



The 172nd General Convention of Beta Theta Pi General Fraternity was called to order by Head Marshal Jason Kostelecky, *Eastern Washington '02*, at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue in Seattle, WA, shortly after 9:00 PM, on Thursday, July 28, 2011.

The call to order was followed by the presentation of the American and the Canadian national flags. The American flag bearer was District Chief Yancey Swearingen, *Alabama '67*, and the Canadian flag bearer was District Chief Joseph Buchanan, *Washington State '53*. The flag bearers were followed by the procession of the corps of Regional and District Chiefs. The Board of Trustees then entered the Convention Hall, preceded by the flag of Beta Theta Pi, borne by Administrative Secretary Judson Horras, *Iowa State '97*. All members of the procession took their temporary positions at the front of the hall.

General Secretary David Schmidt, *South Florida '92*, called the Convention to order and led those assembled in the singing of "There's a Scene."

Brother Schmidt then passed the gavel to General Fraternity President Thomas Purinton, *Kansas State '63*. Brother Purinton directed the national standard bearers to the center of the room, and all in attendance sang the respective national anthems of both countries.

Brother Purinton returned the gavel to Brother Schmidt who called upon Board of Trustee Vice President Paul Schwartz, *Kansas State '64*, to lead the assemblage in prayer.

Brother Schmidt then called upon General Treasurer Michael Feinstein, *MIT '82*, to lead all brothers in reciting the obligations of our General Fraternity, and in renewing our vows.

Brother Schmidt formally opened the Convention and charged the officers and delegates with the purpose of the gathering and the session for the transaction of business to be discussed and to be decided.

Brother Schmidt confirmed the appointment of Theodore Haile, *Georgia Tech '75*, as Convention President, formally introduced him to all those present, directed him by an escort of honor to the podium, and presented him with the gavel to conduct the business and oversee the proceedings of the Convention.

Brother Haile undertook his first duty, to confirm the appointment of the following General Convention Officers:

Benjamin Schwartz, *Connecticut '05*, Convention Parliamentarian,
Yancey Swearingen, *Alabama '67*, Convention Secretary,
Jason Kostelecky, *Eastern Washington '02*, Convention Marshal,
John Reineke, *Central Michigan '09*, and Justin Warren, *SMU '10*, Floor Managers, and
James Strilesky, *British Columbia '72*, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

Brother Haile directed new Convention Officers Schwartz and Swearingen to join him on the podium.

Brother Haile then called for the report from the Committee on Credentials and Registration.

Committee Chairman Benjamin Turner, *Denison '12*, reported the following registration numbers for this Convention:

515 total people registered and present. This includes 117 total delegates. They are broken down as follows: 84 in attendance with voting privileges; 3 not in attendance with voting privileges; 28 in attendance without voting privileges; and, two not in attendance without voting privileges. Additionally, there are 185 Leadership College participants and facilitators; 52 General Fraternity Officers; and 171 alumni and guests attending the Alumni Symposium.

Brother Haile thanked the chairman for his preliminary report.

Brother Haile then continued, and began to explain the operating procedure for the Convention. The Convention serves as the legislative body of the Fraternity. A great deal of preparatory work has been done to select officers and establish committee membership to save valuable Convention time. The Convention has three days and only 12 legislative hours to decide the business of the Fraternity, until we meet again next year. Committees must report on all legislation presented to them, and most debate occurs within the committee and voted on by members with voting privileges. Committee decisions become Convention decisions 98% of the time. Convention delegates will vote on all committee reports. All delegates are required to be in attendance at all Convention sessions, on time, and the District Chief should clear any absences. Any delegate not present may have a duly appointed alternate, including committee assignment, and is entitled to vote. Alumni Association delegates must present credentials, and unless accredited may not vote. The Code of Beta Theta Pi specifies voting procedures. No delegate may vote on matters pertaining to his own chapter. Convention affairs will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order. Speakers will be recognized, and motions will be written out and reviewed before being presented to the delegate body. Procedural rules and matters of appropriateness and proper decorum were also outlined.

Brother Haile requested that Administrative Secretary Horras come forward and make his report to the Convention.

Brother Horras delivered his report on the State of the Fraternity.

Brother Haile then thanked Brother Horras for his report, and recognized him for his leadership and guidance throughout the past year.

Brother Haile then called upon the Convention Secretary for a verbal roll call of the delegates. After the roll call, a request was made for announcements by the General Secretary, the Administrative Secretary, the Floor Managers, and the Convention Marshal.

Convention President Haile then recessed the Convention until 10:30 AM the following morning, where the delegates and officers will reconvene in the same room and roll call will be taken.

The session was concluded.

Shortly after 10:30 AM, Convention President Haile called the Convention to order. He then directed the Convention Secretary to survey the delegates and take a visual roll call. Satisfied that a quorum was present, the Secretary recommended that proceedings should commence.

Brother Haile next called on the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Registration for a continuation of the committee's preliminary report.

Brother Benjamin Turner, *Denison* '12, reported the following registration numbers:

There are 394 total people registered and present. This number includes 108 total delegates. Of this number, 88 are in attendance with voting privileges; 7 not in attendance with voting privileges; 20 in attendance without voting privileges; and, 4 not in attendance without voting privileges. Additionally, there are 177 Leadership College participants and facilitators; 23 General Fraternity Officers; and 92 alumni and guests attending the Alumni Symposium.

A motion was made for the Convention to approve the minutes of the 171st General Convention. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

A second motion was then made for the Convention to approve the tentative legislative schedule for the 172nd General Convention. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Brother Haile thanked the committee for their report.

Brother Haile then called on the Committee on Charters to make their initial report.

Committee Chairman Neal Stewart, *Connecticut* '12, announced that a colony was about to be discussed and considered for the awarding of a charter.

Brother Haile announced that all members of all colonies must leave the Convention Hall.

Brother Stewart proceeded with the report of the committee, and pointed out the following talking points for the Gamma Omega Colony at Southern Methodist University to the Convention:

- * The colony re-colonized in 2009 with 58 founding fathers.
- * The colony represents over 40 different campus organizations as well as some of the top campus scholarships offered at SMU.
- * According to their Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, "They deserve every honor and recognition possible with their behavior, strong values, and strength of character ... I cannot think of a group any more deserving."
- * The colony averages 47 hours of community service per member per year.
- * Over 90% of all men pledged since re-colonization have been initiated.

Brother Stewart concluded the committee report with the recommendation that Gamma Omega be granted their charter.

A motion was offered to that effect.

Brother Haile informed the delegates that in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution, this motion must pass with a two thirds vote as the chapter was previously established and is seeking an upgrade from Suspended/Disbanded to Good Status.

There was no discussion. The motion passed. The Gamma Omega Chapter at Southern Methodist University was granted their charter.

The Convention Marshal admitted the newly chartered members of the Gamma Omega Chapter to the Convention Hall while those assembled sang "There's a Scene."

Brother Schmidt came forward and welcomed the Gamma Omega Chapter into our Beta Theta Pi General Fraternity as our newest chapter.

Brother Haile then called on the Committee on Charters to make their final report.

Brother Stewart continued the report of the committee, and recommended a motion that the Convention table the discussion for the Colony at Eastern Illinois University so that the committee members could further discuss the colony, and thus further enable them to reach a consensus on that group. A motion to that effect was made. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Brother Haile next called on the Committee on Chapters Panel 1 to make their initial report.

Brother Tylere Presley, *Central Michigan '12*, began the committee's report and stated that the committee was charged with conducting a thorough chapter/colony review, and that they accepted the original recommendations for all three colonies (Furman University, the University

of Denver, and Centre College) and kept them intact. Those recommendations for Furman University are:

- * Send 10 men, or 20% of the colony – whichever is less – to at least three different Leadership Development opportunities; at least two must be sponsored by Beta Theta Pi. This does not include Keystone participation.
- * Submit the colony's Positive Pledge Education Assessment to District Chief Hunter Morris, *Auburn '00*, for approval no later than August 31st, 2011.
- * Have an active Kai Committee (Judicial Board), independent of the colony's Executive Committee, with established guidelines in the chapter bylaws.
- * Develop a comprehensive plan in order to petition for charter at the 173rd General Convention.

A motion was made to accept these recommendations. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Brother Presley continued the committee's report by moving to the Colony at the University of Denver. Those recommendations are:

- * Submit the colony's Positive Pledge Education Assessment to District Chief Brett Rundle, *Kansas State '06* for approval no later than August 31st, 2011.
- * Coordinate quarterly meetings between the Executive Board and the Advisory Team.
- * Establish and implement a set of membership standards, for both prospective members and active members alike.

- * Send 10 men or 20% of the colony – whichever is less – to at least three different Leadership Development opportunities; at least two must be sponsored by Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. This does not include Keystone participation.
- * Implement an Alumni Relations Advisor for the coming 2011 – 2012 academic year, and create a tentative schedule that includes alumni events and attendance requirements.

A motion was made to accept these recommendations. The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Brother Presley continued the committee's report by moving to the colony at Centre College.

Those recommendations are:

- * Submit the colony's Positive Pledge Education Assessment to District Chief Michael Hay, *Eastern Kentucky '94*, for approval no later than August 31st, 2011.
- * Coordinate quarterly meetings between the Executive Board and the Advisory Team.
- * Establish and implement a set of membership standards, for both prospective members and active members alike.
- * Send 10 men or 20 % of the colony – whichever is less – to at least three different Leadership Development opportunities; at least two must be sponsored by Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. This does not include Keystone participation.
- * Initiate 25 new members by the end of the next year or maintain chapter membership equal to or greater than the College's requirement at the end of the 2011 – 2012 academic school year.

A motion was introduced to accept these recommendations. The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion. The motion was passed.

Brother Haile thanked the committee for its report.

Brother Haile then called on the Committee on Chapters Panel 2 to make their initial report.

Committee Chairman Nathan McCurley, *UCLA '12*, began his report with the statement that the committee was charged with conducting a thorough chapter/colony review for the three colonies at Hanover College, Iowa State University, and Northeastern University.

Beginning with Hanover College, the committee recommended no status change. Plus, the committee recommended the following directives:

- * Aggressively recruit and maintain chapter membership equal to or greater than the average fraternity chapter size for the campus and not less than 20 members by the 173rd

General Convention.

- * Send 10 men or 20% of the chapter – whichever is less – to at least three different Leadership Development opportunities by the 173rd General Convention; at least two must be sponsored by Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. This does not include Keystone participation.

- * Coordinate quarterly meetings between the Executive Board and the Advisory Team.

* Develop and implement a comprehensive recruitment program and submit it to the General Fraternity by March 1, 2012.

A motion to accept these committee recommendations was made. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Next, for the colony at Iowa State University, the committee recommended no status change. Plus, the committee recommends the following directives:

- * Maintain a 3.0 chapter GPA for both semesters of the 2011 – 2012 academic year.
- * Recruit and maintain a chapter size of 40 active and pledge members by the 173rd General Convention.
- * Secure at least 30 signed housing contracts for the entire 2012 – 2013 academic year by the 173rd General Convention.
- * Work with the Administrative Office to establish and maintain a trained and active advisory team. It is highly recommended that a new Chapter Counselor be established.
- * Develop a comprehensive plan and meet requirements to charter by the 174th General Convention.

A motion that these recommendations be approved was made. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Finally, the colony at Northeastern University was discussed. The committee recommended no status change. Additionally, the committee recommended the following directives:

- * Develop a comprehensive plan in order to petition for charter at the 173rd General Convention.
- * Aggressively recruit and maintain chapter membership equal to or greater than the average fraternity chapter size for the campus and not less than 20 members by the 173rd General Convention.
- * The chapter must develop a risk management plan and submit it to the General Fraternity by December 1, 2011. The plan must outline a detailed social event policy (on and off campus) that includes event registration, guest list policy, transportation, funding, and event regulation (security, sober monitors, third party vendors, etc.) and must be consistent with the Risk Management Policy of Beta Theta Pi. This plan must be approved by the District Chief and is the responsibility of the chapter to effectively self-govern by holding members (and the chapter) accountable to this plan.

A motion was made that these recommendations be approved. The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Brother Haile thanked the committee for its report.

Brother Haile then called on the Committee on Chapters Panel 3 to make their initial report.

Committee Chairman Ryne Supplitt, Loyola Marymount '12 , began the committee's report by announcing to the delegates that this committee was charged with reviewing the statuses of the colonies at Penn State University, Washington & Lee University, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Maryland.

First, regarding the Alpha Upsilon Colony at Penn State University, the committee recommended no status change. In addition, the following recommendation was made:

- * Develop a comprehensive plan in order to petition for charter at the 173rd General Convention.

A motion that the recommendation of the committee be approved was made. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

The Chairman continued with the committee report, and regarding the Alpha Rho Colony at Washington & Lee University, recommended no change in status, plus the committee offered the following recommendation:

- * Submit the colony's Positive Pledge Education Assessment to District Chief Charlie Comer, *Virginia Tech '75*, for approval no later than August 31, 2011.

A motion was made that the recommendation of the committee be approved. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Brother Supplitt continued with the committee's report and undertook to discuss the Epsilon Omicron Colony at the University of Kentucky. No change in status was recommended. In addition, the following recommendations were submitted:

- * Submit the colony's Positive Pledge Education Assessment to District Chief Michael Hay, *Eastern Kentucky '94*, for approval no later than August 31st, 2011.
- * Coordinate at least one alumni event to reach out to the local alumni base.
- * Send at least 10 men or 20% of the chapter – whichever is less – to at least three Leadership Development opportunities; at least two must be sponsored by Beta Theta Pi Fraternity (this does not include Keystone participation.).
- * Maintain regular contact between the Executive Board and the advisory team.
- * Establish and implement a set of membership standards, for both prospective members and active members alike.

A motion was made that the recommendations of the committee be approved. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

The Chairman continued the report of the committee and took up discussion of the Delta Omega Chapter at the University of Maryland. The committee recommended no change in status. Additionally, the committee recommended:

- * Submit the colony's Positive Pledge Education Assessment to Regional Chief Matt Walczewski, *Truman State '03*, for approval no later than August 31st, 2011.

- * Work with the Leadership Consultant and use campus resources to assist the colony in aggressively recruiting and maintain chapter membership equal to or greater than the average fraternity chapter size for the campus.
- * Coordinate quarterly meetings between the Executive Board and the advisory team.
- * Establish and implement a set of membership standards, for both prospective members and active members alike.
- * Develop a comprehensive plan in order to petition for charter at the 173rd General Convention.

A motion was made to accept the recommendations of the committee. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

The Convention President thanked the Committee Chairman for his report.

Brother Haile called upon the Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence Panel 1 for its report.

Committee Chairman Ross Ringer, *Kansas '12*, began the report by identifying the first issue to be discussed. Issue I: A proposed amendment to the Code of Beta Theta Pi regarding the time and place of Convention that had been submitted to the committee for their evaluation:

“Be it enacted by the 172nd General Convention of Beta Theta Pi that Chapter II Section 1

of the laws be amended to read: SECTION 1. *Fixing Time and Place of Convention:* ~~On or before the first day of March in each Year,~~ the Board of Trustees shall select the time and place for the General Convention; and shall send official notification of such selection to each chapter and alumni association ~~not later than the fifteenth day of March~~ following **confirmation of the time and place.** [Note: proposed removal of language is crossed out and proposed additions are in bold.] Instead, the committee proposed a different amendment to the Code: A) “On or before the last day of August in each year, the Board of Trustees shall select the time and place for the General Convention; and shall send official notification of such selection to each chapter, colony, and alumni association not later than the fifteenth day of September following confirmation of the time and place. In the unlikely event that the date or place of Convention must be changed, the Board of Trustees will send notification immediately and follow-up when the alternative is finalized.”

A motion was made that the proposed amendment be adopted. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brother Haile directed the Convention Secretary to conduct a verbal roll call of all delegates assembled in the Convention Hall. After the roll call, announcements were solicited from the General Secretary, the Administrative Secretary, the Floor Managers, and the Convention Marshal.

Brother Haile at this time recessed the Convention until 1:30 PM on Saturday, July 30th, 2011. The delegates were informed that roll call will again be taken. The session was concluded.

The third session of the 172nd General Convention of Beta Theta Pi General Fraternity was called to order shortly after 1:30 PM on Saturday, July 30th, 2011.

Brother Haile directed the Convention Secretary to conduct a visual roll call of the assembled delegates and determine if a quorum were present. Satisfied that this was the case, the Secretary so informed the President, and recommended that the business of the Convention should continue.

Brother Haile called on the Committee on Credentials and Registration, Communications, and Alumni Affairs for a continuation of their preliminary report.

Brother Turner continued the committee's report with the following information: There are 526 total people registered and present. This includes 109 total delegates. Of that number, 92 are in attendance with voting privileges; 7 are not in attendance with voting privileges; 17 are in attendance without voting privileges; and 4 are not in attendance without voting privileges. Additionally, we have 196 Leadership College participants and facilitators; 33 General Fraternity Officers; and 188 alumni and guests attending the Alumni Symposium.

Brother Haile called on the Committee for the Nomination of General Fraternity Officers to make its report.

Committee Chairman James Kirkpatrick, *DePauw* '13, stated that it was the consensus of the committee that the proposed individuals be approved for the positions for which they were nominated. First, Douglas G Houser, *Willamette* '67, for the position of President of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. Brother Houser's biography was read for the benefit of the delegates, and a motion was made that the recommendation of the committee be approved. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brother Haile called for an escort of honor to accompany President-elect Houser to the podium.

Brother Houser accepted the role of President of Beta Theta Pi General Fraternity and made some personal remarks to the Convention. He was asked to remain on the podium and the proceedings continued.

Brother Haile asked the committee to continue its report.

Brother Kirkpatrick stated that it was the consensus of the committee that Christopher M Conabee, *Utah* '89, be nominated for the position of Vice President and member of the Board of Trustees of Beta Theta Pi. Brother Conabee's biography was read for the benefit of the

delegates. A motion was made that the recommendation of the committee be approved. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brother Haile called for an escort of honor to accompany Vice President-elect Conabee to the podium.

Brother Conabee accepted the role of Vice President and member of the Board of Trustees, and made his personal remarks to the delegates. He was asked to remain on the podium, and the business of the Convention continued.

Brother Haile asked that the committee continue its report.

Brother Kirkpatrick stated that it was the consensus of the committee that Scott J Allen, *Minnesota '95*, be nominated for the position of Vice President and member of the Board of Trustees of Beta Theta Pi. Brother Allen's biography was read for the benefit of the delegates. A motion was made that the recommendation of the committee be approved. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brother Haile called for an escort of honor to accompany Vice President-elect Allen to the podium.

Brother Allen accepted the position of Vice President and member of the Board of Trustees, and addressed the delegates.

Brother Haile called upon our General Fraternity President Dr. Tom Purinton to administer the oath of office. Additionally, all members of the Advisory Council of Former Trustees were invited to the podium to witness the installation of the new officers.

Brother Purinton administered the oath of office and installed the newly elected officers to their positions. He transferred their badges of office to each of them, and proclaimed that the new officers have been duly installed.

Brother Haile invited Brother Purinton, as the former President of Beta Theta Pi, to address the Convention.

Brother Purinton made his remarks to everyone assembled, and stepped down, from the podium and his position.

Brother Haile then continued on with the agenda. He called upon the Charters Committee to continue their report.

Brother Haile informed the Convention that since the awarding of charters was being discussed, all colony delegates must depart the Convention Hall. Satisfied that this was done, the business of the Convention resumed.

Brother Stewart resumed the report of the committee that had been adjourned the previous day. He informed the delegates that the colony at Eastern Illinois University was again going to be discussed and, in turn, voted on. The chairman briefed the delegates that it was the consensus of the committee that the colony not be awarded its charter at this Convention. A motion was made to that effect. The motion was seconded. A lengthy discussion ensued, and a number of delegates and advisors voiced their opinions as to whether or not a charter for the colony should be awarded at this Convention. Finally, a motion was passed to close the discussions, and vote on the recommendations of the committee. To wit:

Action by the Administrative Office:

- * A General Fraternity Officer and/or Leadership Consultant needs to visit the colony a minimum of three times per semester, including being present for fall 2011 pledge induction and initiation.
- * Have weekly communication with the Chapter President to discuss the colony status.
- * The committee urges the Regional Chief to place the search for a District Chief and other volunteers as a top priority.

Action by the Eastern Illinois Colony:

- * Submit a financial plan to pay all outstanding balances owed to the General Fraternity by December 1st, 2011. Submit this plan within two weeks of the start of the Fall Semester.
- * Coordinate the date, time, and location of the fall 2011 pledge induction and fall 2011 initiation with a General Fraternity Officer and/or a Leadership Consultant, ensuring at least one GFO or Leadership Consultant is in attendance.
- * Provide the names of 10 potential advisors to the Regional Chief, District Chief, and Leadership Consultant by November 1st, 2011.
- * Provide introductions between the Regional Chief, District Chief, and Leadership Consultant and the potential advisory board members.
- * Apply for and utilize the Men of Principle scholarship every year.
- * Have a minimum of five people attend the 2012 Keystone Regional Conference recruitment track.
- * Have a minimum of five people attend Leadership Development Opportunities provided by the General Fraternity, not including the Keystone Regional Conference.
- * The colony needs to be reviewed at the 173rd General Convention within the Charters Committee.

The motion was seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 54 for and 37 opposed, and the colony at Eastern Illinois University was not awarded a charter by this Convention.

Brother Haile directed that all delegates be readmitted to the Convention Hall and an announcement was made as to the decision of the Convention.

Brother Haile called upon the Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence, Panel 1 to continue the committee's report.

Brother Ringer continued the report of the committee and briefed the delegates on the second issue that was under consideration by the committee. An amendment to the Code had been proposed to the effect that Article V Section 3, and Article VI Section 1 be amended to add an undergraduate member to the Board of Trustees of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

This ex officio member would be appointed by the Chairman, and would serve a term of one year. The proposed undergraduate member was to have been a former Chapter President, and would not be able to serve both offices concurrently. It was the recommendation of the committee that there were a number of unresolved issues with this proposed amendment, to include the fact that it was too ambiguous, presented challenges with logistics, limited the potential numbers of candidates, did not adequately delineate the composition of the board, and other factors that were not sufficiently addressed or resolved. It was the recommendation of both the Board of Trustees and the committee that this matter be tabled indefinitely. A motion was made to that effect. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The delegates voted to not change the composition of the Board of Trustees as it currently stands.

The Convention President thanked the committee for its report.

Brother Haile next called on the Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence Panel 2 to make its initial report.

Committee Chairman Daniel Beaulieu, *Northeastern '12*, informed the Convention that his committee was charged with adopting a resolution to the Board of Trustees to inform their decision making regarding the role of advisors. The resolution is below:

“Section 1. Advisory Team

It shall be the duty of the advisory team to provide guidance and support at a local level aimed at ensuring the chapter is implementing effective strategies to maintain Beta Theta Pi’s purpose as an organization.

Section 2. Advisory Team Eligibility and Role

(a) Have the District Chief work with the Chapter Counselor to find adequate and qualified advisors for the chapter.

(b) All advisors must be trained per policy and available resources, and must take advantage of in person training every two years.

(c) All advisory team members will be required to participate in their respective advisory role training if applicable.

(d) Advisory team members will need to interact with the undergraduates a minimum of three times per month.

Section 3. *Accountability*

(a) If at any point the chapter advisory team members are unable to fulfill the duties of his/her position, he/she will be removed from that role.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Chapter Counselor to conduct annual evaluations of the advisory team and submit said evaluations to the District Chief.”

A motion was made to accept the recommendations of the committee. The motion was seconded. Discussion was closed. The motion passed.

Brother Beaulieu continued with the second issue under consideration of the committee, a proposed Resolution regarding the statement of position on Drug Abuse.

It was the conclusion of both the Board of Trustees and the committee that the proposed amendment is largely a restatement of the “Statement on Drug Abuse” as adopted by the 147th General Convention and adds no substantive changes to the Code as it is simply a resolution. Both the Board of Trustees and the committee recommended that the proposal be tabled indefinitely.

A motion was made and seconded that the recommendation of the committee be voted upon.

A discussion followed that was debated back and forth between those supporting and those opposed to the proposed resolution. Finally, the question was called. A second was heard. A vote was taken. The motion failed.

Brother Haile thanked the committee for its report.

Brother Haile called upon the Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence Panel 3 to make its report.

Committee Chairman Aaron Moore, *Wittenburg '12*, informed the Convention that his committee was first charged with reviewing a proposed amendment regarding the elimination of the Song Leader. The thought process involved was that there appeared to be little benefit to naming both a Chorister and a Song Leader in our Code. Therefore Section 5 is proposed to be modified to remove the title of Song Leader. A motion was made to that effect. It was seconded. Discussion was closed. A simple majority vote would decide the issue. A vote was taken. The motion passed.

Brother Moore continued with the committee's report and informed the Convention that the second charge to his committee was to consider a proposal to introduce an amendment to the Code to increase the minimum academic standard for our chapters and colonies. The proposed amendment was to modify the scholarship requirement from the current 2.7 or greater on a four point grading scale to 3.0 or greater on a four point grading scale or the

chapter's all-men's average (whichever is less). A motion was made to that effect. The motion was seconded. There followed a lengthy and passionate debate both for and against the proposal. Finally, the question was called. A second was heard. Debate was ended and a roll call vote was taken. The motion failed.

Brother Haile thanked the Chairman and the committee for its report.

Brother Haile directed the Secretary to conduct a roll call of the assembled delegates.

Brother Haile called upon the General Secretary, Administrative Secretary, Floor Managers, and Marshal for announcements.

Brother Haile recessed the Convention until 9:15 PM later this evening. The session was concluded.

Brother Haile called the fourth and final session of the 172nd General Convention to order shortly after 9:15 PM.

Brother Haile directed Brother Swearingen to conduct a visual roll call. Satisfied that there was a quorum present, the Secretary recommended that the Convention proceed.

Brother Haile again called on the Committee on Credentials and Registration to make their final report.

Brother Turner continued the committee's report and submitted the following data: There are 576 total people registered and present. This includes 109 total delegates. Of this number, 92 are in attendance with voting privileges; 7 are not in attendance with voting privileges; 17 are in attendance without voting privileges; and 4 are not in attendance without voting privileges. Additionally, we have 203 Leadership College participants and facilitators; 36 General Fraternity Officers; and 224 alumni and guests attending the Alumni Symposium.

The Convention President thanked the Chairman and his committee for their reports.

Brother Haile called on the Committee on Chapters Panel 4 to make their initial report.

Committee Chairman Murphy Turner, *Mississippi '12* began his report by informing the Convention that his committee was charged with reaching a consensus regarding the Lambda Colony at the University of Michigan, the Upsilon Colony at the University of South Carolina, and the Beta Zeta Colony at St Lawrence University.

First, regarding the Lambda Colony at the University of Michigan, it was the recommendation of the committee that there be no change in status. The committee recommended the following directives:

- * Send 10 men or 20% of the chapter—whichever is less—to at least three different Leadership Development opportunities; at least two must be sponsored by Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. This does not include Keystone participation.
- * Aggressively recruit and maintain chapter membership equal to or greater than the average fraternity chapter size for the campus and not less than 20 members while initiating 85% of pledges.
- * Maintain 100% involvement of the chapter membership in at least one community organization, campus activity, or employment outside the chapter.
- * Work with the Housing Corporation to development an agreement for risk management policies for non-Betas living in the chapter house.
- * Develop a method for rebuilding and maintaining contact with recent alumni.
- * Prepare a comprehensive plan in order to petition for charter at the 173rd General Convention.

A motion was made to accept the recommendations of the committee. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was passed.

Brother Turner continued the report of the committee and next discussed the Upsilon Colony at the University of South Carolina. The committee recommended no change in status. In addition, the committee recommended the following:

- * Send 10 men or 20% of the chapter – whichever is less – to at least three different

Leadership Development opportunities; at least two must be sponsored by Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. This does not include Keystone participation.

- * Aggressively recruit and maintain chapter membership equal to or greater than the average fraternity chapter size for the campus and not less than 20 members.

- * Maintain 100% involvement of the chapter membership in at least one community organization, campus activity, or employment outside the chapter.

- * Prepare a comprehensive plan in order to petition for charter at the 173rd General Convention.

A motion was made to accept the recommendations of the committee. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Brother Turner lastly considered the committee's discussion of the Beta Zeta Colony at St. Lawrence University. The committee recommended that there be no change in status. In addition, the committee recommended the following:

- * Submit a written copy of the new member program to District Chief Bruce Fein, *Colgate '84*, for certification under the Positive Pledge Education Assessment by August 31st, 2011.

- * Send a delegate to the General Convention annually.

- * Send a full delegation of officers to the Keystone Regional Leadership Conference annually.

In the event that Keystone is cancelled, reallocate all refunded costs to other Fraternity sponsored Leadership Development programs.

- * Work with General Fraternity Officers and Administrative Office staff to place an advisory team by January 1st, 2012.

- * Must be in contact with the District Chief, Leadership Consultant, and advisors every two weeks.

A motion was made to accept the recommendations of the committee. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Brother Haile thanked the committee and its chairman for their report.

Brother Haile called upon the Committee on Chapters Panel 5 to give its report.

Brother Shane Rumbaugh, *Washington & Jefferson '12*, stated to the Convention that his committee was charged with reviewing the Epsilon Kappa Chapter at Colorado State University, the Alpha Alpha Chapter at Columbia University, and the Zeta Tau Chapter at Saint Louis University.

Brother Rumbaugh started the committee's report by first considering the Epsilon Kappa Chapter at Colorado State University. The committee recommended the following:

- * The chapter was to work with District Chief Brett Rundle, *Kansas State '06*, to recruit a Pledge Education Advisor by December 1st, 2011.

- * Recruit and maintain chapter membership equal to or greater than the average fraternity chapter size for the campus and not less than 20 members by the 173rd General Convention.

* If the chapter has no outstanding debt by June 1st, 2012, and has a membership at or larger than 20 members then the chapter's status is upgraded to Good Standing. Until June 1st, 2012, Colorado State's status shall be changed from Suspended to Probation.

A motion was made to approve the recommendations of the committee. A motion was seconded. Considerable discussion ensued, and several motions and amendments were made, and seconded, discussed, and voted on.

Recommendation 1 was approved. Recommendation 2 was approved. Recommendation 3 was modified to change the chapter's status from Suspended to Probation, and it was left up to the discretion of the District Chief to make further status changes if and when circumstances regarding the chapter's finances change.

Brother Rumbaugh continued with the committee's report and presented the committee's recommendations regarding the Alpha Alpha Chapter at Columbia University. The committee recommended that there be no change in status. In addition, the committee recommended the following:

* The chapter must send a delegation of no fewer than 10 different men to General Fraternity Leadership Development opportunities in the 2011-2012 academic year.

* Submit a written pledge program for approval of the District Chief on time using the Positive Pledge Education Assessment.

* The chapter will create a membership agreement form outlining the expectations of membership. The agreement must include clear adherence to the risk management policy of Beta Theta Pi. All membership agreement forms will be completed and submitted to the District Chief by September 15th, 2011.

* Bi-weekly contact with their Leadership Consultant so that the chapter has more contact with the General Fraternity.

* If all directives are not followed or any deadlines for any paperwork due to the General Fraternity are not met, the chapter's status will be downgraded to "On Warning."

A motion was made to approve the report of the committee. A second was heard. There followed considerable discussion, additional motions and amendments, and voting.

Recommendation 1 was modified to exclude Keystone participation from the requirement for 10 Leadership Development opportunities. Recommendations 2-5 were approved.

Brother Rumbaugh continued with the committee's report and began discussions on the Zeta Tau Chapter at Saint Louis University. The committee recommended no immediate change in status. In addition, the committee recommended the following:

* The chapter is to complete any uncompleted directives given to them by District Chief Lucas Siron, *Saint Louis '04*, from his October 2010 report.

* On September 11th, 2011, pending additional directives from the advisory committee and the District Chief, the chapter's status will be upgraded to "On Probation."

A motion was made to approve the recommendations of the committee. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed by the required amount.

Brother Haile thanked the committee for its report.

Brother Haile called on the Committee on General Fraternity Finance to present its report.

Brother Christian Campos, *California, Santa Barbara '12*, presented the committee's report to the Convention. The committee met with General Treasurer Michael Feinstein, *MIT '82*, and accepted his report on the state of the Fraternity's finances. It is the recommendation of the committee that the Convention accept and approve the report.

A motion was made that the report of the committee be approved. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Brother Haile thanked the committee for its report.

Brother Haile called for a motion that the rules of the Convention be suspended and the Convention move into a Committee of the Whole. A motion was made to that effect. A second was made. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Brother Haile called upon Committee of the Whole Chairman Jim Strilesky, *British Columbia* '72, to report to the podium to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

Brother Strilesky began the session by explaining the meaning and the intent of the Committee of the Whole and presided over the session.

Brother Haile thanked the Committee Chairman for his presiding over the business of the committee and directed the Convention to the business at hand.

Brother Haile invited General Fraternity President Houser to come forward and conduct the Mystic Shrine Ceremony.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Brother Houser invited Convention President Haile, to come forward to be recognized.

Brother Houser then invited Convention Marshal Kostelecky and Convention Committee of the Whole Chairman Strilesky to come forward and be recognized.

Brother Houser then invited Convention Parliamentarian Schwartz and Convention Secretary Swearingen to come forward and be recognized.

General Secretary Schmidt offered his thanks to the delegates for making the Convention a success and delivered his parting remarks.

Brother Haile called upon the Convention Secretary to conduct a final verbal roll call.

Brother Haile then called on the General Secretary, Administrative Secretary, Floor Managers, and Convention Marshal for final announcements.

Convention President Haile adjourned the 172nd General Convention sine die.