

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION OF THE 174th ANIVERSARY OF THE DELTA UPSILON INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

The Undergraduate Convention of the 174th Anniversary of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity was held at the Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas, USA, on Thursday July 31, 2008, pursuant to the notice and according to the Fraternity's Constitution and By-Laws.

Call to Order and Welcome

Convention Chairman Douglas R. Massengill, *North Carolina State '10*, called the 174th Anniversary Convention to order at 9:12 CDT.

Song – “Delta Upsilon Ode”

Brother Massengill called on Brother Adam Sessa, *San Jose '10*, to lead the Convention in singing “*The Delta Upsilon Ode*.”

During the singing of “The Delta Upsilon Ode” to open the convention, Brother Jordan Youkilis, *Indiana '11* was privileged as the bearer of the Convention Bannerette. *Note: Beginning at the 2003 Leadership Institute, a new tradition was initiated in which 2' x 3' bannerettes were produced, one each for the Convention and the Assembly. The tradition was established that the youngest and the oldest DU brothers at the conference would respectively enter the Convention & Assembly, bearing bannerettes, symbolizing the opening of the session. The bannerettes are hung on poles, held outright by dowel rods. The Convention Bannerette is posted at stage right during the Convention and the Assembly Bannerette at stage left during the Assembly, each representing their positions on the Fraternity's Coat of Arms. The bearers then take their leave once the bannerettes are posted. The bannerettes are then posted once again, concurrently, during the Grand Banquet ceremony at the close of the conference.*

Fraternity Oath

Brother Massengill called upon Brother Matthew Nance, *DePauw '10* to lead the Convention in reciting the Delta Upsilon Oath.

Introduction of Convention Officers and Committees

Brother Massengill then introduced the elected officers of the 174th Anniversary Convention being Secretary Kyle Gilson, *Manitoba '09*, Records of the Convention Kyle Solberg, *Iowa State '10*, and Robert Losco, *Iona '10*, and himself as Chairman of the Convention. He then announced that Brother Aaron Clevenger, *Central Florida '97*, was appointed as Parliamentarian and Convention Advisor.

Brother Massengill introduced the members of the Undergraduate Advisory Board:

Kyle Gilson, *Manitoba '09* – Canadian Conference
Robert Losco, *Iona '10* – Province 1
David Munroe, *Western Ontario '10* – Province 2
Gabe Rivera, *Lafayette '10* – Province 3
Doug R. Massengill, *North Carolina State '10* – Province 4
Kevin Friis, *Western Reserve '09* – Province 5
Matthew Nance, *DePauw* – Province 6
Jeff Kauther, *Bradley '10* – Province 7
Tim Domcik, *Michigan Tech '09* – Province 8
Kyle Solberg, *Iowa State '10* – Province 9
Derek McKinney, *Kansas State '10* – Province 10
Lucas Evers, *Houston '10* – Province 11
Cameron Anderson, *Oregon State* – Province 12
Adam Sessa, *San Jose '10* – Province 13

Brother Massengill then introduced the members of special and standing committees of the Convention.

Credentials:

Clint M. Dworshak, *North Dakota State '00 – Chairman*
Kyle D. Solberg, *Iowa State '10*
Timothy W. Domcik, *Michigan Tech '09*
Jeremy S. Ruth, *Houston '08*
Derek R. McKinney, *Kansas State '10*
Chumley W.C. Hodgson, *Carthage '10*
Michael P. Beeman, *DePauw '09*
Ian M. Areces, *Rochester '06*

Legislation:

Phillip G. Ranford, *Culver-Stockton '00, Chairman*
Lucas K. Evers, *Houston '10*
Gabriel M. Rivera, *Lafayette '10*
Jeffrey J. Czerniak, *Iowa State '08*
Robert A. Losco, *Central Florida '07*
Andrew T. Andrian-Karlin, *Western Reserve '09*
Matthew C. Nance, *DePauw '10*

Report of the Credentials Committee

Brother Massengill next called upon Timothy W. Domcik, *Michigan Tech '09* of the Credentials Committee for the report of the Credentials Committee.

According to the By-Laws, Article III, Section 1, "Each Undergraduate Chapter chartered by the Fraternity shall be in good standing with the Fraternity, except during any period in which: (a) the Chapter is in reorganization under the direction of a reorganization committee; (b) the Chapter's charter and any or all of its operations are suspended by the Board of Directors; (c) the Chapter's charter is revoked and its operations dissolved by the Board of Directors; or (d) the Chapter is four months or more late in paying any fees, dues or assessments due to the Fraternity."

Further, Article IV, Section 2 states: "Delegates representing a majority of the Undergraduate Chapters that are in good standing with the Fraternity shall constitute a quorum of the Convention."

The Credentials Committee has met these past two days reviewing each Chapter's situation. In many cases the individual delegations met directly with the Committee. The following Chapters are so cited by the Credentials Committee as not being in Good Standing:"

Chapters Due to Reorganization Status: Alberta, Northwestern, Kent State, Washington
Chapters Due to Suspension Status: Clarkson, Fresno

Call of the Roll of Chapters

Brother Massengill reported on the requirement for quorum. He stated that there were 73 chapters of Delta Upsilon, with 67 of those chapters in good standing; therefore, the quorum for the Convention would be 34 chapters in attendance.

Brother Massengill then called on Brothers Solberg and Losco, Recorders of the Convention, to call the roll of Chapters. The following chapters responded:

Alberta	Cornell	Kansas State
Arlington	Culver-Stockton	Lehigh
Bradley	DePauw	Louisville
Bucknell	Fresno	Manitoba
Cal Poly	Florida	Michigan
California	Georgia Tech	Michigan Tech
Carthage	Houston	Missouri
Central Florida	Iona	Nebraska
Clarkson	Iowa State	North Carolina

North Carolina State
North Dakota
North Dakota State
North Florida
Northwestern
Ohio State
Oregon

Oregon State
Pacific
Pan American
Pennsylvania
Purdue
Rochester
Technology

Tufts
Washington
Washington State
Western Illinois
Western Ontario
Western Reserve
Wichita

The recorders reported that delegates representing 48 chapters responded, 42 of which were in good standing. A sufficient number of chapters were present for a quorum of the Convention.

Minutes of the Convention of the 173rd Anniversary of Delta Upsilon

A motion was made to read and approve the minutes of the 173rd Anniversary of the Convention. The motion was unanimously passed, that the Convention waive the reading of the minutes of the 173rd Anniversary of the Convention, and approve those minutes as printed and distributed.

ADOPTION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed, that the Convention approve the Order of Business as proposed in the agenda.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman of the Board of Directors William L. Messick, *Lafayette '68*, then exhorted those in attendance to enjoy the weekend of brotherhood as we move toward our 175th anniversary to be celebrated in Albany, New York, in 2009. Our current planning and steps of progress signal a future of promise for all future DU brothers.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER - *attached to these minutes*

REPORT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE ADVISORY BOARD

Brother Douglas R Massengill, *North Carolina State '10* Chairman of the Undergraduate Advisory Board stated that the top priorities of the UGAB were:

- To reassure that the UGAB is here for active chapters to communicate with IHQ
- UGAB is to represent the views and concerns of the undergraduates
- The RLS is our main responsibility

Brother Massengill then set a challenge to all undergraduate chapters to talk about change in the Fraternity and communicate with UGAB Representatives.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Brother Massengill stated that there was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Brother Massengill asked if there was new business to be considered. There was none.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Brother Kyle A. Rogers, *North Carolina '09* presented the following report:

WHEREAS, The Fraternity has established DU Colonies this past year at the University of Northern Illinois, the University of Texas at San Antonio, Shippensburg University and Webster University, and
WHEREAS, the colonies are an essential and important part of the Fraternity's growth,
NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, this Convention in the 174th year of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity congratulates our newest colonies on their invitation to become chapters of the Fraternity and welcomes the associated men to the Brotherhood of Delta Upsilon.

WHEREAS, Brother J. Robert Cade, *Florida '45*, brought honor and distinction to Delta Upsilon with his internationally known achievements; and
WHEREAS, as the inventor of the sports beverage **Gatorade**, he was regarded as one of the icons of our time,
NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, this Convention in the 174th year of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity expresses its deepest sympathies and sincere regrets, and recognizes that his passing is an enormous loss to the Brotherhood.

WHEREAS, The 2008 Olympic Games will be conducted in August, 2008 in Beijing, China, and
WHEREAS, Delta Upsilon will be represented by its own DU athletes, and
WHEREAS, the Fraternity supports and encourages our United States and Canadian athletes in this worldly contest,
NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, this Convention in the 174th year of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity expresses its sincere best wishes for a safe journey, safe competition and best of luck to all of our national athletes in the Olympic games.

WHEREAS, The Fraternity recognizes the sacrifice and service of its brothers serving in the armed services, and
WHEREAS, many DU brothers have served or continued to serve in the Middle East, and
WHEREAS, DU recognizes all of its brothers who are military veterans in the US and Canada, and
WHEREAS, these brothers embody our Four Founding Principles while protecting our civil liberties and democracy, and
NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, this Convention in the 174th year of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity expresses its sincere gratitude to these brothers for their selfless devotion and personal sacrifices, and its wish that they continue to stay out of harm's way.

WHEREAS, The Fraternity is dedicated to the idea of human service, and
WHEREAS, is sympathetic to the victims and families of victims of recent natural disasters and senseless events, and
WHEREAS, the earthquake in China, the Tsunami in Myanmar and other natural disasters, the violence in a number of countries, the shootings at Northern Illinois University and other colleges, the flooding in the Midwest United States caused unprecedented grief and loss of human life,
NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, this Convention in the 174th year of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity expresses its sincere condolences to the people of the World and of the United States who have suffered immeasurable loss in light of these natural disasters and events.

WHEREAS, Brother Michael Opoku, *Iona '07* did recently conclude his service as a member of the Fraternity's Headquarters staff, and
WHEREAS, his tireless efforts have been a tremendous asset to the Fraternity,
NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, this Convention in the 174th year of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity thanks him for his dedication and service to the Fraternity, and offers best wishes in his new career.

WHEREAS, Brother David G. Herzer, *Wisconsin '54* has concluded his service as a member of the Fraternity's Board of Directors, and
WHEREAS, Brothers Keith F. Menezes, *Georgia Tech '08*, and John F. Simpson, *Bradley '08* have completed their terms as Undergraduate Directors,
NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, this Convention in the 174th year of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity expresses its deepest and most sincere thanks for their service to Delta Upsilon, and looks forward to their continued and dedicated involvement following their retirement from the Board of Directors.

WHEREAS, The Delta Upsilon Fraternity congratulates Brothers Bradford S. Grabow, *DePauw '85*, on his nomination to the Fraternity's Board of Directors, and
WHEREAS, the Fraternity also congratulates, Brothers Matthew C. Nance, *DePauw '10* and Adam M. Sessa, *San Jose '10* the newly elected Undergraduate Directors, and
WHEREAS, the Fraternity is grateful for the loyalty and dedication of the continuing Board Members, and,

WHEREAS, the Fraternity is also grateful for the dedicated service of its Province Governors and members of the Undergraduate Advisory Board,
NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, this Convention in the 174th year of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity looks forward to their continued service.

WHEREAS, Delta Upsilon Fraternity welcomes Drew Lurker as its Director of Chapter Development, and,
WHEREAS the Fraternity also welcomes Brother Byron Gilbert, *Central Florida '08* to the Headquarters Staff as a new traveling consultant, and

WHEREAS, the Fraternity enjoys, as part of the headquarters staff, the continued service of Brothers Craig S. Sowell, *Houston '92* and Ian M. Areces, *Rochester '06*, and of Justin Kirk, Andy Bergman, Eric Chamberlain and Jean Lloyd, and the dedicated service of Barbara Harness, Brandy Cole, Jana Cole, Roslyn Riall, Tamara Ault, and Mary Ellen Watts, and a positive working relationship with David R. Schumacher and the staff of the Delta Upsilon Educational Foundation,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, this Convention in the 174th year of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity thanks them for their service and dedication to the Fraternity.

WHEREAS, The Faculty of the Leadership Institute has contributed significantly and profoundly to the leadership development of the Brothers of Delta Upsilon Fraternity; and,
WHEREAS, The International Headquarters Staff contributes a significant amount of time and dedication towards this institute and all other Fraternity programs,
NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, this Convention in the 174th year of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity expresses our sincere gratitude and thanks for their efforts, and,
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this Convention recognizes the importance and necessity of such commitment to the future development of our student and alumni leaders, programs, and chapters.

WHEREAS, the staff of the Hilton Americas - Houston in Houston, Texas has made an outstanding effort to make our stay pleasant,

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, this Convention in the 174th year of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity thanks them for their service and dedication to the Fraternity.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed by a voice vote to approve the Committee Report.

CALL FOR OTHER BUSINESS

Brother Massengill called for any announcements or concluding remarks for the Convention.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the 174th Anniversary Convention. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Kyle S. Gilson, *Manitoba '09*, Secretary of the Convention