

# SIGMA TAU GAMMA NATIONAL FRATERNITY

## 50th National Grand Conclave

Omni Houston Hotel  
Houston, Texas

June 27 - June 29, 2024

### Thursday, June 27, 2024

A HOUSE OF DELEGATES ORIENTATION SESSION WAS HELD beginning at 2:23 p.m. It included:

- Opening Remarks by 41<sup>st</sup> National President Jeremy Daus, UW – River Falls
- Training on Process and Procedure
- Election Process Presentation
- Test of Electronic Voting
- Q&A Session

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES OPENING CEREMONIES:

- I. The Opening Ceremonies were called to Order by 39<sup>th</sup> National President, Jonathan Proehl, UW-River Falls, at 3:06 p.m.
- II. Members of the Board of Directors were introduced.  
Past National Presidents were introduced.  
Society of the Seventeen Members present (9) were introduced.  
Headquarters Staff were introduced by 20<sup>th</sup> National President and Fraternity CEO, Buz Barlow, UW-Oshkosh.
- III. A Welcome to Texas Grand Conclave Introduction was provided by Brother Randy Speer, Texas.  
Non-Brothers were escorted out of the room.
- IV. 39<sup>th</sup> National President Jonathan Proehl, introduced all Undergraduate Chapters, Alumni Chapters, and Alumni Associations.  
  
The Opening Meeting Ritual was commenced by President 41<sup>st</sup> National President, Jeremy Daus.  
The Creed was recited by President-Elect Mike Van Camp, Indiana State.  
The Principles were recited by the Board of Directors.  
The Grand Chapter Blessing was given by Brother Matt Rae, Saint Louis University.  
  
Meeting officially opened at 4:13 p.m.
- V. The 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave Parliamentarian is Brother Douglas Haman, Miami of Ohio.
- VI. The 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave Secretary is Brother Paul Motin, Winona State.
- VII. Delegate Roll Call and Credential Verification

Credentials Report was presented by Credentials Committee Chairman Augustine (“Augie”) Mucci, Pitt-Johnstown. Delegates in Good Standing were confirmed by Augie Mucci. Total credentialed delegates – 106. A quorum is 2/3 of the credentialed delegates, or 71. Motion made to approve

Credentials Report. Passed. It was visually confirmed that more than 71 delegates were present. A quorum was declared.

- VIII. Approval of Grand Conclave Procedures. The 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave Procedures were reviewed. Motion made to approve. Seconded. Motion passed.
- IX. Approval of Grand Conclave Agenda. Motion to approve the Agenda was made. Seconded. Motion passed.
- X. Approval of the 2022 Grand Conclave Minutes. Motion to approve the 2022 Grand Chapter Minutes. The Minutes were approved as presented.
- XI. State of the Fraternity Address was presented by the 41<sup>th</sup> National President, Jeremy Daus. President Daus provided a copy of his State of the Fraternity Address materials to Nationals for the historical record of this Grand Conclave. A copy is attached.
- XII. The Grand Conclave was recessed at 4:41 p.m. for five minutes.

#### HOUSE OF DELEGATES GENERAL SESSION ONE

- I. Call to Order. President Daus called the meeting back to order at 4:50 p.m.
- II. Election Commission Report. Presented orally by 39<sup>th</sup> National President, Jonathan Proehl, as Elections Commission Chairman. John introduced the Committee members and staff that assisted. Discussed the Board roles, duties, decision-making needs, and expectations of a Director. Spirit of Campaigns. Jonathan briefly introduced the candidates. Motion made by Jonathan Proehl to accept the Election Commission Report. Passed. Report to be attached to Minutes.

##### Candidates for President Elect

John Barger, Murray State  
Robert Champ, Cameron  
Christian Ely, Southern Indiana

##### Candidates for Board of Directors

Jeffrey Dittenhafer, Millersville  
Jason Fanning, Emporia State  
Douglas Haman, Miami of Ohio  
Paul Phillips, Southeastern Louisiana

- III. Nominating Committee Report. Brother Joel Franz, Emporia State, Nominations Committee Vice-Chairman, presented the Report and introduced the Committee members. Joel Franz discussed the vetting process. 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. The Committee recommended the following candidates:

For President Elect: John Barger and Christian Ely  
For Board of Directors: Jeffrey Dittenhafer, Jason Fanning, and Paul Phillips.

Motion made by Joel Franz to accept the Nominations Committee Report. Passed. Report to be attached to Minutes.

If not nominated, a person who submitted an application, and who is nominated on the floor, and who receives a 20% approval of the HOD delegates present will be considered nominated.

- IV. Call for Nominations from Floor. Nomination made from the floor for Robert Champ for President Elect. No other nominations from the floor. Voting mechanisms were distributed to delegates present. Jonathan Proehl explained the purpose of the vote was for Robert Champ to stand as a PE candidate, not as a vote for him as PE. Vote was taken. Robert Champ received over 60% affirmative vote. He is therefore a candidate for PE.
- V. Candidate Speeches. Due to time constraints, the candidate speeches were postponed to Friday morning.
- VI. Announcements – Adam Kowalski provided.
- VII. The Grand Conclave was recessed for the day at 5:41 p.m.

**Friday, June 28, 2024**

HOUSE OF DELEGATES GENERAL SESSION TWO

- I. Call to Order. President Jeremy Daus called the meeting back to order at 9:06 a.m.
- II. Credential Committee Chair Augie Mucci presented an amended Credential Report. Undergraduate delegates – 75; Alumni Chapter – 1; Alumni Associations 14; Society of the Seventeen delegates – 9; Past National Presidents – 3; Board of Directors – 8; Total – 110. Motion made to approve the amended report. Seconded. Passed. Report to be attached to Minutes.
- III. Final Determination of Quorum. 110 delegates being credentialed, 2/3 (74) are required for a quorum. President Daus determined visually that more than 74 delegates were present, which was confirmed by Secretary Motin, a quorum was determined.
- IV. President Elect Speeches were held:
  - a. Christian Ely – Gamma Phi – University of Southern Indiana
  - b. Robert Champ – Gamma Rho – Monmouth University
  - c. John Barger – Epsilon Eta – Murray State
- V. Director At Large Speeches were had (Brother Haman withdrew from candidacy):
  - a. Paul Phillips - Phi – Southeast Louisiana University
  - b. Jeff Dittenhafer – Gamma Tau – Millersville University
  - c. Jason Banning - Delta - Emporia State University
- VI. The Grand Conclave was recessed at 9:50 a.m. for fifteen minutes.
- VII. Candidate Forums – The Candidate Forums for President Elect and Directors at Large were held.
- VIII. The Grand Conclave was recessed at 11:35 a.m. for the Recognition Lunch.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES GENERAL SESSION THREE

- I. Call to Order. President Jeremy Daus called the meeting back to order at 1:45 p.m.
- II. Roll Call was taken by Secretary Paul Motin.
- III. Constitution and Laws Report. Brother Peter Stoltz, Kansas State, Chair of the Constitution & Laws Committee, presented the Report. Motion made by Brother Stoltz to accept the Constitution and Laws Report. Passed. Report to be attached to Minutes.

- IV. Proposal 24.01 – Amendment Deadline. Text of Proposal attached to Minutes. Brother Matthew Burns, Michigan Tech, presented information regarding the Proposal. Discussion was had. Passed – 85% affirmative vote (3/4 needed).
- V. Proposal 24.02 – Amendment re: Rules & Procedures. Text of Proposal attached to Minutes. Peter Stoltz, Kansas State, presented information regarding the Proposal. Discussion was had. Motion Failed. 73% affirmative vote (3/4 needed).
- VI. Proposal 24.03 – Resolution Adopting Rules & Procedures. Text of Proposal attached to Minutes. Peter Stoltz, Kansas State, presented information regarding the Proposal. Discussion was had. 32<sup>nd</sup> National President John Heiman, Central Missouri, moved that reference to Roberts Roles of Order be to “the most current version of Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised.” Treated as friendly amendment. Passed – 73% (majority needed).
- VII. Proposal 24.04 – Constitution Technical Amendments. Text of Proposal attached to Minutes. Brother Ethan Wittenborn, East Carolina, presented information regarding the Proposal. Discussion was had. Passed – 76%.(75% needed)
- VIII. Proposal 24.05 – Laws Amendment re: Call to Meeting. Text of Proposal attached to Minutes. Brother Matthew Burns presented information regarding the Proposal. Discussion was had. Passed – 85% (2/3 needed).
- IX. Proposal 24.06 – Laws: Technical Amendments. Text of Proposal attached to Minutes. Brother Ethan Wittenborn presented information regarding the Proposal. Discussion was had. Passed – 77% (2/3 needed).
- X. Other Legislation Submitted. None had been submitted.

The Grand Conclave was recessed at 3:45 p.m. for the day.

### **Saturday, June 29, 2024**

#### HOUSE OF DELEGATES GENERAL SESSION FOUR

Call to Order - President Jeremy Daus called the meeting back to order at 9:48 a.m.

- I. Nominations Committee – Committee Chair Joel Franz came forward to recommend all named candidates for election as Director at Large, and John B. Barger and Christian Ely as President-Elect. Chair made motion to accept amended report. Passed.
- II. It was confirmed that 105 delegates were present, constituting a quorum. By clicker test, all were present.
- III. Election of President-Elect – 38<sup>th</sup> National President Alyx Parker discussed the election process and introduced the candidates.
  - i. John B. Barger, Murray State
  - ii. Robert Champ, Cameron
  - iii. Christian Ely, Southern Indiana

Election Commission proceeded to administer the election.

First ballot was had (53 votes needed for majority). Voting took place. No one had a majority. Top 2 vote recipients (alphabetically) were John Barger and Christian Ely. A runoff election was held.

The next President-Elect (the 43<sup>rd</sup> National President) will be: **Christian Ely**.

IV. Election of Directors at Large – 39<sup>th</sup> National President, Jonathan Proehl, discussed the forum process and introduced the candidates.

- i. John B. Barger, Murray State
- ii. Robert J. Champ, Cameron
- iii. Jeffrey Dittenhafer, Millersville
- iv. Jason Fanning, Emporia State
- v. Paul Phillips, Southeastern Louisiana

Election Commission proceeded to administer the election.

First ballot was had (53 votes needed). Voting took place.

Director(s) elected on First Ballot: **John Barger, Robert J. Champ, Jason Fanning, and Paul Phillips**. All four Directors having been elected, there was no need for a Second Ballot.

The Grand Conclave was recessed at 10:20 p.m. for fifteen minutes.

- V. Call to Order. President Jeremy Daus called the meeting back to order at 10:41 a.m.
- VI. Past President Farewell Address & Recognition. 39<sup>th</sup> National President Jonathan Proehl was thanked for his service. Jonathan addressed the attendees. Jonathan recognized the Directors, Trustees, WPN Members, and Fraternity staff present, as well as his wife, Kelly.
- VII. President-Elect Mike Van Camp presented 41<sup>st</sup> National President Jeremy Daus with a gavel and a Past President Medal.
- VIII. President Jeremy Daus presented Jonathan Proehl with a farewell gift.
- IX. Resolutions Committee Report. Brother Nick Kerkhoff, Carroll, presented the Resolutions Committee Report. Motion made by Brother Logan Meyer, Cincinnati, to approve. Seconded. Passed. Report to be attached to Minutes.
- X. President Jeremy Daus recognized Secretary Paul Motin who has acted as Secretary of the Grand Chapter/Conclave for at least fifteen Grand Chapters/Conclaves.
- XI. Brother Andrew Banks, Alabama, along with several of his chapter Brothers, addressed the Grand Conclave regarding ideas relating to Grand Conclave processes. He provided comments regarding potential legislation for 2026 to increase the number of voting delegates allowed to larger (60+ active member) chapters, as a matter of fairness. No discussion was had. No action was appropriate at this time.
- XII. President Jeremy Daus recognized individuals who are departing from the various Fraternity Boards, Committee chairs and members, Sargeant at Arms, Parliamentarian Doug Haman, media staff, Fraternity staff, and others.
- VIII. Anything Else for the Good of the Order. No items discussed.

Motion made to close the Grand Conclave meeting; Seconded. Passed.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES CLOSING CEREMONIES

The Closing Ritual was performed. The 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

An Installation of Officers was held.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul S. Motin, '79, Beta Xi, Winona State  
2024 Grand Conclave Secretary