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## MINUTES OF SIXTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

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March 30, 1926

The first regular business session of the Sixth Biennial Convention of Pi Kappa Delta met in the Casino of the Stanley Hotel. The meeting was called to order by President Westfall, at 4:00 P. M. The minutes of the previous convention were summarized by the secretary and approved by the convention. Roll was called by chapters.

President Westfall then appointed the committee on constitutional amendments—Charles Marsh, University of California, Southern Branch; P. Casper Harvey, William bewell; H. B. Summers, Kansas State Agricultural College.

First Vice President W. H. Veatch moved that the charter committee be increased from three to nine members for the purpose of considering the applications for charters now in hand. Carried. The original committee was W. H. Veatch, University of California, Southern Branch; A. E. Leach, Baker University; F. S. Siebert, Bradley. The President appointed H. D. Hopkins, Heidelberg; J. D. Menchhofer, St. Olaf; H. B. Turrentine, Henderson-Brown; J. M. Moore, Park; H. M. De Weerd, Colorado Agricultural College; Roy Smith, Western Union.

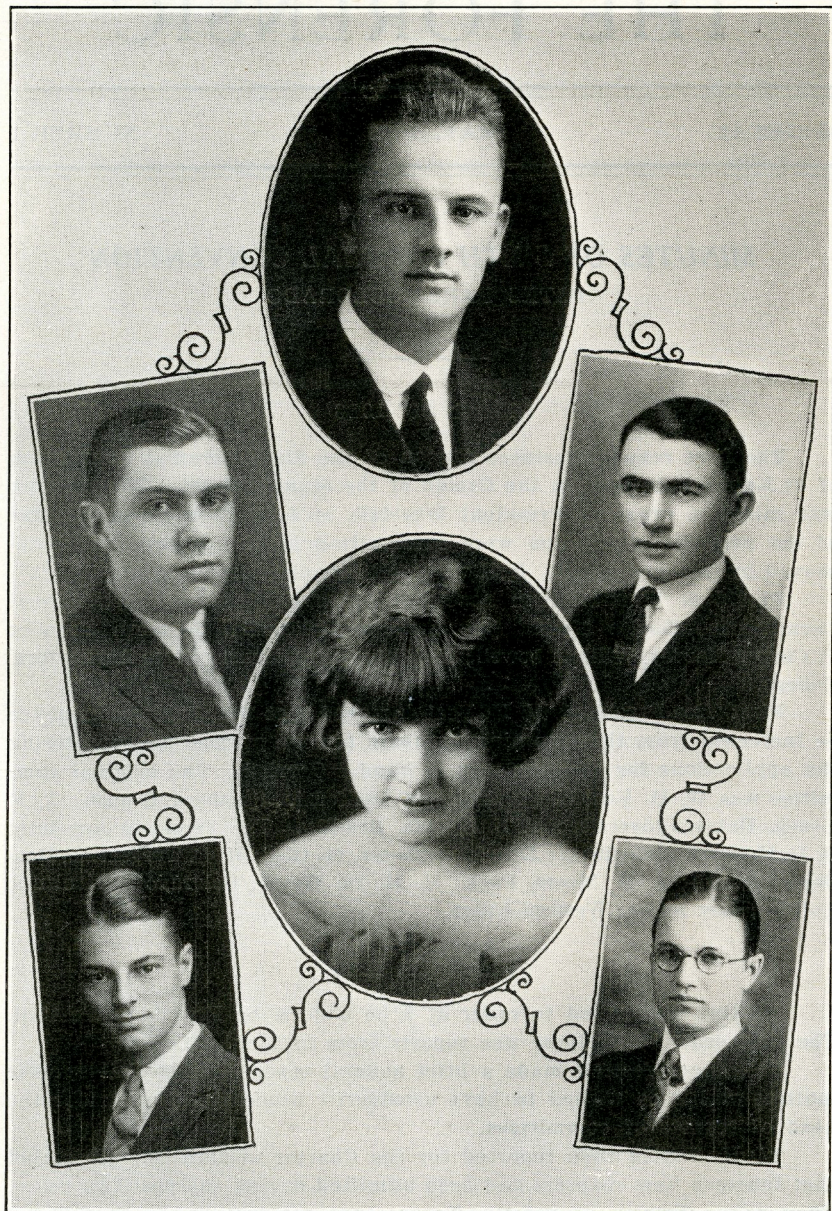
March 31, 1926

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 o'clock by President Westfall. The first order of business was reports from national officers.

President Westfall made a brief general report stating that specific matters which he wished to have considered would come up under the head of reports of committees.

W. H. Veatch then reported for the Charter committee. He stated that fourteen new chapters had been admitted during the past two years. They were: Trinity University, Texas, (not yet installed); East Texas Teachers College; Transylvania, Kentucky; Howard Payne, Texas; Central Missouri Teachers; North Carolina State; University of Dubuque, Iowa; Western State College, Colorado; Louisiana College; Baylor College for Women, Texas; Centenary College, Louisiana; Marietta College,





#### OUR STATE ORATORS

CECIL PRYOR, Hamline University, Minnesota Delta.  
 CARL W. FORSYTHE, Michigan State Normal College, Michigan Epsilon.  
 WAYNE C. NEELY, Parsons College, Iowa Zeta.  
 CARMELITA WOODWORTH, Linfield College, Oregon Alpha.  
 Bottom—JOHN BOYER, Southwestern College, Kansas Delta.  
 HAROLD R. SMITH, South Dakota State College, South Dakota Delta.



Ohio; Oklahoma College for Women; College of St. Thomas, Minnesota. This takes us into two new states, North Carolina and Louisiana.

Second Vice President W. C. Dennis made a brief report for the Chapter Relations committee. He stated that the chapters really get along so well together that this committee has practically nothing to do.

The national secretary-treasurer, G. W. Finley, submitted the following reports.

### REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY

At the Peoria convention it was pointed out that I K A had been passing through a period of expansion. In two years the chapter roll had increased from 76 to 94 up to the time of the convention, 18 new chapters having been established. The convention granted 8 more, bringing the number admitted during the two year period up to 26 and the total chapter roll to 102.

There was a general feeling at the Peoria convention that the time had arrived to tighten the lines so far as admitting new chapters was concerned. In pursuance of this policy but 14 chapters have been voted in during the past two years. Our chapter roll is now 116. The last chapter granted was Minnesota Epsilon, College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, the first Catholic college to establish a chapter.

While the number of chapters has not grown as rapidly, then, during this period as in the preceding one, the number of new memberships issued and keys purchased has increased decidedly. On April 2, 1925 key No. 2865 was issued. I have just ordered key No. 3664, making 799 in one year. During the year preceding the last convention 614 keys were sent out. During that same year 900 new members were taken in. Last year we took in 1047. This is a good indication of the wisdom of the amendment to our constitution made at the Peoria convention, dropping the old annual dues and changing the initiation fee from \$2.00 to \$4.00. The old dues were impossible to collect and caused no end of trouble and some friction. The new plan has worked smoothly and has not kept very many people out of the order.

As you know, of course, we issue to each new member and to each old member who sends in an advanced standing blank a membership card showing the degree and order of that member. There was a desire on the part of some of our members for something in the nature of a membership certificate that could be framed. To meet this desire we have had membership certificates made. You will find a sample on the secretary's desk.

At the last convention some chapters asked about the possibility of purchasing sets of symbols for the initiation ceremony; gavel, triangle, and representation of the key. I was asked to see what could be done.

I asked the M. C. Lilly Co. of Columbus, Ohio, to submit prices. Their figures make the set cost about \$12.00. It seems to me this is



entirely too much. Our own chapter has a set turned out by our own manual training department for less than \$2.00. I believe the least expensive way to handle the matter is for each chapter to have its own set made.

The question of the selection of the national debate question is one we always have with us. A number of suggestions have been made about the matter. I want to offer two suggestions.

1st. That we select two debate questions each year, one for men and one for women.

2nd. That we follow the present plan of selecting those questions, that of having the chapters submit questions in the spring and vote on them in the fall.

The question of what to do about no decision, and audience decision debates in figuring advanced degrees is also one that has been raised. The constitution says nothing about them: Should we continue to put a premium upon winning? Should an audience decision count as a win? I am ready to recommend that we allow the premium to stand, but that winning an audience decision be not counted as a win.

There are two or three suggestions I should like to make to local chapters that I believe will help to make the work of our order more effective. I'm sure if they are carried out they will make the work of the secretary very much easier.

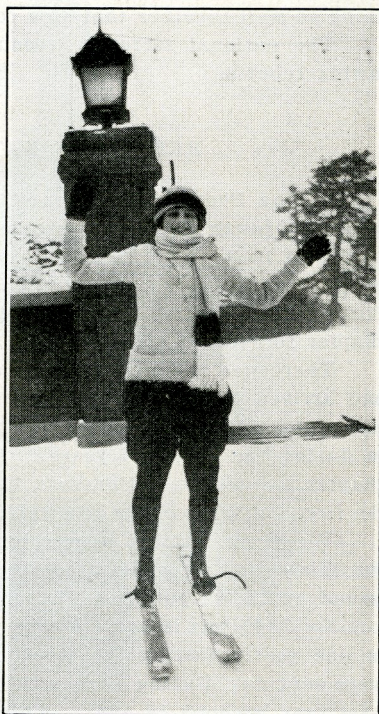
1st. See that all communications from the national officers are answered promptly.

2nd. See that your college paper goes to the editor of the Forensic.

3rd. Make out key orders with great care and send them in duplicate. Allow 30 days from the time the secretary gets the order before you expect the keys. Do not order C. O. D. Get all spring orders in by May 1st, if possible.

4th. Keep the records of your members up to date in the secretary's office by sending in advanced standing blanks. Write the secretary for blanks when you need them.

I want to say that I appreciate the co-operation of the officers of the local chapters. With very few exceptions they have given the finest



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Gertrude Graham, Park



kind of co-operation. This the national officers certainly appreciate. It is the only thing that makes it possible for the national organization to function.

Report of the National Treasurer, Pi Kappa Delta, from April 1, 1925 to March 25, 1926.

### Receipts

Amount on hand, April 1, 1925 .....	\$ 3,318.76
Received for keys .....	4,500.56
Received membership dues .....	4,186.90
Provincial meetings .....	150.00
Refund on provincial expenses .....	7.63
Balfour advertising in Forensic .....	20.00
Forensic subscriptions .....	11.90
Entrance fees for convention .....	218.00
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Total .....	\$12,413.56

### Expenditures

Stenographer, mimeograph, etc. ....	\$ 687.20
Postage, telephone, telegraph .....	193.36
Balfour, keys .....	4,207.50
Westfall, Editor Forensic .....	275.00
Miscellaneous .....	48.42
Colvin, lettering charters .....	21.75
Office supplies .....	36.98
Publishing Forensic .....	1,207.59
Printing, stationery, cards, certificates, etc. ....	476.45
Provincial meetings, expenses of national officers .....	112.44
Refund to chapters on keys and dues .....	113.50
Refund to chapters on entrance fees .....	14.00
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Total .....	\$7,394.24
Interest on savings account .....	\$ 139.16
Total receipts from all other sources .....	\$12,413.56
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Total .....	\$12,552.72
Total expenditures .....	7,394.24
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Balance on hand, March 25, 1926 .....	\$ 5,158.32



National Historian E. R. Nichols was not present as he was at this time in London on leave of absence. He sent in the following reports and letter.

### REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Publicity Committee being on leave of absence from his college and in England, and no convention officer having been appointed for this convention, the work of promoting and conducting its affairs having been taken over by the National President and the National Secretary whose chapters are the hosts of the convention,—there is little to report from a committee which has had no opportunity of meeting. However, one or two things should be mentioned:

- (1) The avenues of publicity open to  $\Pi K \Delta$  are: The newspapers, Banta's Greek Exchange, Baird's Manual of fraternities, college papers, and the radio broadcast stations.
  - (a) The thanks of the order are due to President Westfall and Secretary Finley for the publicity gained through the radio program arranged by them and broadcast from Denver previous to the convention. It might be remarked here that the various chapters who are in a position to do so should take advantage of the opportunities that may offer to broadcast debates and entertainment programs, and should always mention that their colleges maintain chapters of  $\Pi K \Delta$ .
  - (b) The publicity in print for all debate and speaking activities should be sought definitely by all  $\Pi K \Delta$  chapters, and long trips such as that to the convention should be as widely advertised as possible, as such publicity helps both the college and its chapter and the national organization. It is advisable to keep in close touch with the college papers, and with representatives of the press. Chapters that have newspaper writers and correspondents upon their chapter roll are fortunate and should make the best use of them.
  - (c) The Convention should appoint someone to write a report of the convention for Banta's Greek Exchange, and new editions of Baird's Manual should be kept in mind as a place to record our growth and development.
  - (d) The problem of getting space in large city papers for forensic activities is one that the convention might well take up for discussion. The average metropolitan daily has columns for athletics, but not one word for the intellectual activities or pastimes from the colleges. We must bring about a change of attitude in this respect by constant and firm insistence upon fair and favorable notice. Newspapers can not long afford to ignore an



insistent demand from the college world. Let us practice to make a real demand for publicity of the intellectual work of the colleges to which  $\Pi K \Delta$  activities so surely belong.

### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN

The National Historian has no report to make in addition to the one made at the last convention. The history of the organization has been written except for the last four years which are so recent in their events that a history has not been necessary.

The National Historian has kept a file of the Forensics from the beginning, and has kept convention pictures, also some of the original documents having to do with the founding of the order, and beginning of some of the chapters. Pictures of conventions, national officers, etc. should be deposited with the Historian. Also funds should be appropriated to purchase some sort of filing cabinet in which documents pertaining to the early days of the fraternity and its chapters may be filed and preserved. The chapter applications of recent date should be added to the original group and kept properly filed for future reference. Some of the original charter applications have been lost, but those that are extant should be given better protection than is at present afforded them.

For this reason the Historian makes appeal for a filing cabinet.

320 Brixton Rd., S.W. 9, London, Eng.

March 2, 1926

To the Order of Pi Kappa Delta, in  
National Convention Assembled,  
Estes Park, Colorado.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends:

Just a few lines to send felicitations upon this happy occasion of the Sixth Biennial Convention, to greet you one and all with my best wishes, and to express my regret that I must for the first time miss a national gathering of Pi Kappa Delta. As one of the National Founders, I shall take great interest in your doings here and will feel great pride in your accomplishments at this convention. May all the problems that face the convention be dealt with in a spirit of brotherhood and harmony as in the past, and may your decisions all be actuated by a desire to serve the best interests of



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Pi Kappa Delta in a large and national way.



The limited experience I have had with debating as it is practiced in these Islands, convinces me that you as students in American colleges are to be congratulated upon many things: (1) That public speaking is taught in American colleges. (2) That you have the interest and cooperation of coaches and faculty members chosen for the purpose in your debates and public speaking endeavors. (3) And finally that you have the advantages of an organization in forensic so broad in its scope and so high in its ideals as Pi Kappa Delta.

The above considerations move me to patriotism and to remark that you will do well to cleave to American ideals and development in debate and oratory, for I have seen nothing over here to move me to agree with the oft-repeated slogan "British Goods Are Best."

Once again I congratulate you upon the opportunities before you. May the deserving win according to their several capabilities in the contests and may you all have a profitable and a happy time.

Faternally,

EGBERT RAY NICHOLS.

The president appointed the following as the nominating committee R. E. Untereiner, California Institute of Technology, H. D. Hopkins, Heidelberg, J. D. Coon, Miss Buelah Shinkle, Kansas State Teachers of Pittsburg, F. K. Horton, Louisiana.

A motion that nominations from the floor during the election be limited to persons whose qualifications have previously been presented to the nominating committee was carried.

Professor Marsh, chairman of the committee on the constitution, moved to amend the constitution by striking out Division B as it now stands and substituting the following:

## DIVISION B—PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATION

**I. Province Organization:** Provinces of Pi Kappa Delta shall consist of not less than four nor more than fifteen chapters. It shall be the duty of the National Council to divide the chapters into provinces, which shall be numbered in the order of the admission of the oldest chapter in the province. Provinces later created shall be numbered in order of their creation; and the various districts shall be officially designated by the numbers assigned. Each new chapter admitted shall be assigned to a province by the national council. Any local chapter may petition the National Council for transfer to an adjoining province; but no such transfer shall be made without approval of the Governors of both provinces affected.

**II. Province Officers:** Province officers shall be a Governor, a Secretary-Treasurer, and such other officers as the provinces shall deem advisable. Province Governors shall be elected by the chapters composing the respective provinces at the biennial national conventions of



Pi Kappa Delta, and shall hold office until the next biennial national convention. In case any province shall fail to elect a province governor at the biennial convention of Pi Kappa Delta, the National President of Pi Kappa Delta shall appoint a Governor to fill the term until the next national convention. The National President shall also fill by appointment any vacancy occurring in the province governorship, the appointee to serve until the next national convention. The province governor shall be a faculty member.

Province Secretary-Treasurers and other province officers shall be elected by the chapters of the province at the biennial conventions of the province, and shall hold office from the time of election until the next regular biennial province convention. Vacancies in province offices other than governorship shall be filled by appointment by the province governor.

The province governor shall have general jurisdiction over the affairs of the province, and shall be responsible to the National Council for the progress and welfare of the province and of the local chapters composing it. Any local chapter may be suspended by the national council upon recommendation of the provincial governor. The Province Secretary-Treasurer shall perform the ordinary duties of his office, and shall also prepare not later than May 1st of each year, a statement of revenues and expenditures of the province, and submit such statement in duplicate to the National Secretary-Treasurer and to each local chapter in the province.

**III. Provincial Conventions:** Each province shall hold a regular convention every second year, the Province Convention year being that in which no National Convention shall be held. Each chapter must be represented at each regular biennial provincial convention unless excused by the Province Governor with the approval of the National President.

**IV. Finances:** The National Council shall appropriate each year a sum of money from the National Treasury toward the expenses of the Provincial organization. Additional funds may be secured by assessment, and the Provincial Governor shall have power to levy an annual assessment on each chapter in the province, such assessment not to exceed \$5.00. Assessments above this sum may be made with unanimous consent of the chapters constituting the province.

**Prof. Graham, Culver-Stockton:** Before approval of the plans, I would like information on some points. 1. The grounds on which it is proposed that the chapters be assigned by the National Council.

**Chairman Marsh:** The report has not touched the method of procedure, but has placed the responsibility for such entirely upon the National Council. It provides that any chapter may petition for a re-assignment.

**Prof. Graham, Culver-Stockton:** The one point that created



opposition was that in some districts such a provision as is made would disrupt present organizations. There are three or four well organized districts, and such districts should be left largely intact—that is one thing that we should recognize as a starting point.

**Chairman Marsh:** The committee took no recognition of plans—this report does not bind you to any plans—the matter is in the hands of this Convention. It does not bind organizations to any plan that has been submitted. The division will be approved by the Convention before we adjourn.

**Prof. Graham, Culver-Stockton:** One other proposition regarding the proposal made that the minimum number be made four and the maximum 15. In the densely populated central west—in the northern half of Missouri and the southern half of Iowa, you will find 15 to 20 chapters with every prospect that the number will increase as time passes. You will find 17 chapters that have a desire to work in one district. As the new chapters come in, there will be more than fifteen chapters in that territory.

Let us consider one other point—it is generally desirable that we have a number of contests at District conventions. Some districts are thickly populated and will be well represented. There will always be some absentees. Our experience so far has been the highest number we have been able to obtain is 60 per cent. Let us assume 75 in the future, 75 per cent of the minimum of 15. Our experience in the past conventions is that it has been nearly impossible to hold contests in women's oratory and extemporaneous speaking, due to the fact that not enough chapters were represented. A good contest could be held if more chapters were represented.

I am in favor of raising the maximum number of 15 to 20, with the provision that they have the privilege of re-assignment.

**President:** Moved and seconded that the report be amended to increase the maximum number of chapters from 15 to 20.

**Prof. Moore, Park:** I think this is a good amendment because it would provide possibility of future growth which would be desirable along the lines of Mr. Graham's ideas.

**Prof. Summers, Kansas State Agricultural College:** I wish to speak in behalf of the Committee, considering both sides. There are some other things to be considered in the matter of determining the membership of provinces other than the convention. One is the attendance at the convention has not been more than 60 per cent. I take it that that means a lack of proper interest on the part of some



President Houck Dwarfs  
President Westfall



of the chapters. One of the greatest functions of the district is not merely to hold conventions and contests, but to keep an active and live interest on the part of the chapters which are members. This falls largely on the district governor. There is such a thing as having more than the district governor can take care of. We have arrived at this conclusion—that it is better to have two ordinary sized districts instead of one rather top heavy one which could not be so well handled by the district governor. That is the reason why we put 15 as a probable maximum. There are some sections in which the total number of chapters in the district would not be more than four. It would be a good division if some provinces had not more chapters than others. The ordinary province usually consists of 10-12 chapters. The responsibility of large districts is a big task to place on any officer. I should prefer eight chapters in the district and every one represented in the convention.

**Mr. Arbaugh, Carthage:** We would endorse Mr. Graham's and Mr. Moore's suggestions. We do not believe that the organization would become top heavy.

**Prof. Veatch, University of California, Southern Branch:** We have worked this over a long time and we to agree with Mr. Summer's statement that eight chapters would make an ideal province. We think it would be far better for the province and make a much better group. It is a very small unified body that we want, rather than some big organization with only half the chapters represented. We would rather have full representation from every chapter than a large number only half represented. I think the smaller number is much better.

**Prof. Graham, Culver-Stockton:** The statement made by Mr. Veatch does not rectify the situation from the standpoint from which I am looking at it. It is just as impossible to keep the provinces the same size numerically and territorially as it is to keep the states of the Union the same size for similar reasons—chapters are much more numerous in some districts than others. In regard to having full attendance—even if we did have smaller districts, this would not be guaranteed; at a previous convention two of the three chapters closest to the place of meeting had no representatives there. It is not a matter of distance. If you have eight as Mr. Veatch suggests, at least half may have no teams in women's forensics. I would rather have a smaller number of districts with a group big enough to get together and do something. It means more chapters can be assessed, providing more funds for running the affairs of the province.

**Chairman Marsh:** I would like to stress one point Mr. Summers mentioned which is being lost sight of: that there is something else to consider besides the convention. The whole idea is we are providing for very effective local administration during the period of



two years, and if you place under the jurisdiction of one governor a large number of chapters, we are going to break down. We are not only considering the convention, but also the administration.

**Mr. Welch, Dubuque:** I would like to make inquiry as to what the purpose of this district organization is. As I understand it, the purpose of the organization is to bring schools into closer contact. If we have too many schools in the organization it will not be possible to carry out this purpose.

**Chairman Marsh:** That is one of the purposes, yes. But only one. Situations exist like this throughout the country. Here is a chapter off in some district, no one but the president and secretary is responsible for stimulating interest in this chapter. They get no response from that chapter. We are putting in an officer called a district governor who is directly responsible to the president for the administration of that district. If there is a chapter not attending to its affairs, it is the governor's business to go and see what is wrong. The matter of administration is just as important as the holding of a meeting sometime within those two years. The district organization is to keep alive our chapters and stimulate greater activities and interest.

**President:** We will now vote on the question of increasing the maximum number of chapters from 15 to 20. The amendment lost by a large majority. The discussion is now on the original constitutional amendment providing for provincial organization:

**Prof. Moore, Park College:** One further suggestion—I would like to inquire about adopting this word "district." As the committee first submitted the report it contained the word district instead of province. May I have a reason for that from the committee?

**Prof. Summers, Kansas State Agricultural College:** There is no particular reason for it. If the word "district" is not preferable to "province", there is no objection to making the change. Possibly there is some objection to the use of that expression any more than is necessary, and at least two members of the committee preferred the term "district", but if the Convention wishes otherwise, it is easy to make the change.

**Prof. Moore, Park College:** I believe province is a good word and much more distinctive than district. Therefore, I move that district be stricken out and province substituted.

Motion seconded and carried 31 to 18.

**Chairman Marsh:** I want to call attention to the duties of the provincial governor. He is a special representative of the National Council and, therefore, he must carry out the orders of the council.

**Prof. Graham, Culver-Stockton:** If the Governor is to represent the chapters of his province, why can't he be elected at the provincial convention where all of the chapters will be represented,



rather than at the National Convention where only a few may be present?

**Mr. Jones, Oklahoma City University:** As to the matter of electing the District Governor at the National Convention—as I understand it the election is from the floor where there are no proxies. Would it be possible because of the fact that some chapters would not be represented, for them to send proxies? In that way each chapter could be represented at the National Convention without having to send delegates in order to elect the district officer.

**Chairman Marsh:** The reason advanced for having the election at the biennial National Convention, rather than at the district convention, was because of the fact that the Governor would go home from the Convention enthused over the convention. There is nothing to state that it could not be otherwise—but in general, that was the thought...the governor would go home as a special representative of the National Council and it seemed wise that inasmuch as the governor was the council representative, he should be elected at the National Convention. As to the matter of proxies, I see nothing to prevent their use.

**Miss Lange, Transylvania:** I would suggest that the governor of the District be elected by the number of colleges and chapters represented by the district and that certain requirements be placed upon the governor—i. e., that he shall be a member of the faculty, and Pi Kappa Delta, and that the governor elected should be a delegate to the next National Convention. Instead of being elected at the National Convention where all the chapters might not be represented, he should be elected by the chapters in the district.

**Vote On Amendment To The Constitution Providing For The Provincial Organization.** Carried by 50 majority.

**Report by Prof. Veatch, chairman of the charter committee on petitions for new chapters.**

A committee of nine has reported unanimously in each one of these cases. The things taken into consideration were: the standing of the school petitioning; scholastic standing among other institutions; the extent of its forensic program and the number of years it has been maintained; the endowment and financial support of the institution.

The first petition is from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. This is a non-sectarian university now, fully accredited by practically every accredited body in the United States. It is a member of the Missouri Valley Debating Conference. It has debated for some twenty years, and we consider that it will make a good chapter.

The chairman moved that the petition from Drake be granted. The motion carried.

**President Westfall:** I now declare established chapter 117 at Drake University, to be known as Iowa Mu.



**Chairman Veatch:** The second school is the Texas Christian University of Fort Worth. It has between 800 and 900 students in liberal arts. We do not have quite as much information regarding this as we have concerning Drake. I have spoken to two or three representatives regarding its credit. It is fully accredited and has an endowment large enough to guarantee continuing existence. It is supported by the Christian Church and is one of the strong denominational schools of Texas. It is considered the strongest institution in the state which has no chapter of a forensic organization.

The chairman moved that the petition from Texas Christian University be granted. The motion carried.

**President Westfall:** I now declare established chapter 118 at Texas Christian University, to be known as Texas Zeta.

**President Westfall:** Trinity petitioned for a chapter once. It was granted but never installed on account of trouble.

**Prof. Summers, Kansas State Agricultural College:** Move this matter be referred to the National Council.

**Prof. Winebrenner, Howard Payne:** We are now trying to reorganize Texas. We wrote to all of the chapters in Texas asking that we might gather here. Trinity replied saying its chapter was not a full bona fide chapter. It wanted us to make inquiries of officers here and then have a conference with it at the time of our debate. The difficulty was on account of the faculty not approving Greek letter societies.

**Chairman Veatch:** The next school is Wake Forest College, North Carolina. This petition was received only the day before the Convention started. The information which follows comes from The College Blue Book, and from one delegate from North Carolina.

It is a college for men. There are 643 students at the present time. It is considered by Prof. Cunningham of North Carolina State, to be the strongest private school in North Carolina. Mr. Wilson, North Carolina, says he considers them very good in forensics. The length of time should be waived to some extent because of their present strength and because of the fact that our extension into the southeast is a matter of paramount importance at the present time.

**Prof. Harvey, William Jewell:** We have engaged them in forensic activities for four or five years. They are one of the strongest schools in the South and have defeated some of the strongest schools in the East.

Chairman Veatch moved the petition of Wake Forest college be granted. The motion carried.

**President Westfall:** I now declare established chapter 119 at Wake Forest College, to be known as North Carolina Beta.

**Chairman Veatch:** The next school is The Nebraska State Normal School at Chadron. It has debated only two seasons. The charter com-



mittee recommends that this school not be admitted at the present time.

The motion carried.

**Chairman Veatch:** The next petition is from Southeastern Teachers' College, Durant, Oklahoma. This college has been made an accredited four-year school within the last year and as their forensics are fair but do not extend over a great length of time, we believe they should wait at least another convention before being accepted. The charter committee recommends that the petition be not granted.

**Mr. Gustafson, Jamestown:** I would suggest that we not so definitely turn down these schools that may come in in the next two or three years.

**Chairman Veatch:** We do not want any of these schools to get the idea that they have been permanently rejected. They know as soon as their weakness is remedied we will always be glad to consider another petition.

**Mr. Short, Dubuque:** This would not prevent a chapter from petitioning the National Council next convention.

The motion denying the petition carried.

**Chairman Veatch:** The next school is Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. The charter committee unanimously recommends that this be not granted. No accrediting agency in their own state recognizes credits from Valparaiso University. The motion carried to deny petition.

**Chairman Veatch:** The next petition is from Eastern State Teachers' College, Madison, South Dakota. The charter committee recommends that this be not granted because they are not engaged actively in forensics and are the weakest financially of the colleges in that part of the country.

The motion carried that petition be denied.

**Chairman Veatch:** The next petition is from Indiana Central College, Indianapolis. It is supported by the Christian Church; has an attendance of approximately 300; its forensic record is not so good at the present time; they are accredited very well by local organizations, but are not recognized by the North Central Association. They might in a year or two develop into an organization that we would be glad to welcome, but at the present time, we thought it best to reject them.

**Mr. Kenney, Franklin:** I am sorry you do not see fit to recommend this school to the National Council. We were in favor of it being granted a charter. We did not debate it this year but last year it had teams of high standing.

**Prof. Finley, Colorado Teachers' College:** It is the general impression that this is a pretty good institution. We need more definite information on this. We have only one chapter in Indiana, and ought to expand if the institution is one which could support a chapter.

The motion carried to deny the petition.

**Chairman Veatch:** Next, Nebraska State Teachers' College, Peru, Nebraska. It had a wonderful debating record from 1902-1915, then it



stopped but has resumed forensics within the past two years. The committee decided at the present time this petition had better lie over until the record was longer—until we see if it continues debating again. It has no definite forensic appropriation. It has been able to get the money asked for these two years but we are not sure that this will continue.

Carried that the petition of Peru be denied.

**Mr. Neeley, Parsons College:** We should like to lodge a protest against the decision in regard to the number of orators who will take part in the final oratorical contest tonight. We should like to meet with this committee which passes on this protest.

**Mr. Moore, Park:** Are they protesting the rule made by the committee, or rules in forensics as to convention contests?

**Mr. Dennis, Redlands:** At the preliminaries in which Mr. Hutchinson, University of California, Southern Branch, contested, the chairman who figured up the ranks made a blunder. Two men tied for third place. The Southern Branch man should have been given the place.

**Prof. Summers, Kansas State Agricultural College:** I move that President Westfall appoint a committee, including Mr. Dennis, to settle this dispute.

**Miss Fulton, Parsons:** We should like to have the matter handled by the committee that is familiar with the affair.

The matter was referred to the council for final settlement.

## BUSINESS SESSION THURSDAY, APRIL 1

The first order of business was the report on province boundary lines. The following was submitted as a working basis:

It shall always be the policy of the national council to put each chapter where it wants to be in the provincial organization insofar as possible. In order to get the plan under way we offer the following tentative arrangement.

1. Province of the Pacific.  
All California chapters.
2. Province of the northwest.  
Washington, Oregon, and Montana.
3. Province of the Platte.  
All of Nebraska and Colorado.
4. Province of Kansas.  
All Kansas chapters.
5. Province of Oklahoma.  
All Oklahoma chapters.
6. Province of the lower Mississippi.  
Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama and Texas.
7. Province of the Sioux.  
All of South Dakota, North Dakota, and Buena Vista, Western Union, and Morningside of Iowa.
8. Province of the upper Mississippi.  
Minnesota, Dubuque, Coe, and Upper Iowa from Iowa.
9. Province of the Missouri.  
Missouri and Iowa Wesleyan, Central, Des Moines, Simpson, Parsons, and Drake from Iowa, and McKendree of Illinois.



10. Province of Illinois.  
The rest of Illinois and Wisconsin.
11. Province of Kentucky.  
Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee.
12. Province of the Lakes.  
Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Maine.
13. Province of the South.  
North and South Carolina.

**Mr. Arbaugh, Carthage:** We have expressed our wishes in this matter before saying we wished to be in with the Missouri chapters and cannot understand why the arbitrary change.

**President Westfall:** The Missouri chapters suggested it.

**Prof. Moore, Park:** There is one Missouri chapter that has not suggested it.

**President Westfall:** Not that the Missouri chapters are trying to get rid of you, but they suggested it would be desirable to draw a line in Missouri. If we are going to establish a province in Illinois, it might be well for you to connect yourselves with it.

**Prof. Graham, Culver Stockton:** We should be glad to have them with us if they wish to work there.

**Mr. Taylor, Missouri Wesleyan:** We would be glad to have Carthage.

**Prof. Graham, Culver Stockton:** Move that the motion be passed as suggested herewith, with the understanding that adjustments may be made from time to time.

**Mr. Nelson, Olivet:** Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maine, and Connecticut have a total of 15 chapters. Michigan and Pennsylvania have very little relation with Ohio colleges. It seems to me it would be more beneficial if you gave Michigan a separate province.

**Mr. Stinebower, Kalamazoo:** We would appreciate getting in some different sort of grouping. Giving us Ohio or some other state would broaden our forensics.

**Mr. Nelson, Olivet:** I agree that it would be beneficial for us to get in with some other organization but we are not in the habit of having relations with Ohio. We go to Minnesota for our debates and it seems to me it would be more beneficial to be in a territory with Northern Illinois, or Wisconsin. The Province of the Lakes includes Maine. It seems ridiculous that we should be in this province. It would be wise to divorce us from Ohio and if possible include us in the province of Wisconsin and Northern Illinois and not Michigan alone.

**Prof. Veatch:** I suggest that Maine and Connecticut are included in this province for purely administrative purposes. Nobody expects them to attend a provincial convention that far away. They are in only for administrative purposes.

**Prof. Hopkins, Heidelberg:** I suggest a regional province of two states, Ohio and Michigan. This is in harmony with the suggestion to give Michigan and Ohio separate provinces if that were desirable. Think, however, in connection with other states, what we are going to do with



Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Maine. The problem is not whether we are going to have ideal relationship for Ohio or Michigan, but something has to be done with this eastern part of the country if Pi Kappa Delta is truly national. There may be a logical province from which Ohio at some future time may be separated. We object to the idea of being put in for convenience, but are willing to do what we can to develop that part of the country which at the present time has rather a critical outlook.

It was moved and seconded to adopt this provincial plan with the understanding that all adjustments will be made as rapidly as possible.

The motion carried.

**Prof. Garrett, Huron:** A committee was organized last fall to investigate the public speaking work given in the colleges with chapters of Pi Kappa Delta, to make this report, and offer and suggest standards upon which a certificate should be given to prospective coaches. A questionnaire was sent out and returned by 68 chapters. The committee recommends that the National Secretary be empowered to issue certificates of efficiency to under-graduate members who have met the requirements suggested in the following resolution:

Whereas the student has participated in inter-collegiate forensics for at least three seasons, and whereas the student has successfully carried work in five hours of speech, including a course in argumentation and debate, and whereas the student has done superior work in all of his or her class work and can present recommendations as to character and personality from three members of the faculty, including the president;

Therefore Pi Kappa Delta gives the certificate of preparation for coaching forensics.

**Prof. Summers, Kansas State Agricultural College:** Regarding the term "including the president"—in some schools possibly in a great many, the president would not have this information.

**Prof. Smith, Western Union:** I believe it would be better to include the coach of forensics.

**Prof. Holcomb, Bethany:** Regarding the number of hours in speech, if the school does not have a Speech Department but still engages in forensic work, how would it be affected?

**Prof. Garrett:** The average number speech hours taught in our colleges is 18.6. The one idea in organizing this was to put the level a little above what every school could reach. We thought if this certificate became desirable, the coach could point out the fact that he could get this certificate if permitted to expand and develop a little. Therefore, the level was drawn a little above what all colleges can reach. There are possibly 25 per cent of the chapters that cannot reach the level.

**Prof. Holcomb, Bethany:** If the Speech and Expression Departments are combined, would the credits in the Expression Department count?

**Prof. Garrett, Huron:** To a certain degree. If they include argu-