

DELTA SIGMA PI
 NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE
 Provincial Council Meeting Agenda
 February 21, 2009
 Des Moines, IA

- A. Opening Ritual
- B. Call the meeting to order
- C. Installation of Great Plains Regional Vice President
- D. Roll call of the Delegates

Present:

Zeta	Xi	Upsilon
Alpha Delta	Alpha Epsilon	Alpha Eta
Alpha Iota	Alpha Pi (non-voting)	Alpha Omega (non-voting)
Gamma Eta	Gamma Theta	Gamma Kappa
Gamma Pi	Delta Tau	Epsilon Iota
Epsilon Omicron	Epsilon Omega	Zeta Xi
Eta Pi	Eta Rho	Theta Tau
Iota Lambda	Iota Chi	Kappa Sigma
Kappa Upsilon	Kappa Phi	Lambda Xi
Lambda Omicron	Mu Phi	Mu Psi
Nu Tau	Xi Chi	Pi Tau
Chicago Alumni	Indianapolis Alumni	Milwaukee Alumni
Twin Cities Alumni	Beta Epsilon Mu (non-voting)	
Amy Briggs – North Central Provincial Vice President		
Hillary Burkett – Central Regional Vice President		
Kim Ward – Great Lakes Regional Vice President		
Rachelle Divis – Great Plains Regional Vice President		
Matt Carrington – Huron Regional Vice President		
Jodi Schoh – North Central Regional Vice President		

Not Present:

Delta	Epsilon	Delta Rho
Epsilon Xi	Eta Mu	Iota Sigma
Kappa Omega	Detroit Alumni	
Lincoln Greater Nebraska Alumni	Mankato/Southern Minnesota	

- E. Change to the agenda
 - Move agenda item L2 after the agenda item F (Approve minutes from previous council meeting)
 1. Community Service vote

2. Vote on locations for 2011 Lead Schools

F. Adopt the agenda

- Motion by: Pi Tau
- Seconded by: Eta Pi
- Motion passed without objection

G. Approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting

- Motion by: Alpha Eta
- Seconded by: Kappa Sigma
- Motion passed without objection

H. Review votes taken since the last meeting

1. None

I. Receive or distribute the report of the Provincial Vice President, including an update on National Fraternity or Leadership Foundation issues - ANNEX A

J. Receive or distribute the reports of the Regional Vice Presidents – ANNEX A

1. Central – Hillary Burkett
2. Great Lakes – Kim Ward
3. Great Plains – Amy Briggs (interim RVP)
4. Huron – Matt Carrington
5. North Central – Jodi Schoh
 - Lambda Omicron – question April 18th initiation for Kim Ward (wrong date)
 - Motion by: Pi Tau
 - Seconded by: Kappa Phi
 - Motion passed without objection

K. Receive or distribute a Provincial Financial report – ANNEX B

- Motion by: Kappa Sigma
- Seconded by: Zeta Xi
- Motion passed without objection

L. Receive or distribute the reports of the Provincial Committees – ANNEX A

1. Alumni Development – Kara Lenox
2. Community Service – Teresa Schudrowitz
3. Professional Development – Missy Ekern
4. Scholastic Development and Awards – Mark Voyda
5. Disciplinary – Amy Briggs

M. Old Business

1. None

N. New Business

1. Approve the 2009-2010 Provincial Budget
 - Motion by: Kappa Sigma
 - Seconded by: Zeta
 - Motion passed without objection
2. Determine 2009-2010 Provincial Community Service Option
 - Delegates to choose from the following options:
 - American Cancer Society (including Relay for Life, Race for a Cure, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, etc)
 - American Heart Association (including Hoops for Heart, Jump Rope for Heart, Start! Heart Walk, etc)
 - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International
 - Ronald McDonald House Charities
 - Results:
 - American Cancer Society was selected

O. Legislative Review (for Grand Chapter Congress)

- Sponsor of the motion - Brother Briggs moved to go into a quasi committee of the whole to consider the matter of ritual changes being evaluated
- Seconded by: Epsilon iota
- Motion passed with no objection

Discussion of ritual changes:

- Brother Briggs – general overview of why the changes have been proposed
 - **Proposal 1: Eliminating hands of the shoulders**
 - Grand President Mitch Simmons: In 1993 blindfolds were eliminated so the feeling is that there is no need for hands on the shoulders. The intention is to avoid injury or misinterpretation for what the shoulder holding really means.
 - Brother Briggs – There was an issue in the past where initiation was held during Homecoming Weekend. This caused for misinterpretation of the event and the chapter got into trouble with the university.
 - Kappa Phi – per Central Office eliminated doing this at the beginning of this year. No problems with not doing it yet.
 - Kappa Sigma – Longstanding traditions. Things to take into consideration
 - Liability – accidents are possible due to layouts of classrooms, etc.
 - Image – trying to portray ourselves as professionals, it is humiliating to have people walking about in such a manner
 - Pi Tau – In the last 15 years the ritual book has changed 5 times. Keep to core values and a hand on the shoulder does make your initiation

- **Proposal 2: Eliminate Head Master “worthiness” quote**
 - Brother Briggs – almost a boldface lie. There is very little that someone can say to make us not invite them to part 2.
 - Kappa Sigma – Agree about misleading. Discredit upon ourselves.
 - Epsilon Iota – Could be misleading but there may be a case where someone may have said something to not allow them to be invited into part 2. Amendment proposed.
 - Kappa Sigma – Is there an incident where there has been someone who was not invited in part 2?
 - Mitch Simmons – have heard of some instances happening but he has never personally witnessed it.
 - Epsilon Iota – Even though there is no exact situation, there may be a situation where this part of ritual to assist. Feel an amendment is needed.

- **Proposal 3: Soften head master language at end of Part 1.**
 - Brother Briggs – explanation of purpose of change. The intent is to keep from chapters taking things too far.
 - Epsilon Iota – Only should be taking parts out that need to be removed.
 - Pi Tau – Our responsibility is not the pledges that will come but the pledges and brother of next century. Agrees with the change.
 - Brother Briggs – The intention is not to remove the info, but just change the wording
 - Kappa Sigma – No need to remove but must agree that the change to make it softer is unnecessary
 - Gamma Pi: Change words if there is no desire to haze. May call for negative connotation

- **Proposal 4: Eliminate “Money Question”**
 - Brother Briggs – explanation of the intention of the change.
 - Gamma Kappa – just causes confusion. Many people don’t even carry cash. Agree to remove.
 - Kappa Phi – Agree with Gamma Kappa to an extent. Ex. A brother was in extreme hardship, and there was voting based on the wording and part of what is asked to be removed.
 - Pi Tau – Would like to see the question kept, but the finance question needs to be dismissed. Can the two parts be considered when the change is being made?
 - Alpha Pi – It seems as if there is some intention to cut off part 1 eventually.
 - Brother Briggs – Discussion has taken place already. There are parts of part 1 that are valuable. This is an issue that will have to be discussed with the next Grand President.
 - Alpha Epsilon – Like to keep. Always the more fun part of initiation for the leaders as long as it is properly done. Great tradition and should stay in.

- Kappa Sigma – Money question removed and generally having to be directed to a male. These are focused on 2 individual people rather than the group as a whole.
 - Mu Phi – Disagree and Agree. Would like to see if there was more guidance in the italicized wording. (ex. Length of time, etc.) to help chapters avoid being inappropriate
 - Brother Carrington – Huron RVP. Would like to see the two separated.
 - Kappa Sigma – Agree with Brother Carrington
- Informal summary of the Quasi Report
 - Proposal 1: Yes
 - Proposal 2:
 - As written - 2
 - No 17
 - Leave in, in some fashion, - 17
 - Proposal 3:
 - Yes - 6
 - No - 26
 - Proposal 4:
 - Currently written – 0
 - If it was split and amended – 11
 - Spilt would be in favor of removal of money question but not the how far you will go question

P. Determine dates and location choices for 2011 Provincial Conference and Council Meeting

1. Holiday Considerations
 - President’s Day – February 21

2. Historical Reference

	<u>Provincial Conference</u>	<u>Fall LEAD</u>
2010	Chicago, IL	
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

Rankings:

Dates:

1. February 18 – 20
2. February 25 – 27

3. February 11 – 13
 3. March 4 – 6
- Locations:
1. Madison, WI
 2. Minneapolis, MN
 3. Lansing, MI

Q. General announcements

1. Review schedule of upcoming meetings and events:
 - LeaderShape
 - Allerton, Illinois
 - June 23-28, 2009
 - Grand Chapter Congress
 - Marriott Crystal Gateway, Washington, D.C.
 - August 12-16, 2009
 - 2009 LEAD School
 - Omaha Marriott, Omaha, Nebraska
 - October 31, 2009
 - 2010 Provincial Conference and Council Meeting
 - Westin, Lombard, Illinois
 - February 12-14, 2010
2. Other chapter announcements
 - Pi Tau – Relay for Life, October. You will be receiving more info
 - Gamma Kappa – Alumni Day = On 25th of April
 - Using it as a senior/alumni event
 - Zeta Xi – March 21st = Senior VP is unveiling family tree that is connecting any brother since 1965
 - Kappa Sigma – Endowed a \$10,000 scholarship for business student
 - Theta Tau – April 11th – Room dedication. From the COB – largest donors, the room will be named in their honor.
 - Alpha Pi – Dance Marathon – kids K thru 4. Over \$2000 for Children's Hospital
 - Epsilon Iota – Chamber of Commerce members now

R. Closing Ritual

- Motion by: Eta Pi
- Seconded by: Iota Chi
- Motion passed without any objections

S. Adjournment