

# LEGISLATION RECAP 172<sup>nd</sup> General Convention

## CONVENTION OFFICERS

The 172<sup>nd</sup> General Convention took place in Bellevue, Washington from July 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 with the following individuals serving the Fraternity as General Convention Officers throughout the experience:

- Ted S. Haile, *Georgia Tech '75* (President)
- Ben M. Swartz, *Connecticut '02* (Parliamentarian)
- Yancey G. Swearingen, *Alabama '67* (Secretary)
- Jim M. Strilesky, *British Columbia '72* (Committee of the Whole)
- Jason Kostelecky, *Eastern Washington '02* (Head Marshal)

## CHARTERS

- Southern Methodist University was granted their charter and received a Knox Award
- Eastern Illinois was denied their charter based on deficiencies in recruitment and finances

## CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE

- Delegates voted in favor of eliminating the song leader from The Code of Beta Theta Pi
- Delegates passed a resolution to the board regarding the role of advisors
- Delegates passed a change to The Code of Beta Theta Pi regarding time and place of Convention
  
- Delegates voted against an increase in chapter GPA requirement from a 2.7 to a 3.0 or the campus' AMA
- Delegates voted against changes to the structure of the Board of Trustees
- Delegates voted against changes to the Appendix regarding the Fraternity's position on drugs

\*\*Please see the appendix below for specific details regarding changes or additions

## GENERAL FRATERNITY OFFICERS

The 172<sup>nd</sup> General Convention saw the departure of General Fraternity President, Tom Purinton, *Kansas State '63*, and the election of the following individuals to the Board of Trustees:

- Doug G. Houser, *Willamette '57* (General Fraternity President)
- Dr. Scott J. Allen, *Minnesota '95* (Vice President)
- Chris Conabee, *Utah '89* (Vice President)

## CHAPTER REVIEWS

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| • Centre       | • Kentucky           | • St. Lawrence   |
| • Denver       | • Penn State         | • Colorado State |
| • Furman       | • Maryland           | • Columbia       |
| • Hanover      | • Michigan           | • St. Louis      |
| • Iowa State   | • Washington and Lee |                  |
| • Northeastern | • South Carolina     |                  |

All Regional and District Chiefs have been contacted with more information regarding chapter reviews that pertained to chapters in their corresponding region/district.

## RESOLUTION REGARDING ADVISORS

### **Section 1. Advisory Team:**

- a) 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 volunteers 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

## CHANGES TO TIME AND PLACE OF CONVENTION

- 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 and or place of Convention must be changed, the Board of Trustees will send notification immediately, and follow up when the alternative is finalized."

## ELIMINATION OF SONG LEADER

SECTION 5. Historian; Archivist; Chorister; ~~Song Leader~~: The General Secretary, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, may appoint a Historian, Archivist, and a Chorister and a ~~Song Leader~~, as necessary, with their prescribed duties and responsibilities outlined in their letter of appointment and the Code of Beta Theta Pi, subject, however, to the authority of the General Secretary except as may be otherwise provided for in the Laws of the Fraternity; and, with the same approval, shall have authority to provide such additional assistants as may be necessary for the proper performance of his duties.