

NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE
Provincial Council Meeting
Minneapolis Marriott City Center, Ballroom A
March 8, 2003

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm, CST.

II. Roll call of delegates

Present:

Delta	Theta Tau
Epsilon	Iota Lambda
Xi	Kappa Sigma
Alpha Delta	Kappa Upsilon
Alpha Epsilon	Kappa Phi
Alpha Eta	Lambda Omicron
Alpha Iota	Mu Phi
Alpha Omega	Mu Psi
Gamma Eta	Nu Tau
Gamma Theta	Chicago Alumni Chapter
Gamma Kappa	Northeast Indiana Alumni Chapter
Gamma Pi	Indianapolis Alumni Chapter
Delta Rho	Milwaukee Alumni Chapter
Delta Tau	Twin Cities Alumni Chapter
Epsilon Iota	Central Regional Vice President
Epsilon Xi	Great Lakes Regional Vice President
Zeta Xi	Great Plains Regional Vice President
Eta Mu	Huron Regional Vice President
Eta Pi	North Central Provincial Vice President
Eta Rho	

Absent:

Upsilon	Kappa Omega
Alpha Pi	Lambda Xi
Epsilon Omicron	Northwest Indiana Alumni Chapter
Epsilon Omega	Lincoln/Greater Nebraska Alumni Chapter
Iota Sigma	
Iota Chi	

Excused

North Central Regional Vice President

III. Adopt agenda

Motion by: Huron Regional Vice President

Seconded by: Kappa Phi

The vote passed unanimously.

IV. Approve the minutes of the previous Council meeting

Motion by: Twin Cities Alumni Chapter

Seconded by: North Central Provincial Vice President

The vote passed unanimously.

V. Review votes taken since the last meeting

No votes have been taken since the last meeting.

VI. Report of the Provincial Vice President, Peter Bjelan

Some of Pete's activities include:

- August 2002 board meeting
- North Central regional
- LEAD in Indianapolis in October 2002
- Joint founders' day celebration in Chicago in November 2002
- Joint initiation in Evansville, IN
- Sacramento Alumni Chapter holiday party in December 2002
- Provincial leadership retreat in January 2003
- Halsey invitational volleyball/basketball tournament in January 2003
- February 2003 board meeting
- Southeastern Provincial Conference in February 2003

The upcoming events that Pete has tentatively scheduled to attend:

- CAC volleyball tournament on April 5
- Initiation of new chapter Xi Chi on April 12 in Milwaukee
- Epsilon Omega tournament
- Kappa Phi chapter's 20th anniversary on May 3 in Valparaiso, IN
- Annual CAC golf outing, dinner and elections in June
- Last, but certainly not least GCC in Palm Springs on August 13-17.

Status on Provincial Goals:

- Get leadership in place: One Regional Vice President resigned; the position was filled with Chris Miller. Nick George replaced Katie Walicki who had moved to Arizona. Pete and the Regional Vice Presidents have been able to get most of the District Director positions filled. Dale posted an ad on the website to solicit for volunteers and received responses from several interested people. The potential District Directors will meet with the chapters to see if they will be a fit.
- Expansion: The colony in Milwaukee (who is currently not here because they are preparing for initiation ceremony) will be activated on April 12. Delta, Gamma Pi and Alpha Omega to help with ritual team; most of the roles come from the collegiates. Also, the fraternity received a letter of intent to reactivate the Zeta chapter at Northwestern in Evanston.

Based on the new changes to the CEI system, chapters do not need 100 CEI points to apply for awards for this year because of the growing pains with new system. If the chapters do encounter problems with the new system, let the Central Office, your Regional Vice President or the Provincial Vice President know so they can answer any questions the chapters might have.

Provincial Committees:

- The new Community Service Chairperson is Katie Freedman.

- The new Alumni Development Chairperson is Laurie Alexander
- Shawn O'Neal remains as the Professional Development Chairperson
- Becky Gradl remains as the Scholastic Development and Awards Chairperson
- Disciplinary Committee Chairperson is Peter Bjelan

There are currently no serious discipline issues in the province. There have been 4-5 letters of concern dealing with pledge retention and low membership. There have been no risk management issues.

VII. Regional Vice Presidents' Reports

Central Regional Vice President, Chris Miller:

No problems to report. He is still trying to get everything figured out.

Great Lakes Regional Vice President, Nick George:

No problems to report. He is still trying to get acclimated. He is excited about the activation of the new Milwaukee chapter.

Huron Regional Vice President, Susan Pratt:

Thanks to the chapters for coming out and driving 12 hours!! Great job region. 2 new District Directors. A committee is being formed for a scholarship for the Huron region (\$1000 scholarship to be endowed by the next meeting)—she looking for help from the collegiates and alumni, so please donate to get the scholarship endowed.

Great Plains Regional Vice President, Kerry Davis:

Everything is going well. The region has some strong chapters; only one chapter concern with low CEI. Kerry is not rerunning for Regional Vice President. Alumni: please consider running for the position at Grand Chapter Congress.

North Central Regional Vice President, Amy Briggs:

Given by Peter Bjelan, Provincial Vice President. Pete would not let Amy resign (as she has been called to active military duty), so Missy Ekern is filling in for Amy as a subject matter expert until her term ends in August.

VIII. Provincial Financial Report

See Appendix A for the budget.

- The Provincial Vice President budget remains the same
- The Regional Vice President budgets have changed only slightly; the Great Lakes Regional Vice President is now allocated more money due to having a colony that will soon be a chapter.
- The Province leadership meeting is because Pete meets with the Regional Vice Presidents 2 times per year.
- Oxford retreat allotment is a leadership retreat in Oxford, OH for all board members and RVP's after elections at Grand Chapter Congress. The money is allocated this year because it is a Congress year. The money for the Oxford retreat came from the Other section.
- The budget for a colony is zero since the colony in the region will soon become a chapter.
- The money under Other was previously allocated for a provincial banner, but won't be needed in 2003-2004 because we are in process of getting one

- The conference surpluses from last year were rolled back into the province and used to supplement this year's conference fees. Shanda has worked out some details with the hotel so we minimize losses on this year's conference, otherwise the loss gets assigned back to the chapters.

IX. Provincial Committee Reports

Professional Development Committee:

Given by the Provincial Vice President

- Shawn will be running the educational programming of the Provincial Conferences and the LEAD Schools in the future.
- He will be reviewing the surveys from the Provincial Conference to see what people liked and didn't like about the sessions
- He will also be developing national officer training (similar to the old OTIS) from a volunteer stand point. These may not be part of a LEAD, but may be held locally to get people training in different parts of the regions. These will focus on talking about what it takes and time commitments.

Scholastic Development and Awards Committee:

- The Committee only received a total of 10 awards from all 5 regions last year
- The Committee would like to see at least one application from each region for each type of award.
- Please apply for awards

X. Old business

None

XI. New business

Bylaw and Policy Proposal Discussion and Voting

Amendment 1: Change the name of the Southeastern Province to Southern Province

Discussion:

Provincial Vice President: The proposal passed at Southeastern provincial conference

Huron Regional Vice President: Questioning why they want to change their name.

Provincial Vice President yields the floor to 2002 Collegian of the Year, Kevin McLean: It was their idea to distinguish between the Southeastern region and the province.

The amendment passes unanimously

Amendment 2: Allow Regional Vice President candidates to live "within reasonable distance" of the region they seek to serve

Discussion:

Provincial Vice President: At Grand Chapter Congress in Houston in 1999 a Regional Vice President was elected and the person did not live within the region but worked in the region—the person had to be removed from office. The proposal is vague. What is a "reasonable distance"?
Great Lakes Regional Vice President: Nick lives in Indiana in the Great Lakes Region and works in Ohio which is not in the region.

Iota Lambda: Motion to amend.

Provincial Vice President: Point of information - The proposal cannot be amended

Gamma Theta: Questioning if the council should table the motion.

Chancellor: The purpose of voting is just to get an opinion vote.

Provincial Vice President: The vote is not to accept or adopt the amendment.

Gamma Theta: Call the question.

The motion passes by a majority.

The amendment fails unanimously.

Amendment 3: Remove fixed initiation fee amounts for Honorary and Faculty initiates from the Bylaws...

Discussion:

Provincial Vice President: There are currently different initiation fees for Honorary and Faculty initiates. The board feels the fees should be the same. The fees are in the Bylaws and because of that can only be changed at a GCC. The board wants the flexibility to be able to change the fees without having to vote at GCC. The board plans to set the fees to \$30. This amendment is just putting guidelines on the fees.

The amendment passes unanimously.

Amendment 4: Allow chapters on receivership to be “in good standing”...

The amendment passes unanimously.

Amendment 5: Add a list of duties of membership to the Bylaws

The amendment fails by a majority.

Amendment 6: Election of Pledges for Large Chapters

Discussion:

Chicago Alumni Chapter: Move to amend the proposal to change the words “District Director” to “Provincial Vice President”.

The amendment to the amendment passes by a majority. Words “district director” now replaced with “Provincial Vice President”.

Additional Discussion:

***Chancellor:* The 15 minute discussion period has elapsed.**

Motion by the Provincial Vice President to extend the discussion period another 15 minutes.

Seconded by: Delta Tau

Motion for further discussion passed unanimously.

Second Discussion Period:

***Delta Tau:* Propose to change the wording: strike “more than 65 members constitute the quorum and” and replaced with “Should greater than or equal to 65 prospective pledges be brought before the chapter”**

***Chicago Alumni:* Seconds the change**

Discussion on the proposed change:

Lambda Omicron: Motion to change the wording to “should a chapter consist of more than x number”

The amendment to the amendment passes by a majority.

Epsilon: motion to remove "said" word
Passed

Call the question
Passed

The amendment as amended passes by a majority and now reads

Should greater than or equal to 65 prospective pledges be brought before the chapter, and it is deemed by the chapter president that if voting is conducted in the manner described in Section 10, the process may not be completed in due time, the chapter may follow an alternative process previously deemed by the chapter's Provincial Vice President to expedite the method without decreasing the integrity of the voting or vote-counting process

Motion to vote on the budget: Provincial Vice President
Seconded by: Huron Regional Vice President
No discussion
Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to give the Provincial Vice President the leniency to adjust budget: Provincial Vice President
Seconded by: Chicago Alumni Chapter
No discussion
Motion passes unanimously.

XII. Legislative review (for Grand Chapter Congress)

Provincial Vice President: We had some good discussion today. Please review these proposals with the members of your chapter.

XIII. Determine the date and location choices for 2005 Annual Meeting

The proposed choices are Indianapolis and Chicago-land
Chicago is first choice and Indianapolis is second

Motion to suspend the meeting: Huron Regional Vice President
Seconded by: Gamma Theta
Meeting suspended at 3:42 pm, CST
Meeting reconvened at 3:52 pm, CST

Provincial Vice President: We are looking at February for possible dates

Epsilon: Midterms are at the end of February

Gamma Theta: Questioning if everyone's spring breaks are in March

Epsilon: February 18-20 would be the best, then February 11-13, and third is February 25-27

Per majority agreement: the dates for the 2005 Provincial are:

First is February 18-20, second February 11-13, and third is February 25-27

XIV. General announcements

Provincial Vice President: Good discussion, everyone.

Upcoming Chapter Events (please contact the individual chapters for more details if you are interested in attending):

- *Kappa Upsilon* (Winona State University, Winona, MN): April 12 is the banquet for the chapter's anniversary
- *Mu Psi* (Iowa State University, Ames, IA): March 29 is the banquet for the chapter's 10th anniversary
- *Kappa Phi* (Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN): May 3rd is the banquet for the chapter's 20th anniversary
- *Mu Phi* (Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw, MI): May 31st the chapter is sponsoring a golf scramble followed by a steak dinner for \$45
- *Gamma Eta* (University of Nebraska – Omaha, Omaha, NE): March 13-15 Bill Tatum will be at the chapter speaking
- *Gamma Theta* (Wayne State University, Detroit, MI): May 2nd the chapter is having a party in White Lake, MI food and dancing are free.

Eta Rho: Thanks everyone for your support with the volleyball/basketball tournament.

Huron Regional Vice President: Congratulations to Kerry Davis, Great Plains Regional Vice President, on your engagement. Kerry is getting married on August 9, 2003 and honeymooning at Grand Chapter Congress!!

XV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Zeta Xi

Seconded by: Indianapolis Alumni Chapter

Motion passes unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm, CST.

Signed:

North Central Provincial Vice President
Peter G. Bjelan

North Central Recording Secretary
Becky Gradl

Appendix A:

**International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi
North Central Provincial Budget
Statement of Budget and Expenses
Report prepared as of 02/19/03**

Description	2002 – 2003	2003 – 2004
1. North Central Provincial Vice President	\$2,000	\$2,000
<i>Regional Vice President Individual Travel Budgets</i>		
2. Central	\$1,125	\$1,125
3. Great Lakes ³	\$1,250	\$1,375
4. Great Plains	\$875	\$875
5. Huron	\$875	\$875
6. North Central	\$750	\$750
7. Historical Province Leadership Meeting	\$1,500	\$1,500
8. Oxford Leadership Retreat Travel Allotment ² (air, parking, mileage – for PVP and RVPs)	\$0	\$1,500
9. Provincial Conference/Leadership Retreat Travel	\$1,000	\$0
10. Speculative Colony	\$125	\$0
11. Other ¹	\$500	\$0
TOTAL PROVINCIAL EXPENSES	\$10,000	\$10,000

1 "Other and known line item surpluses" may be used at the discretion of the Provincial Vice President for use within the province for province-related purposes, unless otherwise designated by the Provincial Council.

2 Retreat Line reduced by \$100 as provincial budget only allocates \$10,000 total.

3. Based on approval of petition for Nu Beta Phi colony