

**Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity
Meeting of the National Board of Directors**

**July 24-27, 2019
Houston, Texas**

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
Thomas B. Jelke, Ph.D., Florida International '90	National Director
Garry C. Kief, Southern California '70	National Director
Bradley C. Nahrstadt, Monmouth '89	National Director
Victor K. Wilson, Georgia Renaissance	National Director
Benjamin J. Pavich, Christopher Newport '18	Student Director
Jacob H. West, Missouri State '20	Student Director

Headquarters staff in attendance:

Brian C. Warren Jr., Virginia '04	Chief Executive Officer
Paul K. Andersen, Northern Iowa '16	Senior Chapter Services Director
Zac Gillman, Austin Peay State '15	Fraternity Managing Director
Dylan Hanson, Washington '17	Performance Measurement Manager
Heather M. Kirk	Chief Communication Officer

Guests in attendance:

Gene C. Schurg Jr., Davis and Elkins '77	Conclave Legislative Director
Edward H. Hammond, Emporia State '66	President, Educational Foundation

Call to Order

Grand President Bittman called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. local time on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. Bittman thanked the directors for taking the time and bringing their families to the 56th Grand Chapter Conclave in Houston, Texas.

Prior Meeting Minutes

National Director Amato motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the April meeting in Houston, Texas.

National Director Wilson seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Conclave Schedule

CEO Warren reviewed the Conclave schedules created for each director. Warren noted the schedule for each legislative committee and emphasized the importance of meeting with and saying “thank you” to volunteers during open windows of time. Warren then introduced the Conclave’s legislative director, Gene Schurg.

Legislation

Schurg presented the legislative schedule. He summarized the 16 pieces of legislation submitted in advance of the first legislative session and referenced the committee assigned to each piece of legislation.

DG Appointment

Fraternity Managing Director Zac Gillman proposed the appointments of Patrick Murphrey, Christopher Newport '05, and Joel Saslaw, Sacramento State '10, as district governors for Districts 5 and 23, respectively.

National Director Amato motioned to approve the appointments of Patrick Murphrey as district governor for District 5 and Joel Saslaw as district governor for District 23.

National Director Maddalon seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Alumni Nominations

Senior Chapter Services Director Paul Andersen provided an update on the alumni and student nominating committees, including the schedule for certain directors to attend informational interviews.

Grand Treasurer McVeigh shared with the board that the revised review process was yielding the intended results. Specifically, more pre-work was conducted by committee members, scheduling was more organized, and communication with nominees was more professional.

Director Anderson referenced the board’s action in April calling for the directors to act on the nomination of Directors Hecht and Wilson to serve another two-year term.

National Director Nahrstadt moved to reappoint Director Hecht and Director Wilson to another two-year term on SigEp's National Board of Directors.

Director West seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

NIC Update

Educational Foundation President Ed Hammond provided an update on the actions of the North American Interfraternity Conference. Hammond noted some positive developments, namely the NIC's work with the Southeastern Conference (SEC), Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA) and Parents United to Stop Hazing (PUSH). He also noted some concerning developments — a new financial model pushing more fees directly to students and IFCs, movements to create independent interfraternity councils, and failure of other fraternities to hold chapters accountable to basic expectations of the NIC.

Recess

Grand President Bittman called for a recess at 3:53 p.m., noting the group would reconvene at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, due to the breakfast with district governors on Thursday.

Call to Order

Grand President Bittman called the meeting to order at 7:04 a.m. local time on Friday, July 26, 2019.

Legislative Update

Schurg presented a legislative update, reviewing committee action and decisions reached by delegates during the first legislative session. Schurg went on to make directors aware of new legislation submitted the previous day.

Schedule

Hanson reviewed the schedule for the day, highlighting the legislative sessions, the Brotherhood Luncheon and the Foundation Gala.

Recess

Grand President Bittman called for a recess at 7:28 a.m., noting the group would reconvene at 7:00 a.m. the next day.

Call to Order

Grand President Bittman called the meeting to order at 7:10 a.m. local time on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Bittman thanked the staff for their work during his term, especially at Conclave.

Legislative Update

Schurg presented legislative updates and outcomes from the previous day. He noted that the notable remaining legislative actions were the reports from the Alumni and Student Nominating Committees.

Schedule

CEO Warren covered the schedule for the day, making special note of the time and location of receptions throughout the day.

Adjournment

Grand President Bittman adjourned the meeting at 7:35 a.m. and noted that the directors would convene the next day at 8 a.m. with a new Grand President calling the meeting to order. He thanked the directors for their support and commitment during his term.