

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity
Meeting of the National Board of Directors
Oct. 21, 2017
Denver, Colorado

National Directors in attendance

Christopher L. Bittman, Colorado '85	Grand President
Billy D. Maddalon, North Carolina State '90	Grand Secretary
Daniel W. McVeigh, Texas Wesleyan '90	Grand Treasurer
Charles E. Amato, Sam Houston State '70	National Director
Bruce W. Anderson, Texas-Austin '71	National Director
Garry C. Kief, Southern California '70	National Director
Bradley C. Nahrstadt, Monmouth '89	National Director
*Thomas B. Jelke, Ph.D., Florida International '90	National Director
*Victor K. Wilson, Georgia Renaissance	National Director
Kyle J. Clark, Loyola Marymount '18	Student Director
Benjamin J. Pavich, Christopher Newport '18	Student Director
Jacob H. West, Missouri State '18	Student Director

*Indicates director attended via phone or video.

Headquarters staff in attendance:

Brian C. Warren Jr., Virginia '04	Chief Executive Officer
Emily Lowry Millhiser	Director of Foundation Operations
Korey Odum	Executive Coordinator
Andrew J. Parrish, Georgia '13	Strategic Communication Director
Matthew S. Parrish, Georgia '07	Director of Advancement
Zach W. Stull, Nebraska '14	SENH Managing Director
Kyle F. Sutton, Cincinnati '12	Chief Operating Officer
Joseph M. Toth, Maryland '14	Fraternity Services Director

Guests in attendance:

Richard W. Bennet III, Central Missouri '74	Immediate Past Grand President
Dr. Edward H. Hammond, Emporia State '66	Educational Foundation President

Call to Order

Grand President Christopher L. Bittman called the meeting to order on Oct. 21, 2017, at 8:22 a.m. MT.

Approval of Minutes

National Director Bradley C. Nahrstadt moved the Board to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2017, conference call and the Aug. 2, 2017, Conclave meeting.

National Director Daniel McVeigh seconded the motion.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

State of Higher Education and Greek Life

Past Grand President and current Educational Foundation President Ed Hammond provided an update on the state of higher education and Greek life. Chief Executive Officer Brian Warren then facilitated discussion on how the environment in which we're operating should influence our strategies and resource allocation decisions regarding substance-free facilities. The group identified five priorities for higher education and Greek life: policy-making conversations, adjusting to changes occurring in student enrollment and demographics, bringing awareness to senior university administrators of SigEp's different approach, building a coalition of like-minded fraternities, and utilizing the influence of sororities.

Substance-free Facilities

Fraternity Services Director Joe Toth provided an update on progress implementing the policy and staff projections. This led to a discussion regarding resource allocation to create longer-term strategies in the areas of recruitment, member development, and volunteers and housing, as well as strategies that address the environmental influences presented by Hammond.

Governance

Grand President Bittman facilitated discussion on several items related to National, SENH and Educational Foundation board governance to ensure vacancies are filled and terms are accurate. With many outgoing Trustees, the Board passed a motion for a bylaws revision to suggest the Foundation Trustees include an executive committee, including a president, grand treasurer and grand secretary.

Director Kief moved for the National Board to appoint Ed Hammond as president, Steve Shanklin as grand Secretary and Rick Bennet as grand treasurer of the executive committee of the Educational Foundation board. Staff is expected to bring back recommendations on bylaw updates regarding term length and board size.

National Director Kief moved to approve the appointments.

National Director Maddalon seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous approval.

Campaign

National Director Kief explained list potential campaign donors with an update on the Foundation's plans for the remainder of the fiscal year. Director of Foundation Operations Emily Lowry Millhiser provided an update on attendees for the alumni reception held on Saturday, Oct. 21. She also discussed Founders Day of Giving and the goal of reaching 1901 donors.

Closing

Warren provided Headquarters staff updates to the Board regarding finance director and changes in Fraternity Services with Archie Messersmith leaving.

Grand President Bittman moved to thank Trustees and any affiliates ending their Board terms.

National Director Kief seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous approval.

Adjournment

Grand President Bittman adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m. MT.