

**NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE**  
**Provincial Council Meeting Agenda**  
**Lisle Hilton**  
**February 19, 2005**

**I. The meeting was called to order at: 2:11 PM, CST**

**II. Roll call of delegates**

Present:

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

Absent:

Xi  
Epsilon Omega  
Iota Sigma  
Lambda Xi  
Detroit Alumni Chapter  
Northeast Indiana Alumni Chapter  
Lincoln/Greater Nebraska Alumni Chapter

Ineligible:

Gamma Theta

**III. Adopt Agenda**

Motion By: Eta Rho  
Seconded By: Epsilon Iota

The vote passed unanimously.

**IV. Approve the minutes of the previous Council meeting**

Motion By: Eta Pi

Seconded By: Kappa Upsilon

The vote passed unanimously.

**V. Review votes taken since the last meeting**

No votes were taken since the last meeting.

**VI. Receive the report of the Provincial Vice President**

Thank for coming. We have over 300 registered for the banquet. Many members of the Beta chapter will be coming tonight.

Coming this summer, there will be 2 leadership consultant positions open at the Central Office. If interested talked to Michael Banks (Director of IT); he was previously a consultant.

Some of Pete's activities include:

- August 2004: Volunteer leadership retreat
- August 2004: Oxford
- September 2004: Chicago Alumni Chapter event
- October 2004: Minneapolis Lead
- October 2004: Riverside Lead
- December 2004: Impromptu meeting in Indy with Chris Miller
- January 2005: RVP meeting
- January 2005: Intended to be in MN, but sat on a plane due to snow
- January 2005: Board meeting in Oxford
- February 2005: Alpha Omega formal
- February 2005: North Central Provincial Conference

Upcoming Activities:

- February 25 – 27, 2005: Western Provincial Conference
- March 26, 2005: Visit with Michigan State

Let Pete know the dates if you have things you want him at.

The North Central leadership team is great to work with. There are some chapters without DD's and they are working to get them filled.

Expansion:

- Nu Nu Nu colony at Northwestern
- Reactivated Theta Xi colony at Whitewater
- Alpha Sigma Omega Colony at Circle Campus at University of Chicago

Provincial committees:

- Alumni Development Provincial Chair currently vacant —looking to fill the position (the former chair has moved).

- The previous Community Service Provincial Chair moved; Nicole Smith was recently appointed to fill the vacancy.
- Professional Development Provincial Chair is Amy Briggs.
- Provincial Awards Chair is Jody Schoh.
- National Awards committee member is Becky Gradl.
- Discipline Committee: Pete, Brandon Trease and Chris Miller. There have been no discipline issues to date.

The Minneapolis Lead was a great success. There were 250 in attendance. Joe Mayne was presented with the Career Achievement Award.

**Upcoming important Dates:**

August 10 – 14, 2005 Grand Chapter Congress at Sea World in Orlando. Early registration ends March 1. You do pay into a travel fund as part of what you pay into the Central Office.

## VII. Reports of the Regional Vice Presidents

### Great Plains Regional Vice President:

Brandon was in St. Louis for the volunteer retreat, had 9 chapter visits in the past year; was in Minneapolis for the lead school, at the provincial leadership meeting in January, did make it to St. Cloud for the volleyball/basketball tournament and Provincial. If you want to see Brandon at your event, let him know.

There are no discipline issues in region. The chapter consultants have been out visiting the chapters in the Great Plains region; the chapter consultants are visiting to help the chapters, not because they are in trouble. CEI was great for the region; several chapters made the 100 points. He wants to see more make it this year.

Brandon had full participation as far as COY program. There are no colonies for regional expansion, but they are looking at a few schools. Some alumni chapters are looking to start up, especially in Des Moines and Sioux City.

He is hoping to see all chapters at Grand Chapter Congress. The schools are bidding to host next year's Halsey invitational tournament; no chapters from Nebraska have bid.

### Central Regional Vice President:

Chris will keep his report shorter than Brandon.

Chris was in St Louis for the volunteer leadership retreat, made 11 chapters visits, and attended the provincial leadership meeting in January. He had an impromptu lunch with Pete in December.

CEI for the region is decent. He is planning on being at Grand Chapter Congress and is going to the Epsilon Omega golf outing. If you want Chris at anything, let him know the dates.

### Huron Regional Vice President:

In beginning the region was in the bottom. In 2003 a lot of the chapters were at odds with each other and only one chapter in top 75. Today the region has turned around. Mu Phi had 100 points. Three of seven had 90+ points. Last year the region was 11th in the nation. All chapters attended all lead schools. For three straight years they had a joint initiation. The alumni chapter in Detroit was formed last year. This year is the first time that a national officer will be visiting all the chapters. Five chapters are on pace for 100 points and all chapters are on pace for 90+. KJ is trying to form a second alumni chapter in mid-Michigan.

**Great Lakes Regional Vice President:**

John has three colonies in the region due to expansion efforts. The CEI average for the region is higher this year. One chapter is off guidance. Chapters have kicked up doing professional activities. John attended the St. Louis volunteer leadership retreat, the Minneapolis lead, the provincial meeting in Chicago and the Provincial conference.

**North Central Regional Vice President:**

CEI is strong for the region. The region has a strong relationship between collegiate and alumni chapters as well as partnering with various companies. Jaffrey is looking to put into place a partnership with Target Corporation.

He wants to continue to increase attendance at national events as well as increase CEI.

He participated in Deltasig day, the Halsey tournament, the Minneapolis lead, the provincial meeting in Chicago and the provincial conference.

**VIII. Provincial Financial Report**

See Appendix A for the budget.

The province is under budget in all categories for the year. This has to do with the keeps the costs low for the Regional Vice President meeting in Chicago as many drive in. The Regional Vice Presidents are doing more driving rather than flying.

- Line 7 was reduced from \$1750 to \$1500
- Line 11 reduced to \$0.
- Line 8 is for all Regional Vice Presidents to get to the Leadership retreat in Oxford, OH.
- The discrepancy between Regional Vice Presidents' allocations is based on the number of chapters; \$250 per chapter is allotted. The province may have to entertain at another Provincial council splitting up the Great Lakes Region as it is getting large.

**IX. Reports of the Provincial Committees**

None.

**X. Old business**

None.

## **XI. New business**

### ***Motion to adopt the 2005/06 budget as proposed by Pete***

Motion by: Gamma Kappa

Seconded by: Theta Tau

No discussion.

The vote passed unanimously.

### ***Review Votes of other provincial conferences and those already going to Congress***

The legislation in the Grand Chapter Congress legislation booklet has already passed at other provincials or was submitted by the Board of Directors.

#### **Amendment 1:**

*Provincial Vice President's remarks:* The rule is in benefit of the member rather than the chapter; it's not a necessary change.

*Discussion:* None

*In favor:* 4

*Opposed:* 39

*Abstentions:* None.

#### **Amendment 2:**

*Provincial Vice President's remarks:* The Board of Directors is in favor of it. Policy is updated quarterly and new manuals are provided when it is updated. There are set dates as to when the policy manuals are updated.

*Discussion:*

*Iota Chi:* Why was the last part of "within 60 days of approval" struck?

*Provincial Vice President:* Going forward, it would go into affect on the current effective dates when they are published.

*Eta Rho:* What is the unusual circumstances [as referenced in Section GG, Policy 1]?

*Bill Schilling:* Things that are so universally obvious to the brothers. For example, the online awards system was passed right away so it can be used immediately rather than waiting 30 days.

*Kappa Upsilon:* For those in this meeting, the wording is ambiguous (extreme and unusual circumstances) can it be changed and how will it be noted for those not here at the meeting?

*Provincial Vice President/Bill Schilling:* We can footnote that.

*In favor:* Unanimous.

*Opposed:* None.

*Abstentions:* None.

#### **Amendment 3:**

*Provincial Vice President's remarks:* The National Endowment Fund was created before the Education Foundation which was the predecessor to the Leadership Foundation. Any changes to the fund have to be voted on at a congress and passed on by a 90% vote, so it is difficult to do. The fund was created to assist chapters in purchasing houses and the fraternity no longer allows the purchase of

houses. It was also there for student loans and we now offer scholarships through the leadership foundation. It also, has references the National Executive committee and after Buffalo, the National Executive Committee no longer exists with the new governance structure. A lot of the wording in the bylaws is unnecessary; it shouldn't be in the bylaws and it should be moved to the policy manual. Then if anything is done with it, we don't have to wait 2 years for a vote.

*Discussion:*

*Milwaukee Alumni Chapter:* Are there any loans or financial obligations outstanding?

*Provincial Vice President:* No

*Milwaukee Alumni Chapter:* How much time since last loan elapsed?

*Bill Schilling:* 8 years

*Huron Regional Vice President:* Can the fraternity give loans to students?

*Provincial Vice President:* We can, but we haven't done it in 8 years.

*In favor:* Unanimous

*Opposed:* None.

*Abstentions:* None.

## **South Central Province Legislation**

**Proposal 1:**

*Provincial Vice President's remarks:* The way CEI points are awarded, they want to change it. Currently you have to have x amount of professional points to get it, and x amount of national points, etc. They are proposing an "earn as you go" point system. The board took no official position on it.

*Discussion:*

*Mu Phi:* Why did they take out "attendance is required" and replace with "should attend"?

*Provincial Vice President:* Pete doesn't know why as he didn't discuss it with Dawn Klinger, South Central Provincial Vice President.

*In favor:* 25

*Opposed:* 13

*Abstentions:* 5

**Proposal 2:**

*Provincial Vice President's remarks:* This is just to move a school from one region to another region. This does affect a school in the North Central Province.

*Discussion:* None.

*In favor:* 33

*Opposed:* 3

*Abstentions:* 6

**Proposal 3:**

*Provincial Vice President's remarks:* This is more cosmetic changes for Proposal 2; if you voted for one, you should vote for the other

*Discussion:* None.

*In favor:* 32

*Opposed:* 3

*Abstentions:* 6

***Proposal 4:***

*Provincial Vice President's remarks:* Currently we don't allow chapters to sell merchandise at Lead schools; they are proposing we should allow that. The Board of Directors took no position on this proposal. The Central Office didn't allow it due to limited space and cost of meeting space. Chapters can sell out of their rooms; the Central Office never said they couldn't. Lead Schools are too short for sales as many chapters come in and leave that evening.

*Discussion:*

*Epsilon Xi:* With the 6 months in advance, does that mean you need to let the Central Office know 6 months in advance?

*Provincial Vice President:* Yes

*Iota Chi:* That is a lot of time in advance.

*Provincial Vice President:* He doesn't know why Dallas alumni tagged that time frame on there.

*Upsilon:* If any chapter wants to sell can, they still sell out of their room?

*Provincial Vice President:* Yes

*Milwaukee Alumni Chapter:* Point of information—the price list must be published 6 months in advance; chapters do not register 6 months in advance. It looks like the Central Office must publish the fee schedule 6 months in advance.

*Kathy Jahnke:* This would be a change in policy. If you vote for this, it gives the board of directors an idea of what the chapters want.

*Chancellor:* If we have to rent meeting rooms, is it reasonable to think that the fees for one of these events would go up?

*Bill Schilling:* We take the meeting space of the hotel into consideration and the fraternity has to pay for the rooms in advance. The chapters will either need to pay for that or it will be in the registration fee.

*In favor:* 14

*Opposed:* 25

*Abstentions:* 4

**Proposal 5:**

*Provincial Vice President's remarks:* This proposal was pulled.

**Southern Province legislation**

**Proposal 1:**

*Provincial Vice President's remarks:* They want a single dues amount. They say it will simplify the dues process. The Board of Directors is against this because when you are initiated as a junior versus a sophomore, the price per year is different. It is too much money for a student to pay up front and would discourage upper classmen from joining (many schools only allow upper classmen).

*Discussion:*

*Mu Phi*: We do fundraising to attract new potentials so they don't have to pay as much.

*Mu Upsilon*: Some chapters charge more than national dues so I'm not sure how the lump sum would calculate.

*Kappa Sigma*: The chapter has a request from many to pay dues over time rather than all at once and a larger sum may be prohibitive.

*Huron Regional Vice President*: There are alumni programs where the alumni "adopt" a pledge and that would hurt the alumni.

*North Central Regional Vice President*: Move to close discussion.

Seconded by: Gamma Kappa

In favor of moving to close discussion: Unanimous

*In Favor*: 0

*Opposed*: 42

*Abstention*: 1

**Proposal2:**

*Provincial Vice President's remarks*: The proposal will be amended today with 3 authorized signers. If the check is payable to you, you cannot sign the check. The Board of Directors is against the proposal as written and they did not have a chance to discuss the amendment. It is complicated.

*Discussion*: None.

*In favor*: 3

*Opposed*: 35

*Abstention*: 5

**Proposal 3:**

*Provincial Vice President's remarks*: We will bypass this proposal as it is truly a provincial issue.

**Western Provincial Legislation**

**Proposal 1:**

*Provincial Vice President's remarks*: They want to split region into 2 regions. The Board of Directors takes no position.

*Discussion*: None

*In favor*: 33

*Opposed*: 2

*Abstentions*: 8

**Proposal 2:**

*Provincial Vice President's remarks*: Is this a provincial council decision?

*Bill Schilling*: It is.

*Provincial Vice President*: That is a decision for and by them.

**Proposal 3:**

*Provincial Vice President's remarks:* This will become a testimonial at Grand Chapter Congress.

***Determine the date and location choices for 2007 Provincial Council Meeting and Conference***

Locations suggestions:

- *North Central Regional Vice President:* Minneapolis/St. Paul
- *Eta Pi:* Des Moines/Cedar Rapids
- *Delta Tau:* Indianapolis
- *Iota Chi:* Bloomington/Normal
- *Huron Regional Vice President:* Chicago

*Provincial Vice President:* We need to pare this down to 3 locations

First vote to pare down (each delegate chose 3):

- Minneapolis/St. Paul: 24
- Des Moines: 25
- Indy: 27
- Bloomington/Normal: 16
- Chicago: 42

Final vote to determine location:

- Chicago suburbs: 22
- Des Moines: 13
- Indy: 5

1<sup>st</sup> Chicago, 2<sup>nd</sup> Des Moines, 3<sup>rd</sup> Indy

*Provincial Vice President:* There will not be 2 provincial conferences on the same weekend going forward. Pete won the the 1<sup>st</sup> choice of dates. March 17 is out and Feb 3 is out (superbowl weekend).

Motion by Provincial Vice President for the 2007 provincial date to be Feb 23.

Seconded by: Epsilon Iota

The vote passed unanimously.

**XII. General announcements**

*Provincial Vice President:* We are #1 in CEI; Pete is very proud of that. Also, collegiate should stop at the foundation table and pick up information on Leadershape. He has never heard a bad work about Leadershape. It will be as close to free as possible.

*Theta Tau:* Thanks to everyone who made it to Halsey this year.

*Milwaukee Alumni Chapter:* If anyone is looking to road trip for a professional tour, contact the alumni chapter. They have a website: [www.milwaukeeds.org](http://www.milwaukeeds.org). They will be the host city for the next provincial conference.

*Huron Regional Vice President:* If anyone is looking for an internship, see KJ. He knows of a company offering one.

*Chicago Alumni Chapter:* They are having their Golf Outing/Elections/Dinner on June 2 at Bloomingdale Golf Club. Golf is at 12 PM, CST; reception, dinner and the program is at 6 PM, CST. The cost is TBD. Also, on July 9 they will have their picnic at Salt Creek-Beemis Woods starting at 12 PM, CST. The cost is TBD. For either of these events, contact Kara Lenox at [KHLenox@SBCGlobal.net](mailto:KHLenox@SBCGlobal.net) or at 847-392-3844.

*Zeta Xi:* The Chicago Alumni Chapter and the Zeta Xi chapter are having the annual volleyball tournament at Louis University. The tournament is open to alumni and collegiates. Space is limited. The event will be on Saturday, April 2 at 9 AM, CST. The cost is \$55 per team before March 16. Contact Rebecca Ehlinger at 708-707-7329 for more information.

*Kappa Upsilon:* The chapter created a new position called "Networking Coordinator." This position finds jobs within or alumni for graduating brothers. This is a good idea for all chapters. The chapter is located at Winona State University. Contact the chapter president, Joe Factor at 952-221-7774 for more information about this idea.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn

Motioned by: Epsilon Xi

Seconded by: Iota Chi

The motion passes.

Abstentions: 2

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM, CST.