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**of**

**PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY**

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**THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THIRD YEAR**

**OF THE FRATERNITY**

**2016**

**173<sup>RD</sup> PSI Upsilon CONVENTION  
MINUTES OF THE OPENING GENERAL SESSION  
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016**

**AUDITORIUM  
HYATT REGENCY BELLEVUE  
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON**

Thomas T. Allan, IV, Theta Theta '89 called the 173<sup>rd</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 5:10 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 2016. On behalf of the Theta Theta chapter, Brother Allan welcomed the delegates to Washington, discussed the history of the Theta Theta chapter, its chapter house and its place at the University of Washington. He then appointed the following temporary officers of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention:

President: Thomas T. Allan, IV Theta Theta '89  
Recorder: Mark A. Williams, Phi '76

President Allan appointed the **Committee on Nominations and Credentials:**

***COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND CREDENTIALS***

Brendan Ackerman, Delta Nu '17, Chairman  
Brad Corner, Omicron '72 Vice Chairman

Antony Avila, Alpha Omicron '18  
Julian Boss, Theta Theta '18  
Ryan Coulter, Lambda Sigma '17  
Ryan Cox, Sigma Phi '18  
Levi El Fattal, Upsilon '17  
Brianna Herchen, Delta Nu 17  
Pranav Julakanti, Epsilon Nu '17  
Jay Luppino, Epsilon Iota '18  
Josh Scofield, Omega '19  
Adam Yecies, Psi '18  
Sachin Vishwanatham, Delta '19

Christian Brydges, Nu '95  
Lisa Gutermuth, Chi Delta '12  
David Hollis, Gamma Tau '11  
Laura King, Chi Delta '04  
Emily Scherer, Theta Pi '12

Brother Corner gave the initial report of the Committee on Nominations and Credentials. He reported that the committee confirmed the credentials of delegates from 23 active chapters, four inactive chapters, one provisional chapter and one colony. He then placed the following names in nomination as permanent officers of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention:

President: Thomas T. Allan, IV, Theta Theta '89  
Vice President: Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72  
Recorder: Mark A. Williams, Phi '76

The resolution passed unanimously.

President Allan called upon Recorder Mark Williams who called the roll of delegates and reported the presence of a quorum.

Executive Director Thomas Fox, Omicron '00 then reviewed the schedule and logistics for the 2016 Leadership Institute and 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention. He reported that the chapters performed 11,536 hours of community service and raised \$155,257 for various philanthropies. He also discussed the role of the undergraduate representatives on the Executive Council as well as the nomination and election process.

President Allan presented the highlights of the Annual Communication of the Executive Council to the Convention. He then appointed the following standing committees to consider the business to be brought before the Convention:

#### ***RULES COMMITTEE***

Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72, Chairman

Brendan Ackerman, Delta Nu '17  
Connor Hess, Upsilon '17  
Laura King, Chi Delta '04  
Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89  
Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08  
Evan Terry, Epsilon Phi '93  
Samuel Tinaglia, Omega '88  
Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08

#### ***COMMITTEE ON AWARDS***

Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08, Chairman  
Claire Hanson, Gamma Tau '17, Vice Chairman

Roxanne Baker, Chi Delta '17  
Cameron Boucher, Psi '17  
Christopher Fabian, Phi Nu '18  
Christopher Hannum, Lambda Sigma '17  
Dylan Hopp, Omicron '18  
Jessica Krajewski, Epsilon Iota '18  
Ryan Millane, Tau Epsilon Prov. '17  
Richard Pauls, Eta '19  
Ian Spolarich, Eta '19  
Mike Stys, Phi Delta '19

Sander Yu, Omega '19

Brandon Burd, Omicron '13  
Paul Furio, Epsilon Iota '95  
Eldred Halsey, Delta '58  
Jessie Newman, Gamma Tau '13  
Jacob Schmidt, Chi Delta '11  
Bill Wishard, Delta Delta '64

***COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND DEVELOPMENT***

Samuel Tinaglia, Omega '88, Chairman  
Eric Anderson, Rho '18, Vice Chairman

Benjamin Connor, Tau Epsilon Prov. '19  
Scott Cordner, Beta Beta '17  
Christopher Diamantes, Alpha Omicron '17  
Yeager Gaston, Gamma Tau '17  
Jackson Halebian, Upsilon '18  
Matthew Hess, Pi '17  
Joshua Myers, Lambda Sigma '18  
Michael Pedersen, Phi Nu '19  
Jamison Scott, Theta Theta '18  
Daniel Shippen, Zeta Zeta '18  
Nisakorn Valyasevi, Chi Delta '17

Murray Eskenazi, Lambda '56  
Matt Hamielec, Omicron '14  
Chris Kizer, Chi Delta '12  
Jesse Scherer, Gamma Tau '05  
Jack Sherrer III, Lambda Sigma '15  
Paul Travis, Gamma Tau '02

***COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS***

Connor Hess, Upsilon '17, Chairman  
Mark Bauer, Omega '83, Vice Chairman

Micah Babcock, Epsilon Nu '17  
John Buffington, Theta Theta '19  
Josh Churchin, Upsilon '18  
Mohan Hasan, Delta '17  
Anson Howland, Upsilon '17  
Myung Jong Lee, Delta '18  
Catherine Lefebvre, Gamma Tau '18  
Patrick Lobo, Tau '19  
Tyler Ryan, Lambda Sigma '17  
Madison Turkette, Purdue Colony '19

Jessica Frame, Gamma Tau '07  
Christian Juenke, Theta Theta '14  
Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89  
Emilie Marchetti, Chi Delta '13  
Jared Tannenbaum, Epsilon Iota '02  
Evan Terry, Epsilon Phi '93

***COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08, Chairman  
Colton Dana, Beta Beta '17, Vice Chairman

Connor Bell, Pi '17  
Alejandro Borgonovo, Tau '19  
Erik Hansen, Rho '18  
Kian Jones, Upsilon '17  
Mark Kopani, Zeta Zeta '18  
Jack Lebert, Omicron '18  
Kristen Reid, Delta Nu '18  
Dani Reil, Epsilon Iota '18  
Jack Schrider, Phi Delta '18  
Stuart Slayton, Lambda Sigma '17  
Justin Ward, Purdue Colony '17

Patrick Gilrane, Psi '83  
Talia Knapp, Gamma Tau '13  
Robert McIntire, Omicron '68  
Julia Sawyer, Gamma Tau '12  
Charles Werner, Omega '55

***EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, ALL COMMITTEES***

Thomas Allan IV, Theta Theta '89  
Thomas Fox, Omicron '00  
Dominic House, Lambda Sigma '15  
Mark Williams, Phi '76

Michael Pederson, Phi Nu '19 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

**Special Resolution #1**

**Resolved:** The 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention extends warm fraternal greetings to:

John E. Becker II, Psi '61;  
Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56;  
Charles A. Werner, Omega '55;

and William N. Wishard III, Delta Delta '64,

Honorary Life Members of the Executive Council out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

Daniel Shippen, Zeta Zeta '18 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

**Special Resolution #2**

**Resolved:** That the 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of Yao Fu, Delta '17 and Brandon Lecoq, Theta Theta '17 as undergraduate members of the Executive Council during the past year.

Ryan Millane, Tau Epsilon Provisional '17 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

**Special Resolution #3**

**Resolved:** That the 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention expresses its profound appreciation to

Thomas T. Allan, IV, Theta Theta '89;  
Bradley R. Corner, Omicron '72;  
Matthew J. Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04;  
Lewis R. Finkelstein, Omicron '83;  
Patrick J. Gilrane, Psi '82;  
Laura E. King, Chi Delta '04;  
Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89;  
Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08;  
Gregory P. Rupp, Phi '81;  
Evan W. Terry, Epsilon Phi '93;  
and Samuel J. Tinaglia '88;

for their enormous contributions to the Fraternity as alumni term members of the Executive Council.

Jack Lebert, Omicron '18 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

**Special Resolution #4**

**Resolved:** That the 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention gratefully acknowledges the services of

Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83  
David A. B. Brown, Epsilon Phi '66;  
Charles M. Hall, Nu Alpha '71;  
Richard A. Rasmussen, Upsilon '72;  
and James A. Swanke, Jr. Rho '80

as past presidents and Life Members of the Executive Council, out of respect and gratitude for their devotion and service to Psi Upsilon.

Brendan Ackerman, Delta Nu '17 presented the following resolution which after being duly seconded, passed unanimously:

**Special Resolution #5**

**Resolved:** That the 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention extends its sincere appreciation to the directors of The Psi Upsilon Foundation,

Matthew J. Eckenrode, Epsilon Nu '04;  
Jessica A. Frame, Gamma Tau '07;  
Patrick J. Gilrane, Psi '82;  
Gary G. Pan, Eta '86;  
Robert S. Petersen, Omicron '68;  
Alexander C. Senchak, Eta '06;  
Samuel J. Tinaglia, Omega '88;  
and Timothy D. Zepp, Chi Delta '08

for their dedication to the mission and values of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

At 5:53 p.m. President Allan recessed the 173<sup>rd</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention until Sunday, June 19, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

**173RD PSI UPSILON CONVENTION  
MINUTES OF THE CLOSING GENERAL SESSION  
SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2016**

**AUDITORIUM  
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President Thomas T. Allan IV, Theta Theta '89 called the closing session of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention to order at 2:10 p.m. on Sunday, June 19, 2016. On behalf of the entire Convention President Allan extended its appreciation to the Theta Theta chapter and its alumni for sponsoring the cruise and the cookout at the chapter house.

President Allan then asked Brother Williams to call the roll of delegates. The roll was called and a quorum was declared to be present.

President Allan called upon Brother Rasmussen to review the parliamentary rules by which the Convention conducts its business. Brother Rasmussen then presented the report of the Rules Committee. He indicated that after reviewing the work of all the committees, they would be called in the following order and allowed the following times to present their reports and resolutions:

Nominations and Credentials	15 minutes
Budget & Development	5 minutes
Awards	10 minutes
Unfinished Business	10 minutes
New Business	10 minutes

The report of the Rules Committee was approved unanimously.

***Committee on Nominations and Credentials***

Brendan Ackerman, Delta Nu '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

**General Resolution #1**

**Whereas:** The assumption of accrued debt can prove detrimental to our organization;  
and

**Whereas:** The Upsilon, Epsilon Nu, Phi Delta, and Phi Nu have outstanding fees owed to the Fraternity; and

**Whereas:** These chapters have made arrangements for the payment of their debts with the International Office, therefore be it



**Resolved:** That the voting rights at the 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention be restored in full to the Upsilon, Epsilon Nu, Phi Delta, and Phi Nu chapters.

Julian Boss, Theta Theta '18 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

**General Resolution #2**

**Whereas:** The assumption of accrued debt proves detrimental to our organization; and

**Whereas:** The Psi chapter has a long outstanding debt; and

**Whereas:** The Psi chapter has made arrangements for the repayment of this past debt with the Fraternity, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the voting rights at the 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention be restored in full to the Psi chapter.

Antony Avila, Alpha Omicron '18 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

**General Resolution #3**

**Resolved:** The Committee of Nominations and Credentials nominates the following brothers for election as term members of the Executive Council for two-year terms: Lewis Finkelstein, Omicron '83 and Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08 and be it further

**Resolved:** The committee nominates for election as term members Samuel Tinaglia, Omega '88, and Jay LaPanne, Delta Nu '89 for three-year terms.

Jay Luppino, Epsilon Iota '18 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

**Special Resolution #6**

**Whereas:** Brad Corner, Omicron '72 has served on the Executive Council for ten years, and;

**Whereas:** Brother Corner has contributed a great deal to our high and noble purpose, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That Brad Corner, Omicron '72 is elected to honorary life membership on the Executive Council

The Committee on Nominations and Credentials then placed in nomination the following brothers for election as Executive Council undergraduate term members:

Micah Babcock, Epsilon Nu '17  
Marc Brody, Alpha Omicron '17  
Matt Hess, Pi '17  
Daniel Shippen, Zeta Zeta '18  
Stuart Slayton, Lambda Sigma '17

After candidates who were present at the closing session addressed the Convention, Brothers Shippen and Slayton were elected by written ballot for one-year terms as undergraduate term members of the Executive Council. Brother Babcock will serve as the alternate member.

Ryan Cox, Sigma Phi '18 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

#### **Special Resolution #7**

**Whereas:** Mark A. Williams, Phi '76, and Mariann Hale Williams, Alpha Delta Pi '78 have served Psi Upsilon faithfully, with distinction and dedication, and above and beyond the call of duty for the past 26 years; and

**Whereas:** Mark and Mariann have always provided outstanding leadership and guidance to both the Fraternity and Foundation, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention expresses its most profound and heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Mark A. Williams, Phi '76 and Mariann Hale Williams Alpha Delta Pi '78 for their phenomenal service and unwavering loyalty.

#### ***Committee on Budget and Development***

Matthew Hess, Pi '17 presented the following recommendation.

#### **Recommendation #1**

**Whereas:** The 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention reviewed the budget for the fiscal year of 2016-17 with projected revenues of \$607,625 and projected expenses of \$606,832, therefore be it

**Recommended:** That the Executive Council adopt the proposed budget for the fiscal year of 2016-17 as presented.

Benjamin Connor, Tau Epsilon Provisional '19 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

#### **General Resolution #4**

**Resolved:** That the 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention reviewed the financial statements for the 2015-16 fiscal year and found them acceptable.

Daniel Shippen, Zeta Zeta '18 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

#### **Special Resolution #8**

**Whereas:** The Committee on Budget and Development reviewed the financial condition of the Fraternity and wishes to acknowledge that the staff of the Psi Upsilon International Office, few in numbers though they may be, have done so much, with so little, for so long, that they are now qualified to do anything and everything, anywhere, with nothing, and yet are able to accomplish amazing results for our brotherhood, and therefore be it

**Resolved:** That for these achievements we extend our sincere fraternal gratitude and appreciation for their hard work in service of Psi Upsilon.

#### ***Committee on Awards***

Ryan Millane, Tau Epsilon Provisional '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

#### **General Resolution #5**

**Whereas:** The Garnet and Gold Award for Academic Excellence is presented to those chapters that have demonstrated substantial academic achievement including a strong standing among their peers at their respective universities; and

**Whereas:** The Zeta, Pi, Omicron, Lambda Sigma, and Delta Nu chapters have demonstrated such achievement, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Garnet and Gold Award for Academic Excellence be presented to the Zeta, Pi, Omicron, Lambda Sigma, and Delta chapters.

Christopher Hannum, Lambda Sigma '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

#### **General Resolution #6**

**Whereas:** The Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance is presented to those chapters, provisional chapters, or owl clubs that have demonstrated truly significant academic achievements; and

**Whereas:** The Zeta, Omicron, and Lambda Sigma chapters have demonstrated such achievement, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Owl Award for Exceptional Academic Performance be presented to the Zeta, Omicron, and Lambda Sigma chapters.

Dylan Hopp, Omicron '18 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

**Special Resolution #9**

**Whereas:** Psi Upsilon strives to improve our chapters and recruit new members who will add to our chapters in a positive way; and

**Whereas:** The Pi, Omicron, Theta Theta, Chi Delta and Tau Epsilon chapters have new member GPAs that exceed the all men's average, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention recognizes these chapters for their new members' academic performance.

Claire Hanson, Gamma Tau '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

**Special Resolution #10**

**Whereas:** The Committee on Awards does not have all the data for some chapters' academic performance, but recognize certain chapters have significantly higher grade point averages compared to other Psi Upsilon chapters; and

**Whereas:** The Delta and Xi chapters have exceptional grade point averages for this past year, be it

**Resolved:** That the 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention recognizes the Delta and Xi chapters for their academic performance.

Jacob Schmidt, Chi Delta '11 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

**General Resolution #7**

**Whereas:** The Clasped Hand Award is presented to chapters that have devoted significant time and effort to philanthropic efforts and community service; and

**Whereas:** The Zeta, Pi, Tau, Theta Theta, Epsilon Nu, Phi Delta, Lambda Sigma, and Alpha Omicron chapters achieved either 20 service hours or \$200 raised per brother, or both, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Clasped Hands Award be presented to the Zeta, Pi, Tau, Theta Theta, Epsilon Nu, Phi Delta, Lambda Sigma, and Alpha Omicron chapters.

Roxanne Baker, Chi Delta '17 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

**General Resolution #8**

**Whereas:** The Diamond Award for Exceptional Chapters is presented to chapters that distinguish themselves by exceeding the Psi Upsilon Fraternity chapter standards; and

**Whereas:** The Lambda Sigma chapter has demonstrated superior organizational skills and determination in establishing a scholarship endowment for a brother who passed away; and

**Whereas:** The chapter has demonstrated exceptional academic performance, exceeding the average of all other fraternities and other campus organizations, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Diamond Award for Exceptional Chapters is presented to the Lambda Sigma chapter.

Brandon Burd, Omicron '13 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

**General Resolution #9**

**Whereas:** The Award Distinction is presented to a chapter which has performed a significant event that demands special recognition,

**Whereas:** The Pi chapter, led by their generous alumni, rallied to raise over \$100,000 to quickly upgrade and update their house to code; and

**Whereas:** The Lambda Sigma demonstrated exceptional generosity and support of their fellow brothers and community following the death of a brother, therefore be it,

**Resolved:** The Award of Distinction be given to the Pi and Lambda Sigma chapters.

Timothy Zepp, Chi Delta '08 presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

**Special Resolution #11**

**Whereas:** Psi Upsilon has long admired and recognized exceptional athletic participation and performance; and

**Whereas:** The Zeta, Psi, Upsilon, Omega and Beta Beta chapters each have a significant percentage of brothers who participate in varsity athletics, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention recognizes the hard work and dedication of these chapters and their student athletes for their achievements.

### ***Committee on Unfinished Business***

Adam Sorrentino, Upsilon '18 presented the following resolution, which was passed unanimously.

#### **General Resolution #10**

**Whereas:** Fluctuating exchange rates can have a detrimental effect on Canadian chapters, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That a currency exchange rate be capped at a minimum of 85% US dollars to Canadian dollars for the chapter services fee, new initiate fee and returning member taxes, but specifically excluding all costs due to insurance, and be it further

**Resolved:** That the maximum exchange rate is only relevant for international chapters who are debt-free and make payments in a timely manner according to the established due dates for those fees and taxes.

Mark Kopani, Zeta Zeta '18 presented the following resolution, which was passed unanimously.

#### **General Resolution #11**

**Whereas:** The Committee of Unfinished Business reviewed the Executive Council minutes for 2015-2016 year, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention reviewed the actions of the Executive Council taken since the 172<sup>nd</sup> Convention, ratifies those actions, and thanks the Executive Council for its service and attention to the business of the Fraternity during that time.

Stuart Slayton, Lambda Sigma '17 presented the following recommendation.

#### **Recommendation #2**

**Whereas:** The Chi Delta and the Lambda Sigma chapters have made generous contributions to the charitable organization Conquer Paralysis Now; and

**Whereas:** Conquer Paralysis Now is an official philanthropic partner of Psi Upsilon Fraternity and founded by Sam Schmidt, Lambda Sigma '86; and

**Whereas:** Conquer Paralysis Now awards grants to scientists in spinal cord paralysis research; and

**Whereas:** The Lambda Sigma chapter has volunteered to coordinate an effort to expand support for Conquer Paralysis Now, therefore be it

**Recommended:** The 173<sup>th</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention encourages all interested chapters to work with the Lambda Sigma chapter to develop an action plan to support their individual and collective chapter efforts to conduct philanthropic activities in support of Conquer Paralysis Now.

Julia Sawyer, Gamma Tau '12 presented the following resolution, which was passed unanimously.

**General Resolution #12**

**Whereas:** The Committee of Unfinished Business is greatly disappointed by the inaction over the last three years of the Official Task Force on Official Flowers; and

**Whereas:** Members of the Official Task Force on Official Flowers, including Samuel J. Tinaglia Omega '88, Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83 and Laura King, Chi Delta '04 have not provided the Executive Council an official recommendation at the official fall meeting, therefore be it

**Resolved:** The 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention adopts the Alstroemeria Lily with garnet and gold coloring as the Official Flower of Psi Upsilon.

Jeremy McKeon, Eta '08 presented the following recommendation.

**Recommendation #3**

**Whereas:** Mark D. Bauer, Omega '83 has been a longtime advocate for the rights of fraternity members; and

**Whereas:** Brother Bauer educated this 173<sup>rd</sup> convention of Psi Upsilon commendably with his presentation on the Freedom of Association; and

**Whereas:** Brother Bauer has worked tirelessly within the Committee on New Business at this and many previous Conventions to amend the Constitution and the voting rights of undergraduate UAB members, and now Honorary Life Members of the Executive Council, therefore be it

**Recommended:** That the 174<sup>th</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention and all future Conventions honor Brother Mark D. Bauer by renaming the Committee on New Business as the Playboy Mark D. Bauer, Esquire, Omega '83 Committee on Revoking Voting Rights.

***Committee on New Business***

Catherine Lefebvre, Gamma Tau '18, presented the following resolution which passed unanimously.

**General Resolution #13**

**Be it Resolved:** The following changes are made to the Psi Upsilon Constitution:

- Article I, Section 4: The third sentence is deleted.
- Article III, Section 2: The comma after the word “each” shall be changed to a period, and the remainder of the sentence shall be deleted.
- Article III, Section 6: Delete entire section.
- Article IV, Section 2: Delete last sentence.

Josh Churchin, Upsilon '18 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously.

**General Resolution #14**

**Whereas:** The most solemn duty bestowed upon each chapter is to recruit, pledge, and initiate new members into our brotherhood, seeking out those who will uphold the highest moral, intellectual, and social excellence; and

**Whereas:** For some years, the Constitution has contained a provision to allow for social membership, which arose in an earlier time, is currently used by few, if any, chapters, and at best, detracts from the strength of a chapter by creating a membership status inferior to that of brothers; and

**Whereas:** The Psi Upsilon Constitution will continue to include a provision at Article IX, Section 12, which allows chapters to recognize outstanding achievement and devotion to the Fraternity by designating those not otherwise eligible for membership as honorary brothers, therefore be it

**Resolved:** Article IX, Section 11 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution is deleted and the remaining Sections of Article IX shall be renumbered.

Micah Babcock, Epsilon Nu '17 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously.

**General Resolution #15**

**Whereas:** From time-to-time the Executive Council grants honorary life membership to certain of its retired members as a way to pay tribute to their exemplary service to the Fraternity, and

**Whereas:** According such members voting rights implies the additional duties of an active board member, therefore be it



**Resolved:** That the last sentence of Article III, Section 3 of the Psi Upsilon Constitution be amended to read “All retiring members of the executive council who have served ten years or more may be elected honorary life members of the Executive Council without voting rights.”, and be it further,

**Resolved:** That the Executive Council and Convention continue to recognize an honorary life member’s service to the Fraternity and encourage all honorary life members to stay involved with the Fraternity.

Mohan Hasan, Delta '17 presented the following resolution which passed unanimously.

### **General Resolution #16**

**Whereas:** The Convention does not need to convene committees every year to conduct the business of the Fraternity; and

**Whereas:** That time could be spent as a fraternity on educational, social and philanthropic activities; and

**Whereas:** The Alumni Advisory Board was removed from the Psi Upsilon Constitution at a prior Convention; be it

**Resolved:** That Convention Rule XI be changed to read: “The President may appoint Standing Committees of four or more delegates, including undergraduates and alumni, to address pertinent issues facing the Fraternity, encompassing singly or in combination at least the following: awards, budget, future Convention sites, new business, nominations to the Executive Council, and unfinished business.

Tyler Ryan, Lambda Sigma '17, presented the following resolution.

### **General Resolution #17**

**Whereas:** Mental Health is an incredibly important topic in Higher Education; effects include, but are not limited to, substance abuse, depression, anxiety, and suicide; and

**Whereas:** Psi Upsilon has been affected in many ways, including the loss of several brothers in recent years; and

**Whereas:** Brothers in the Lambda Sigma Chapter at Pepperdine have become involved with the Out of Darkness Campus Walk by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and have encouraged and helped other Psi Upsilon chapters become involved with this great cause; and

**Whereas:** Involvement in events like this can help raise awareness of mental health issues and decrease the stigma surrounding mental health, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That Psi Upsilon Fraternity adopts the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the Canadian Mental Health Association as philanthropic partners and encourages all chapters to participate in local Out of Darkness Walks.

Chris Hannum, Lambda Sigma '17 moved to amend General Resolution #17 to change "encourages" in the resolved clause to "requires." The motion was duly seconded and defeated by a vote of six in favor and 45 opposed.

General Resolution #17 was then passed by a voice vote.

Madison Turkette, Purdue Colony '19 presented the following recommendation.

#### **Recommendation #4**

**Whereas:** The 173<sup>rd</sup> Convention thanks Ross Szabo for his informative and important presentation on mental health; and

**Whereas:** These issues are very important and deserving of additional attention, therefore be it

**Recommended:** That the Executive Council shall review the Psi Upsilon Membership Program with the intent of including a mental health curriculum.

Connor Hess, Pi '17 presented the following resolution, which passed by a voice vote.

#### **General Resolution #18**

**Whereas:** Mental illness is one of the greatest challenges facing college students arising from organic and situational stressors, and all too frequently leads to depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and even suicide; and

**Whereas:** Psi Upsilon has been affected in many ways, including the loss of brothers over the years; and

**Whereas:** Involvement in events like the programming presented during this year's leadership institute can help raise awareness of mental health issues and decrease the stigma surrounding mental health, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That Psi Upsilon fraternity shall require all chapters conduct a mandatory mental health awareness week at a time of each chapter's choosing during which each chapter shall host, promote, or support appropriate mental

health educational programming, ideally in partnership with college or university expert personnel.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the 173<sup>rd</sup> Psi Upsilon Convention was adjourned sine die at 5:53 p.m.

Mark A. Williams, Phi '76  
Recorder