



Meeting Minutes

Convention 2021

Saturday, July 10, 2021

Elections

Called to order: 11:12 am CT

Roll Call was called by Alyssa Bernhardt

- Alpha - Lauren Yazumbek, Krystal Pritchett
- Gamma - absent
- Delta - Seher Patel
- Epsilon - Morgan Tate, Holly Wagner
- Mu - Julia Beasley
- Nu - Jessica Meredith, Emma Soetebier
- Rho - Kendall Clemmons, Adrianna Burchett
- Tau - Mythili Bulusu
- Phi - Hannah Bowman, Breanna Rebe
- Chi - Brianna Pendergraft
- Omega - Emily Kasten, Pooja Loka
- Alpha Alpha - Emily Glazov
- Alpha Gamma - Jacqueline MacGregor, Kylee Gish
- Alpha Delta - Lindsay Smoak
- Alpha Theta - Liz Cece, Christina Murphy
- Alpha Zeta - Gillyan Jewett, Aleena Summers
- Alpha Iota - Megan Shoop
- Alpha Kappa - Emma Whitaker, Carly Cook
- Alpha Lambda - Kaitlyn Lopez-Shapiro, Katie Norton
- Alpha Mu - Caroline Bohling, Jodee Frias
- Alpha Nu - absent
- Alpha Xi - Samantha Garcia
- Alpha Omicron - Caitlin Field, Brooke Peck
- Alpha Pi - Alexa Forbes
- Alpha Rho - Katherine Quiring, Riley Myers
- Alpha Sigma - Tessy Loew, Kelsey Simmons
- Midwest - Corey Goodburn, Marlene Purdy, JJ Chen, Alyssa Miller

- West - Katarina Garcias, Allison Nguyen, Pamela Conlan
- East - Meaghan Martin, Megan Small, Leann Williams
- South - Nicki Kozub, Juanita Wade
- At large - o
- President - present
- VP Programs - present
- VP Finance - o
- VP Communications - o

Trista Guzman-Glover moves to open the slate of candidates:

- Brittany Thornton for National President
- Megan Sheppard for VP Programs
- Megan Small for VP Lifetime Membership
- Alexa Tavaschi for VP Finance
- Nanda Jayaseelan for VP Communications

Motion comes from committee and does not need a second.

No additional nominations from the floor.

Recessed: 11:19am CT

Reconvened: 12:05pm CT

Leann Williams moves to accept the entire slate of candidates by acclamation.

Meghan Martin seconds. No discussion. None opposed.

51 votes vote yes

o no

o abstentions

Adjourned: 12:15pm CT

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Called to order: 12:09pm CT

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- At large - 0
- President - present
- VP Programs - present
- VP Finance - absent
- VP Communications - absent

April Carroll confirms that we have 54 delegates present and we have a quorum.

Purpose and Goals

Stated together as a group

Rules of the Day

Introduced by parliamentarian Jan Titsworth.

1. Turn cell phones on do not disturb and refrain from using them while in business meetings.
2. After you log into the meeting, set your display name on zoom to YOUR NAME/CHAPTER or REGION you're representing.
3. Voting delegates, please message the parliamentarian when stepping away during a business session. (This affects voting.)

4. Debate on each motion is limited to 10 minutes, after which time we will proceed to a vote, unless there is a motion to extend the time limit for debate.
5. If the motion is debatable, the motion maker may speak first. Each other person may speak twice per motion.
6. Elections for the Board of Directors will be conducted by secret polling, unless otherwise moved. If there is only one candidate for a position, that person can be accepted by “acclamation.” This requires that the person is acceptable and there are no negative votes.
7. A nominee's name will be added to the slate of candidates after they have accepted a nomination and provided a completed petition to the chair of the Nominating Committee, including answering all of the frequently asked questions and providing the required references.
8. Use the raise hand feature to be recognized. Once you are recognized, the host of the meeting will unmute you and you will be able to speak.
9. When speaking, state your name and the chapter or region you are representing then begin your discussion.
10. You can type “rose twirl” in the chat to indicate agreement, instead of taking time to just say you agree.

Approval of Convention 2019

Elizabeth Anderson moves that the convention 2019 minutes be approved as presented. Patti Light seconds the motion. No discussion.

Motion passes.

Old Business

Chapter Statutes

Alyssa presented the chapter status update. Two chapters have been declared defunct since 2019 convention - Sigma and Alpha Beta. One chapter is on conditional status - Omicron.

Financial Review

For the record - Jan shares that financial review occurred during the state of sorority. There was a surplus at the conclusion of this past fiscal year. The budget was presented by the VP Finance prior to this business session.

New Business

Consent Agenda

Constitutional Revisions

Emily Kasten moves to approve the constitutional revisions on the consent agenda as stated. Leann Williams seconded. Discussion clarifying the presentation of the legislation to delegates.

Motion passes.

52 - Yes

2 - No

2 - Abstain

Bylaws Revisions

Leann Williams moves to accept the bylaws revisions on the consent agenda as stated. Julia Beasley seconded. No discussion.

Motion passes.

54 - Yes

0 - No

2 - Abstain

Discussion Agenda

Constitutional Revisions

Megan Small moves to adopt constitutional proposal #1 as presented. Corey Goodburn seconds.

Megan reads Esther Blue de Avalos' prepared statement. Susie Larson questions how other Greek organizations handle this concern. Alyssa Bernhardt responds, Greek Track actually recommended this transition as many other organizations are following this model. Patti Light, as someone working at the collegiate level, says this is a national trend we need to be on board with.

Voting on constitutional revision 1 as stated

51 - Yes

1 - No

1 - Abstain

Motion passes.

Megan Smalls moves to accept constitutional proposal #2. Katie Gomez seconds.

Megan reads Esther Blue de Avalos' prepared statement. Corey Goodburn (Midwest) has always wanted to join a sorority and knew from the beginning that in doing so he'd be part of a sisterhood. Leann Williams (East) expresses feelings that alum who are not delegates; the family choice that they chose when joining Omega Phi Alpha was to be a sister, it was the family connection they wanted. They feel like if they become a member, it isn't as special. You can be a "member" of any organization, it's a

different experience entirely. The word member doesn't mean the same thing in our hearts as "sister" and "sisterhood." Hannah Bowman (Phi) changing the wording is not going to change how accepting we are; references Alpha Phi Omega who call their co-ed members brothers. Susie Larson (South) can't imagine calling her sisters anything but sister. Julia Beasley (Mu) agrees understands the importance of gender diversity and recognizing their identities... wants to propose "sibling" rather than "member." Megan Small (East) sister refers to the relationship rather than the gender of the person. References not changing the

Katie Gomez Garcia moves to extend discussion for 3 minutes. Leann Williams seconded. Yes (36), No (11), Abstain (2).

Resume discussion. Meaghan Martin (East) the word sorority goes with the word sister, just as the word fraternity goes with the word brother. We need to address people on a case by case basis, so as not to exclude individuals. Katie Gomez Garcia (West) changing the word in the constitution not changing what we're calling each other. We can call the individual whatever we want, but we're just changing the words in the constitution.

Marlene keeping sisters and sisterhood in the constitution is extremely important for the legacy. Alyssa Miller changing the word makes things more coherent, how do our other trans/nonbinary members feel about this change? Lauren Yazumbek is it important to make our trans/nonbinary members as comfortable as they can be.

Discussion time limit.

Meaghan Martin moves to table this discussion to committee and continue the discussion at Convention 2022. Leann Williams seconds.

Yes 28

No 27

Abstain 1

Roll Call Vote to

Alpha - no / yes

Gamma - yes / no

Delta - yes / yes

Epsilon - abstain / yes

Mu - yes / yes

Nu - yes / no

Rho -

Tau - no

Phi - no / no

Chi - no

Omega - yes / yes

Alpha Alpha - yes /

Alpha Gamma - yes / no

Alpha Delta - no

Alpha Theta - yes / yes

Alpha Zeta - no / no

Alpha Iota - no /

Alpha Kappa - no / no

Alpha Lambda - yes / yes

Alpha Mu - no / no

Alpha Nu - no / yes

Alpha Xi - no / no

Alpha Omicron - no / no

Alpha Pi - yes

Alpha Rho - yes / no

Alpha Sigma - no / no

East Region - yes / no / no

South Region - no / no / yes /

MidWest Region - yes / no / yes

West Region - no / no / no

At Large - yes / no

Yes (27) No (38) Abstain ()

Julia Beasley proposes to change the word “member” to “sibling.” Leann Williams seconded.

Discussion of changing sibling rather than member. Marlene other organizations use the word brother despite being co-ed, she feels strongly to keep sister. Jodee (Alpha Mu) thinks it’s important to think about our nonbinary and trans members and using the term. Alexa Forbes, interested in multiple terms not member because it takes away the familial feeling, but sibling provides a gender-neutral term that still aligns with that. Alyssa Miller change that is seldom noticed.

Corey moves to end discussion. Katherine Quiring seconds. Vote on ending discussion about sibling rather than member. Yes 51 No 4 Abstain 3

Vote on changing the word “member/s” to “sibling/s.”

- Yes 27
- No 27
- Abstain 4

Alpha - yes / yes

Gamma - yes / yes

Delta - yes / yes

Epsilon - yes / yes

Mu - yes

Nu - no / no

Rho - yes

Tau - yes

Phi - no / no

Chi - yes / yes

Omega - no / no

Alpha Alpha - yes

Alpha Gamma - yes / yes

Alpha Delta - no

Alpha Theta - no

Alpha Zeta - no / abstain

Alpha Iota - no /

Alpha Kappa - yes / yes

Alpha Lambda - yes / no

Alpha Mu - yes / yes

Alpha Nu - yes /

Alpha Xi - yes / no

Alpha Omicron - no / no

Alpha Pi - yes /

Alpha Rho - yes / no

Alpha Sigma - no / no

East - yes / no / no

South - no / no / yes

West - no / yes / no / no

Midwest - abstain / no / no / no

At-large - yes /

Yes (34)

No (28)

Abstain (2)

Amendment has passed - member changed to sibling.

Now discuss to adopt a constitutional amendment AS AMENDED - replace sister with sibling and sisters with siblings.

Emma Whitaker (Alpha Kappa) if we preach inclusivity we should adopt this and not necessarily compare ourselves to other organizations. Nicki Kozub (South) the term sibling preserves the family connection and does not pigeon hold us into a gendered connection.

Corey Goodburn moves to end discussion. Emily Kasten seconds. Vote to end discussion: Yes (48) No (2) Abstain (2)

Moving to adopt constitutional amendment #2 AS AMENDED.

- Yes	31
- No	25
- Abstained	1

Motion fails.

Recessed at 1:55pm CT. Reconvene at 3pm CT.

Reconvened: 3:05pm

Roll Call

Alpha -2

Gamma - 1

Delta - 1

Epsilon - 2

Mu - 1

Nu - 2

Rho -

Tau - 2

Phi - 1

Chi - 2

Omega - 2

Alpha Alpha - 1

Alpha Gamma - 2

Alpha Delta - 1

Alpha Theta - 1

Alpha Zeta - 2

Alpha Iota - 2

Alpha Kappa - 1

Alpha Lambda - 2

Alpha Mu - 2

Alpha Nu - 1

Alpha Xi - 2

Alpha Omicron - 2

Alpha Pi - 2

Alpha Rho - 2

Alpha Sigma - 2

East - Meaghan / Leann / Megan

South - Nicki / Elizabeth / Susie

Midwest - Corey / JJ Chen / Alyssa Miller / Marlene

West - Katie / Allison / Frances / Pamela

At-large - Patti / Kayla

Kayla Fantz-Sands moves constitutional proposal #3 for approval. Nicki Kozub seconds the motion. April Carroll presents a prepared statement from Esther Blue de Avalos.

Discussion for constitutional proposal #3 follows with input from: Alyssa Miller.

Vote on constitutional proposal #3 - changes “nations of the world” to “world community.”

- Yes 38
- No 11
- Abstain 5

Motion fails.

Megan Small moves to adopt constitutional proposal #4. Holly Wagner seconds.

Discussion opens for constitutional proposal #4 with input from: Leann Williams.

Vote on constitutional proposal #4

- Yes 23
- No 24
- Abstain 11

Roll Call Vote

Alpha - yes / no

Gamma - no / no

Delta - no

Epsilon - yes / yes

Mu - yes

Nu - no / no

Rho - no

Tau - yes / no

Phi - yes / yes

Chi - no / no

Omega - no / no

Alpha Alpha - no

Alpha Gamma - no / abstain

Alpha Delta - no / yes

Alpha Theta - yes

Alpha Zeta - yes / no

Alpha Iota - yes / yes

Alpha Kappa - no / no

Alpha Lambda - no / no

Alpha Mu - yes / abstain

Alpha Nu - yes

Alpha Xi - no / no

Alpha Omicron - yes/ yes

Alpha Pi - yes / abstain

Alpha Rho - yes / yes

Alpha Sigma - no / no

East - yes / abstain / no

South - yes / no / no

Midwest - no / no / no

West - yes / yes / yes

At-large - no / yes

Yes (30) No (35) Abstain (4)

Motion fails.

Corey Goodburn moves to accept constitution proposal #5. Marlene Purdy seconded the motion.

Discussion follows on the motion with input from Corey Goodburn.

Vote to adopt constitutional proposal #5.

- Yes	51
- No	1
- Abstain	6

Motion passes.

Megan Small moves to accept constitution proposal #6. Holly Wagner seconded the motion.

Discussion follows on the motion with input from Megan Small, Katie Gomez-Garcia, and Leann Williams.

Vote on adopting constitution proposal #6.

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| - Yes | 55 |
| - No | 3 |
| - Abstain | 0 |

Motion passes.

Bylaws Revisions

Megan Small moves to accept bylaws proposal #1. Leann Williams seconded.

Discussion follows on the motion with input from Megan Small, Emma Soetebier, Alyssa Bernhardt, and Nicki Kozub.

Vote on adopting bylaws proposal #1.

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| - Yes | 27 |
| - No | 26 |
| - Abstain | 6 |

Roll call vote

Alpha - yes / no

Gamma - no

Delta - abstain

Epsilon - no / yes

Mu - no / yes

Nu - no / no

Rho - yes

Tau - no / no

Phi - yes /yes

Chi - no / yes

Omega - yes / yes

Alpha Alpha - yes

Alpha Gamma - yes / no

Alpha Delta - yes

Alpha Theta - no

Alpha Zeta - yes / no

Alpha Iota - no / no

Alpha Kappa - no / no

Alpha Lambda - yes / no

Alpha Mu - no / no

Alpha Nu - yes

Alpha Xi - no / abstain

Alpha Omicron - no / no

Alpha Pi - no / yes

Alpha Rho - yes / yes

Alpha Sigma - abstain / abstain

East - yes / no / yes

South - no / no / yes / yes

Midwest - yes/ yes / yes / yes

West - yes / no / no / yes

At-large - yes /no

Yes 31 No 31 Abstain 5

Motion fails.

Substantive Proposals

Thea Moritz presents for VP Programs (Andie Hixson) - defunding of district summits for the 2021-2022 year in order to better meet the needs of our chapters. Katie Gomez-Garcia moves to adopt the substantive proposal as read by Thea Moritz. Megan Small seconds the motion.

Discussion follows with input from Meaghan Martin, Megan Small, Leann Williams, Marlene Purdy, Katie Curry, Susie Larson, Elizabeth Anderson.

Discussion time expired. Corey Goodburn moved to extend discussion by 3 minutes. Emily Kasten seconded.

Vote to extend discussion: Yes 27 No 23 Abstain 5

Discussion continued with input from Pooja Loka, Corey Goodburn, and Susie Larson.

Vote on substantive proposal to pause district summit for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Yes 32
- No 21
- Abstain 3

Substantive proposal passes -- pause of district summits for the 2021-2022 school year.

Substantive proposal #2

Meaghan Martin moves for the national organization to create a guide for chapters wanting to host their own district summits. Corey Goodburn seconded. Leann makes a friendly amendment to state that the programs team will create the guidelines for how to host district summits.

Vote on the programs team creating guidelines for hosting district summits.

- Yes 54
- No 2
- Abstain 1

District Assignments

Liberty - Alpha Theta / Alpha Iota / Alpha Pi

Bluegrass - Epsilon / Rho

Azalea - Nu / Alpha Zeta / Omicron

Cactus Pine - Phi / Alpha Alpha

Founding - Alpha / Gamma

Blue Ridge - Alpha Lambda / Alpha Rho / Alpha Sigma

Heartland - Alpha Gamma / Alpha Kappa

Sunshine - Alpha Xi / Alpha Omicron

Colonial - Alpha Mu / Omega

NEW DISTRICT - Chi / Alpha Delta

Budget

Budget proposal shared by national president Jan Titsworth and VP Finance Danica Hoose.

Leann Williams moves to approve the budget as presented. Megan Small seconded.

Discussion on the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 year with input from Jan Titsworth and Mythili Bulusu.

Vote on approving the budget for 2021-2022.

- Yes	46
- No	1
- Abstain	5

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56pm CT.