



Sigma Theta Epsilon

Pre-Conclave Journal

April 4-6, 2003

St. Louis, MO

Brothers,

Once again it is that time of year that we are preparing for our National Conclave. This year we will be meeting in St. Louis, MO the weekend of April 4-6 at the Holiday Inn-Westport (Address below). The price for non-delegates is \$65, which should be paid to Chris Long (Finance@sigmatheta.org) prior to the date of our event. This fee includes hotel room for Friday and Saturday nights and dinner on Saturday evening. The schedule for the weekend is as follows:

Friday 4/4:

Arrive

Secret Meeting of the Saints TBA

Saturday 4/5:

8:30: Devotion

9:30: Business I (Officer and Chapter reports, Officer Elections)

11:00: Housing Corp. Meeting

12:00: Lunch (on your own)

1:30: Business II (New Business)

4:00: Cabinet Meeting

5:30: Rituals (Officer Installation, Love Feast, Initiation of WVU Chapter) Bring dress clothes for Rituals

6:30: Dinner

8:00: Free time

Sunday 4/6:

9:00: Devotion

9:30: Head home

THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, AND WILL LIKELY CHANGE

Elections

Offices to be elected: Nominees

Vice President: Shannon Wagers

Expansion: Isaac Woodby

Alumni: Justin Evilsizor

Historian: Dave Kohl

Votes of Confidence

President: Chad Burdette

Secretary: Ben Kroger

Finance: Chris Long

IT: Joshua Parsell

Housing Corporation Trustees

2003-2006: Dwight Stephenson

(No vote of confidence required)

2002-2005: Aaron Aldridge

2001-2004: Rob Lombardo

New Business:

Standard Updates

The Following are proposed updates to The Standard. The National Officers support each of these proposals, which are as follows:

Section 1: National Meetings

Current Policy

1.02

The chapter hosting Conclave must not charge any fees to delegates or National Officers without prior permission from the National Cabinet.

Change to

The chapter delegates and National Officers shall not be charged any fees for Conclave attendance without prior permission from the National Cabinet.

Current Policy

1.05

Regional Fall Gatherings shall be held on separate weekends, dates subject to approval by the National Officers so that they will be able to attend all Fall Gatherings

Change to

Regional Fall Gatherings shall be held on concurrent weekends, dates subject to approval by the National Officers

Add to Section 1

1.06

The National Officers shall arrange to have several officers at each regional Fall Gathering, and the entire National Cabinet shall hold a business meeting via teleconference.

1.07

Each chapter President shall attend Fall Gathering, unless his absence has been approved in advance by the National President. If such approval is obtained, the chapter President must designate another active brother from his chapter to report in his place and attend the National Cabinet business meeting.

Section 2: Dues

Current Policy

2.01 National Dues shall be \$20 per brother, per year

Change to

2.01 National Dues shall be \$30 per brother, per year

The increased funds will be used to provide funds for the National Fraternity only. This is necessary due to the addition of two national officers and would allow for Nationals to become more active with the local chapters and expansion.

Creation of Section 14: Online Policies

14.01

The official National Website shall be under the domain 'www.sigmatheta.org' and shall be maintained by the National Information Technology Director.

14.02

Nationals may purchase other domains and develop other websites for specialized purposes, such as expansion.

14.03

Chapters may create individual websites. Such websites must be clearly identified as belonging to the specific chapter, and must prominently display a link to the official National Website.

Constitutional Amendments

Article VII Expansion, Section 4:

Current Policy

Section Four:

A. Chapters of the fraternity shall be designated by the letters of the Greek alphabet or a successive combination thereof, except that the Omega chapter shall be reserved for the deceased members of the fraternity

Proposal

ADD:

B. The naming of new chapters shall continue in order through the Greek alphabet. The names of chapters whose charters have been absorbed shall not be re-used on that campus or any other

This is to avoid any confusion about chapter naming such as what occurred last fall.

Submitted by: Justin Evilsizor, BG active

Article VI Government, Section 1, Subsection C:

Current Policy

C. Each chapter shall select three (3) delegates. These delegates shall consist of the chapter president, or his designee, and two (2) other chapter members, one of whom may be an alumnus.

Proposal

Strike Article VI, Section One, Subsection C and replace in lieu thereof:

C. Each chapter shall select up to three (3) delegates. These delegates shall consist of the chapter president, or his designee, and two (2) other chapter members, one of whom must be an alumnus. Chapters shall be exempt from the alumni delegate requirement for four years from their charter date, or they may only send up to two (2) delegates

I believe that this proposal will help foster more amiable relations between the alumni of this fraternity and the active brotherhood. I think that this is a necessary step in creating a more sound community between the alumni and actives. Requiring the third delegate to be an alumni creates responsibility for each chapter to maintain good relations with alumni in order to secure their full voting rights at Conclave. For newer chapters, the intention is to have its pledgemaster, who is often an alumni from another chapter, to serve as the delegate. I do not believe a new chapter should have the alumni requirement waived. Additionally, this will bring more alumni to Conclave. I believe this is very important because alumni have been through what we are currently going through and provide us with wisdom and insight from their perspective. If history repeats itself, having people that have been through a situation before or are simply more experienced will only benefit the fraternity. Therefore, I have presented this business item in hopes of improving alumni relations.

The preceding statement was written prior to the changes suggested by Nationals (and approved by Justin as a friendly amendment) that new chapters are allowed a 4 year exemption from the alumni delegate rule.

Topics for Discussion

- The need for a National Statement of Faith and the formation of a committee to draft such a statement
- The use of “SERVICE” in our name

Please share this information with your chapter. For additional information on Conclave or discussion on the business items go to the STE bulletin board at www.sigmatheta.org or email me at President@sigmatheta.org

See You At Conclave!

Prepared by Chad Burdette, National President

The Hotel address is: HOLIDAY INN – WESTPORT, 1973 Craigshire, ST. LOUIS, MO 63146**

**Bring swimwear as the hotel has indoor pool and hot tub