

SIGMA TAU GAMMA NATIONAL FRATERNITY

49th National Grand Conclave

Kansas City Marriott Downtown
Kansas City, Missouri

June 23 - June 26, 2022

[Note: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no Grand Conclave held in 2020]

Thursday, June 23, 2022

HOUSE OF DELEGATES OPENING CEREMONIES:

- I. The Opening Ceremonies were called to Order by Senior Past President, Alyx J. Parker, at 4:32 p.m.
- II. Chapter and Alumni Associations Processional was had.
Society of the Seventeen Processional was had.
Past National Presidents Processional was had.
Board of Directors and CEO Processional was had.
- III. The Opening Meeting Ritual was held by 40th National President James S. Johnston.

The Creed was recited by President-Elect Jeremy Daus.

The Grand Chapter Blessing was given by Director Joe Gallo.

Meeting officially opened at 4:51 p.m.
- IV. The 49th Grand Conclave Parliamentarian is Brother Doug Haman.
- V. The 49th Grand Conclave Secretary is Brother Paul Motin
- VI. Delegate Roll Call and Credential Verification

Credentials Report was presented by Credentials Committee Chairman Drake Peterson, Arizona. Delegates in Good Standing were confirmed by Drake Peterson. Total credentialed delegates – 110. Due to delay in starting the meeting, a preliminary Roll Call was determined not to be necessary. President Johnston declared that a majority of credentialed delegates were present and announced that the Grand Chapter officially had the authority to conduct the business of the Fraternity. The official Roll Call will be taken tomorrow prior to any votes on legislation. Report to be attached to Minutes.
- VII. Approval of Grand Conclave Procedures, Election Code, and Standing Rules

The 49th Grand Conclave Standing Rules were reviewed. Motion made by Past President and SOS Brad Bartels to approve. Seconded. Motion passed.

The 49th Grand Conclave Procedures and Election Code were reviewed. Motion made by Brad Bartels to approve. Seconded. Motion passed.
- VIII. Approval of Agendas and Grand Conclave Charges. Motion to approve the Agenda and Charges was made by Brad Bartels. Seconded. Motion passed.

- IX. Approval of the 2016 Grand Conclave Minutes. Motion to approve the 2016 Grand Chapter Minutes was made by Brother Ben Holdren. Seconded. Passed.
- X. Approval of the 2018 Grand Conclave Minutes. Motion made by Brother Brandon McKinney, Zeta Beta, to approve the 2018 Grand Chapter Minutes with the following correction: **to amend page 19 of the minutes. References to Article XII being amended should be to Article XI.** Passed.
- XI. State of the Fraternity Address was presented by the 40th National President, Jim Johnston. [President Johnston to provide a copy of his State of the Fraternity Address to Nationals for the historical record of this Grand Conclave.]
- XII. The Grand Conclave was recessed at 5:12 p.m. for five minutes.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES GENERAL SESSION ONE

- I. Call to Order. President Johnston called the meeting back to order at 5:15 p.m.
- II. Ritual Committee Report. Brother Kenneth A. Buckley Jr, Robert Morris, introduced his committee. Brother Kevin Kolter, UW-Whitewater, presented the Ritual Committee Report and provided additional information. No substantive changes, but better alignment of Principles and to improve readability and improve the actual ceremony layout and processes. Motion made by Brother Jeff Dittenhafer to approve the Ritual Committee Report. Passed. Report to be attached to Minutes.
- III. Alumni Operations Committee Report, Brother Christian Ely, Southern Indiana, Chairman, introduced the committee and presented the Alumni Operations Committee Report. Discussed three recommended changes to be made. Motion made by Christian Ely to approve the Alumni Operations Committee Report. Passed. Report to be attached to Minutes.
- IV. Undergraduate Operations Committee Report, Brother Clay J. Miller, Youngstown State, Chairman, introduced the committee and presented the Undergraduate Operations Committee Report. Discussed the committee's purpose and introduced proposed legislation. Motion made by Clay Miller to accept the UOC Report. Passed. Report to be attached to Minutes.
- V. Election Commission Report. Presented orally by Alyx Parker, Elections Commission Chairman. Alyx introduced the Committee members and staff that assisted. Discussed the Board roles, duties, decision-making needs, and expectations of a Director. Spirit of Campaigns. Alyx briefly introduced the candidates. Motion made by Alyx Parker to accept the Election Commission Report. Passed. [No written report.]
- VI. Nominations Committee Report. Brother Nathan A. Yamaguchi, Nominations Committee Vice-Chairman, presented the Report and introduced the Committee members. Nathan Yamaguchi discussed the vetting process – well over 100 hours of deliberation and interviewed the candidates. In order to be nominated, a majority of Committee votes was necessary. All candidates were nominated by the Committee. In order to obtain a recommendation, a 75% vote by the Committee was necessary. No recommendations made at this time pending the candidate forum. Motion made by Nathan Yamaguchi to accept the Nominations Committee Report. Passed. Report to be attached to Minutes.
- VII. Call for Nominations from Floor. None.
- VIII. The Grand Conclave was recessed at 5:45 p.m. for five minutes.

- IX. Candidate Speeches.
- i. President Elect Candidate Introductions
 - a. Mike Van Camp, Indiana State
 - b. John B. Barger, Murray State
 - c. Jeremiah King, Missouri S&T
 - d. Erik J. Kahl, UW - La Crosse
 - ii. Director-At-Large Candidate Introductions
 - a. Robert J. Champ, Cameron
 - b. Christian S. Ely, Southern Indiana
 - c. Frederick "Fred" R. Phillips, West Chester
 - d. In addition, the President Elect candidates who are not elected as PE are eligible
- X. Announcements – CEO Vanessa Ryan provided.
- XI. The Grand Conclave was recessed for the day at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 24, 2022

HOUSE OF DELEGATES GENERAL SESSION TWO

- I. Call to Order. President Johnston called the meeting back to order at 9:30 a.m.
- II. Credential Committee Chair presented amended Credential Report. 15, BOD 7, PNP – 9, Total – 125. Motion made to approve the amended report. Seconded. Passed. Report to be attached to Minutes.
- III. Roll Call. Secretary Paul Motin took the Roll. 118 present of 125 credentialed. President Johnston confirmed that a quorum was present.
- IV. Proposal 22.01 – Revisions to Ritual. Motion made by Brother John Heiman to approve. Seconded. Passed.
- V. Constitution and Laws Report. Brother Anthony M. Aventino, Youngstown State, Chair of the Constitution & Laws Committee, presented the Report. Motion made by Anthony Aventino to accept the Constitution and Laws Report. Passed. Report to be attached to Minutes.
- VI. Proposal 22.02 – Articles of Incorporation. Anthony Aventino presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Past President and SOS Michael Schermer to approve. Seconded. Passed.
- VII. Proposal 22.03 – Relationship Statement. Anthony Aventino presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Jeff Dittenhafer to approve. Seconded. Passed.
- VIII. Proposal 22.04 – Emergency Virtual Meetings. Brother Andrew Baten, Central Michigan, presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Past President Jeff Russo to approve. Seconded. Passed.
- IX. Proposal 22.05 – Ritual Clarification. Andrew Baten presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Brother Erik Kahl, Beta Kappa Alumni Association, to approve. Seconded. Passed.
- X. Proposal 22.06 – Constitution Technical. Andrew Baten presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Brother William Sheppard, Beta Upsilon Alumni Association, to approve. Seconded. Passed.

The Grand Conclave was recessed at 10:22 a.m. for five minutes.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES GENERAL SESSION THREE

Call to Order - President Johnston called the meeting back to order at 10:36 a.m.

- I. Proposal 22.07 – Grand Conclave Fine. Brother Nicholas D. Kerkhoff, Carroll, presented information regarding the Proposal. Brother Jack Berkowitz, Monmouth, raised a point of clarification. Motion made by Past President Jon Proehl, to approve. Seconded. Discussion was had by John Heiman; Brother Peter Landon, Beta Lambda; Christian Ely, SOS Mike Matznick; Brother Chris Doering, Alpha Omego; Ben Holdren Passed.
- II. Proposal 22.08 – Off Year Meeting Fine. Nicholas Kerkhoff presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Brother Jeremiah King to approve. Seconded. Discussion was had: Brother Drew Youngstrom, Gamma Chi; Brother Jim Stanley, Epsilon Chi; Brother Jim Reidel, Beta Alpha made a motion to table indefinitely, seconded; **motion to table indefinitely - Passed**.
- III. Proposal 22.09 – Fee Schedule. Nicholas Kerkhoff presented information regarding the Proposal. The last item relating to off-year meeting fines was stricken. Motion made by Brad Bartels to approve as revised. Seconded. The Question was split by the Constitution and Laws Committee.

Collegiate – Associate Fee and Grand Conclave Fee Columns only (Alumni Associations cannot vote). Various discussions were had. Passed.

Alumni Association Schedule and Grand Conclave Fine – (All Credentialed Delegates can vote). Friendly motion made to clarify that the Alumni Association Fee is an annual fee (approved). Various discussion was had. Motion to divide the question. Seconded. Motion to divide the question failed. Motion as clarified Passed.

The Grand Conclave was recessed at 11:41 a.m. for the Chapter Recognition Lunch.

Call to Order - President Johnston called the meeting back to order at 1:15 p.m.

- IV. Election of President-Elect – Alyx Parker discussed the forum process and introduced the candidates.
 - i. Mike Van Camp, Indiana State
 - ii. John B. Barger, Murray State
 - iii. Jeremiah King, Missouri S&T
 - iv. Erik J. Kahl, UW - La Crosse

A Candidate Forum for President Elect was held.

Nominations Committee – Committee Chair came forward to recommend all candidates for election as President-Elect. Chair made motion to accept amended report. Passed.

First ballot was had (65 votes needed). Voting took place. No one had a majority. Top 2 vote recipients (alphabetically) are Jeremiah King and Mike Van Camp. A runoff election was held.

The next President-Elect (the 42nd National President) will be: **Mike Van Camp**.

The Grand Conclave was recessed at 2:15 p.m. for ten minutes.

Call to Order - President Johnston called the meeting back to order at 2:30 p.m.

- V. Election of Directors – Alex Parker discussed the forum process and introduced the candidates.
- i. Robert J. Champ, Cameron
 - ii. Erik J. Kahl, UW - La Crosse
 - iii. Christian S. Ely, Southern Indiana
 - iv. Jeremiah King, Missouri S&T
 - v. Frederick “Fred” R. Phillips, West Chester
 - vi. John B. Barger, Murray State

A Candidate Forum for Director was held.

Nominations Committee – Committee Chair came forward to recommend candidates for election as Director. Brothers recommended: John Barger, Christian Ely and Erik Kahl. Chair made motion to accept second amended report. Passed.

First ballot was had (65 votes needed). Voting took place.

Director(s) elected on First Ballot: **John Barger, Christian Ely, Erik Kahl, and Jeremiah King.** All four Directors having been elected, there is no need for a Second Ballot.

The Grand Conclave was recessed at 3:23 p.m. for five minutes.

Call to Order - President Johnston called the meeting back to order at 3:37 p.m.

- VI. Proposal 22.10 – Alumni Consolidation. Andrew Baten presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Ben Holdren to approve. Seconded. Passed.
- VII. Proposal 22.11 – Housing Consolidation. Andrew Baten presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Christian Ely, to approve. Seconded. Discussion was had. Passed.
- VIII. Proposal 22.12 – Academic Standards Policy. Anthony Aventino presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Drew Youngstrom to approve. Seconded. Motion made by Erik Kahl to amend the first RESOLVED provision from 2.5 to 2.7. Seconded. Discussion was had. Motion to amend was withdrawn by Erik Kahl. Original Motion. Passed.
- IX. CEO Ryan provided announcements.
- X. The Grand Conclave was recessed at 4:14 p.m. for the day.

Saturday, June 25, 2022

HOUSE OF DELEGATES GENERAL SESSION FOUR

- I. Call to Order. President Johnston called the meeting back to order at 1:24 p.m.
- II. Proposal 22.13 – Chapter Discipline. Anthony Aventino presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Brother William Sheppard, to approve. Seconded. Passed.

- III Proposal 22.14 – Special Membership Status. Andrew Baten presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Past President and SOS Bill Hardebeck to approve. Seconded. Discussion was had. Passed.
- IV. Proposal 22.15 – Affiliate Groups. Nicholas Kerkhoff presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Brother Hayden Calovich, Epsilon, to approve. Seconded. Passed.
- V. Proposal 22.16 – Board Officers. Nicholas Kerkhoff presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Brad Bartels to approve. Seconded. Discussion was had. Passed.
- VI. Proposal 22.17 – Laws Technical. Anthony Aventino presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Andrew Baden, to approve. Seconded. Discussion was had. Passed.

President Johnston reported on an investigation about the cost of preparing the Form 990s. The fee is staying the same but if we had stayed with BDO, it would have been increased.

Additional Legislative Time – none needed.

Resolutions Committee Report. Logan Evans, Zeta, and Kyle _____, _____ presented information regarding the Proposal. Motion made by Logan Evans, to approve. Seconded. Passed. Report to be attached to Minutes.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES CLOSING CEREMONIES

Motion made to close the Grand Conclave meeting; Seconded. Passed. The 49th Grand Conclave was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

38th National President, Alex Parker was thanked for his service. Alex addressed the attendees.

40th National President, Jim Johnston addressed the attendees as his presidential term ends.

An Installation of Officers was held.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul S. Motin, '79, Beta Xi, Winona State
2022 Grand Chapter Secretary