

**Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity
National Board of Directors
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2012**

National Directors in attendance:

Bert J. Harris, III, Florida, '74	Grand President	2013
Christopher L. Bittman, Colorado, '85	Grand Treasurer	2013
Richard W. Bennet, III, Central Missouri, '74	National Director	2017
William J. Broadlick, Washington State, '13	Student Director	2013
Austin J. Collins, Alabama, '13	Student Director	2013
Phillip A. Cox, Indiana, '84	National Director	2013
Thomas B. Jelke, Ph.D., Florida International, '90	National Director	2013
Billy D. Maddalon, North Carolina State, '90	National Director	2015
Daniel W. McVeigh, Texas Wesleyan, '90	National Director	2017

Headquarters staff present:

Brian C. Warren, Jr., Virginia, '04	Executive Director
Lynn C. Cutter, William Smith, '09	Executive Coordinator

National Directors absent:

Shawn McKenna, Maine, '77	Grand Secretary	2015
Justin D. Kingsolver, Indiana, '12	Student Director	2013

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Grand President Bert J. Harris, III on April 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time by conference call. Written notice and agenda was provided in advance.

Fraternity Report

Grand President Harris called on Executive Director Brian C. Warren, Jr. to provide the Board a summary of the Fraternity's performance.

Executive Director Warren prefaced his remarks with a report on the state of higher education and opportunities for SigEp to improve its relationship with host institutions. Brother Warren went on to provide an overview of progress toward objectives of the strategic plan and performance in key areas of fraternity operations – recruitment, retention, member development, academics, volunteers, standards and ritual, and housing. Executive Director Warren concluded his report with a plan to further improve the services and programs provided to members.

Charter Actions

Executive Director Warren presented the directors with materials illustrating the history of the West Virginia Delta chapter and the details of the current group of undergraduate men desiring membership. Executive Director Warren stated the job of staff is always to preserve the SigEp presence where there are current chapters and to make sure SigEp membership expectations match the ideal SigEp fraternity experience.

Executive Director Warren noted the efforts of dedicated WV Delta alumni volunteers and District Governor Ron Binder who have attempted on numerous occasions to improve the performance of the West Virginia Delta chapter.

National Director Thomas B. Jelke moved to adopt the staff recommended Alumni Advisory Council at West Virginia Delta.

Seconded by National Director Philip A. Cox.

Failed three votes yes and five votes no.

Executive Director Warren requested that a follow-up come from the Board to the volunteers who have put in a significant amount of time to support the previous chapter and were looking forward to supporting the new group of undergraduates.

Grand Treasurer Christopher L. Bittman moved that the Board withdraw the charter of the West Virginia Delta chapter, and that a formal announcement of the charter withdrawal be made after contacting each of the dedicated volunteers.

Seconded by National Director Daniel W. McVeigh.

Passed seven votes yes and one vote no.

Executive Director Warren presented a report illustrating repeated behavioral and performance concerns at Louisiana Gamma. Executive Director Warren stated that on multiple occasions staff and volunteers have invested significant energy in efforts to address the behavioral and performance concerns, and that despite the investment the actions persisted.

National Director Richard W. Bennet, III moved the Board withdraw the Louisiana Gamma charter.

Seconded by National Director Daniel W. McVeigh.

Unanimously approved.

Executive Director Warren asked that the Board to review all information regarding Alumni Advisory Councils and recommended that no action be taken until the spring 2013 meeting, Texas Beta excluded.

National Director Billy D. Maddalon motioned for the Board to approve the continuation of Alumni Advisory Councils at D.C. Alpha; Florida Alpha; Florida Xi; Illinois Zeta; Kansas Beta; Louisiana Alpha; Massachusetts Alpha; Missouri Beta; Mississippi Gamma; Missouri Theta; North Carolina Kappa; North Carolina Nu; Pennsylvania Delta; and, Texas Mu and that performance be reviewed during the spring 2013 meeting.

Seconded by National Director Thomas B. Jelke.

Unanimously approved.

National Director Billy D. Maddalon moved that the Board approve the dissolution of the Texas Beta Alumni Advisory Council.

Seconded by National Director Thomas B. Jelke.

Unanimously approved.

Executive Director Warren provided the Board a history of activity involving efforts of the staff and the volunteers to reorganize the Virginia Mu chapter at George Mason University. After initial conversations between alumni and undergraduate members, nearly all undergraduate members submitted resignation forms and stated that the experience they desired is not aligned with SigEp expectations. Ultimately, the chapter surrendered its charter to the National Board of Directors.

National Director Billy D. Maddalon moved the Board accept Virginia Mu's surrendering of its charter.

Seconded by National Director Thomas B. Jelke.

Unanimously approved.

Given recent conversations with alumni volunteers and administration of Longwood University and St. Johns University, action concerning the charter status of each chapter was tabled for a future meeting. The Virginia Lambda charter remains suspended.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Grand President Harris called for approval of the National Board of Directors' meeting minutes from the December meeting in St. Louis, Missouri held December 2-3, 2011.

National Director Richard W. Bennet, III moved the Board approve the December 2-3, 2011 meeting minutes.

Second by National Director Philip A. Cox.

Unanimously approved.

Further Discussions

Executive Director Warren noted SigEp's receipt of a ruling from the City of Charlottesville Court (need to see actual order to get name of court correct) regarding Eta Alumni's complaint against the national fraternity. The court ruled in favor of the national fraternity by declaring the 2005 Trust Agreement to be "a valid declaration of trust...binding and irrevocable."

Grand President Harris asked Executive Director Warren to follow up with the general counsel and get his recommendations and options for next steps.

Adjournment

Grand President Harris adjourned the conference call at 8:55 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.