time commitment.
- c- Clarifies that only cash is accepted. Reigns in potential for abuses. Clarifies that money must be returned immediately following the initiation.
 - a. Gender neutrality discussed
 - b. "The neophyte" discussed

"North Central has kicked the South Central's butt," Lou Maull. Finishing ritual discussion in 78 minutes.

Votes will be tallied. Finalized March 15th and sent to the Board.

Ritual proposal discussion concluded at 3:28. Committee as a whole will now rise and review.

- N. Proposal One: Regional Vice President requirement will now include within province or within 50 miles for region they will be acting as RVP.
 - Chicago questioned the 50 miles
 - PVP: An arbitrary number was chosen, to prevent confusion or differing opinions.
 - General consensus (Agreement)
 - Two disagree

Proposal Two: Section 4, vacancy on RVP office. Should the special election fail to result in RVP, the PVP may appoint a RVP to fill remainder of term, despite living outside bored.

Unanimous approval

O. Determine dates and location choices for 2013 Provincial Conference and Council Meeting

- 1. Holiday Considerations
 - President's Day – February 18

2. Historical Reference

	<u>Provincial Conference</u>	<u>Fall LEAD</u>
2012	South Bend, IN	
2011	Madison, WI	Omaha, NE
2010	Chicago, IL	Indianapolis, IN
2009	Des Moines, IA	Omaha, NE
2008	Indianapolis, IN	Detroit, MI
2007	Chicago, IL	Chicago, IL
2006	Milwaukee, WI	Indianapolis, IN
2005	Chicago, IL	Omaha, NE
2004	Detroit, MI	Minneapolis, MN
2003	Minneapolis, MN	Des Moines, IA
2002	Chicago, IL	Indianapolis, IN
2001	Kansas City, MO	Iowa City, IA

Locations voted for 2013 Provincial Conference:

- 1- Milwaukee WI
- 2- Minneapolis, MN
- 3- Ft. Wayne, IN

Dates: voted for 2013 Provincial Conference:

- 1- Feb. 8- 10
- 2- Feb. 15- 17
- 3- March 1- 3

P. General announcements

- Please dispose of ritual material from meeting via shredding

1. Review schedule of upcoming meetings and events:

- LeaderShape
 - Davis, CA
 - June 19-24, 2011
- Grand Chapter Congress
 - Louisville Marriott Downtown, Louisville, Kentucky
 - August 10-14, 2011
- 2011 LEAD School
 - Omaha Marriott, Omaha, Nebraska
 - October 15, 2011
- 2012 Provincial Conference and Council Meeting
 - Hilton Garden Inn, South Bend, Indiana
 - February 10-12, 2012

2. Other chapter announcements

- Iota Sigma is raising money for Habitat for Humanity, buy silly bands for \$1

- Chicago Alumni Chapter is having April 9th at 9:00. Fee is \$60 per team. Please contact for additional information
- Amy Brigg's last Provincial Council Meeting

Q. Adjournment at 4:00 p.m.
Moved by: Alpha Eta
Seconded by: Epsilon Iota
Motion Carries

R. Closing Ritual

Respectfully Submitted:

Whitney Reed-Dixon
Iota Sigma
North Central Provincial Council Secretary

Amy L Briggs
North Central Provincial Vice President

International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi

North Central Provincial Budget

(Approved 2011-2012 budget)

Description	Budget
	Approved 2011-2012
North Central Provincial Vice President	\$ 2,500
Regional Vice Presidents Travel ¹	
Central	\$ 1,350
Great Lakes	\$ 1,500
Great Plains	\$ 1,050
Huron	\$ 1,350
North Central	\$ 900
Provincial Leadership Team Meetings ²	\$ 2,500
Colonies	\$ 350
Provincial Committees	\$ 500
TOTAL PROVINCIAL BUDGET	\$12,000

1. RVP Budgets funded at \$150 per each collegiate chapter.
2. Provincial Leadership Team Meeting are usually between PVP and RVPs. May include committee chairs and other volunteers.
3. Any line item budget surpluses may be reallocated at the discretion of the PVP.