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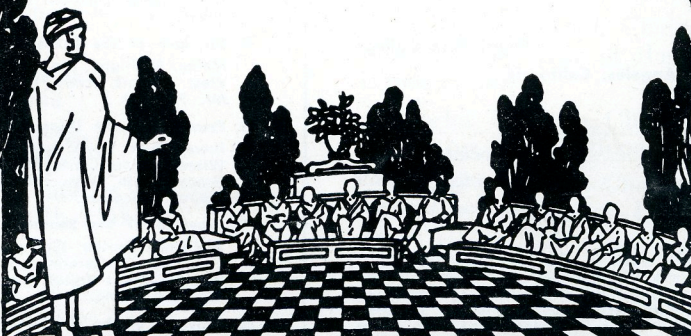
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All members of Pi Kappa Delta should be interested in the minutes of the business sessions held at the national convention. While the national officers are the official administrators, it is the action of the delegates at the national convention who elect the administrators and establish the policies that govern Pi Kappa Delta. Don't fail to read this important section.

Proceedings of Twentieth National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta

**South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota
April 15-19, 1957**

Minutes of the First Business Meeting

THE 20TH Biennial Convention was called to order by President T. F. Nelson at 8:35 Monday morning, April 15, 1957. One hundred and thirty-nine chapters answered to roll call. The final figures on attendance indicated one or more delegates from 145 chapters and a total attendance including official visitors of 740.

President Nelson, assisted by Roy D. Murphy, Chairman of the Charter and Standards Committee, presented charters to representatives of twelve new chapters. One additional charter was presented at a later meeting and delegates from two chapters which had received charters at the Provincial meetings last year were introduced.

Charters were presented to the following new chapters:

David Lipscomb College,
Nashville Tennessee
University of Illinois at Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois
Humboldt State College,
Arcata, California
Fresno State College,
Fresno, California
Southern State Teachers College,
Springfield, South Dakota
St. Mary's University,
San Antonio, Texas
Adams State College,
Alamosa, Colorado
Loyola University of Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, California

Tabor College,
Hillsboro, Kansas

Wisconsin State College,
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Portland State College,
Portland, Oregon

Eastern Montana College of Education,
Billings, Montana

Harding College,
Searcy, Arkansas

Those granted at the Provincial Conventions were:

University of Houston,
Houston, Texas

Morris-Harvey College,
Charleston, West Virginia

Announcements were made by the following:

John Randolph, Convention Chairman

Larry Norton, Contest Chairman

Harvey Cromwell, Chairman of Discussion, and Director of the Province Night Entertainment.

Charles T. Battin, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Revision.

Sherod J. Collins, Chairman of the Committee on Convention Invitations.

W. H. Veatch, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions.

Donald E. Sikkink, Assistant Convention Officer, announced plans for a Convention picture, delegate transportation, and a schedule of movies to be shown daily.

Emmett T. Long, Editor of the *Forensic*, reported that plans had been made for the publication of the KEY as a daily feature of the convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Second Business Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 1957, 7:00 p.m.

The second business meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday night, April 16, 1957.

Ballots were distributed on roll call for the election of the President and Vice-President for the coming Biennium.

The report of the President was given by President Nelson. The report outlined some of the points of emphasis for the past two years. These included a re-examination of the purposes of Pi Kappa Delta and a re-evaluation of its activities in terms of its purposes. The revision of procedure for discussion, the work of the Committee on Public Relations and Research, the addition of the distinguished alumni award, plans for a Pi Kappa Delta handbook, the consideration of a plan for a scholarship fund honoring founders of Pi Kappa Delta, and the possibility of sponsoring teams to do International Debate were mentioned in the report.

The proposal for the scholarship fund was discussed at length by the Convention and a resolution presented by the National Council follows:

It is moved that the National Council be empowered to accept and endorse such scholarships as may be established in honor of prominent members of Pi Kappa Delta, that the Council be authorized to assign the task of designating the recipients of such scholarships to an already established committee or to a new committee if no present committee seems proper to the task, and that the Council set up aims and procedures in line with which any such scholarships may be endorsed and administered.

The following policies will govern the acceptance and endorsement of forensic, memorial scholarships:

1. Pi Kappa Delta will aid in the drive for scholarship funds to the extent of publicizing the drive and furnishing the names and addresses of alumni presumed to be interested.

2. Except as stated above, the person or persons promoting the scholarship shall do all the fund raising.

3. Such person or persons shall invest the funds on some financial basis and shall notify Pi Kappa Delta as to the amount of scholarship aid available each year.

4. Pi Kappa Delta, through one of its committees, shall designate a recipient for the scholarship.

5. Pi Kappa Delta reserves the right to withdraw its endorsement and designation activities should it become convinced that actions not in harmony with the principles and purposes of Pi Kappa Delta are being engaged in.

The resolution was adopted by the Convention.

The report of the secretary was presented. The report indicated that delegates had now been registered from 144 chapters with a total attendance of 740. This total had been exceeded only once in past conventions of Pi Kappa Delta. The chapter attendance surpassed the previous record of representation from 135 chapters set in 1951. Participation in four individual events surpassed that of previous conventions with 110 competing in men's extemporaneous speaking, 76 in women's extemporaneous speaking, 84 in men's oratory, and 62 in women's oratory.

The Secretary pointed out that participation in these events established new records for such contests sponsored by inter-collegiate forensic societies.

The Secretary's report stated that memberships in Pi Kappa Delta had reached a total of 30,650 with prospects for more than 900 new members for the current year. It said that 17,563 keys have been issued with 250 new keys issued to date for the year. He predicted that at the present rate of growth, Pi Kappa Delta would have 200 chapters by the time of the next National Convention and be adding new members at the rate of 1,000 per year.

He called attention to some of the other "firsts" in Pi Kappa Delta history including the first intercollegiate oratorical contest sponsored by a forensic fraternity, the first extemporaneous speaking contest, the first debate tournament, the first Student Congress, and was first to adopt the policy of selecting an official debate question for use during the year.

The secretary mentioned the supplies available at the registration desk and the display of pictures of other conventions.

He mentioned the continuing problem of maintaining an accurate mailing list due to sponsor change, and the need for a Pi Kappa Handbook and stated that such a book is being prepared by the committee of Public Relations and should be available during the next school year.

The report of the Secretary was adopted. President Nelson announced that the term of the National Secretary was ending and that the National Council had voted to submit the name of D. J. Nabors for another term of four years as National Secretary. Motion was made to approve the action of the National Council and D. J. Nabors was elected to a second term as National Secretary.

A motion was made by Robert Tuttle of Hastings that a committee be appointed to continue the research that had been started in discussion. The motion carried.

Announcements were made that the medals for the individual events would be presented at the banquet Thursday night. It was decided to hold the election for new Council members at the Wednesday morning meeting so that the new council members could be installed at the banquet.

Results of the election of President and Vice-President were announced with the following being elected:

President: L. E. Norton, Bradley University.

Vice-President: Harvey Cromwell, Mississippi State College for Women.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes of the Third Business Meeting, April 17, 1957, 10:15 a.m.

The third business meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m., April 17, 1957.

Roll call of chapters was made and ballots were distributed in the lobby as the delegates arrived for the business meeting. Candidates for positions on the National Council were introduced. The names of five candidates were submitted by the nominating committee as follows:

Charles T. Battin,

College of Puget Sound

Roy D. Murphy,

Southwest Louisiana Institute

Georgia Bowman,

William Jewell College

A. R. Christianson,

South Dakota State College

Franklin R. Shirley,

Wake Forest University.

The name of Ralph Micken was submitted from the floor.

The following were elected to the National Council for a two-year term:

Charles T. Battin

Georgia Bowman

Roy D. Murphy

The meeting was recessed to Friday, 11:00 a.m.

Business Meeting, Friday, April 19

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 19, 1957.

Reports from the Committee on Convention Invitations was presented by Sherod J. Collins. Possible convention sites mentioned were Bowling Green State University, Ohio; Oklahoma A & M, Stillwater; Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, Texas; Howard-Payne College, Brownwood, Texas; Washington State College, Pullman, Washington; and Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, Washington. The problem of selecting the place for the next National Convention was placed in the hands of the National Council.

The report of the Committee on Constitutional Revision was presented by Charles T. Battin. Two changes in the constitution were proposed, one to amend Article III, Section 3, to read "A membership certificate will be issued upon request at cost." The second amendment dealing with the election of the Council Members proposed that the election of members of the National Council other than President and Vice-President should be elected at a "later meeting" instead of the "last business meeting." The amendments were carried.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by W. H. Veatch. The report was as follows:

The Twentieth Biennial Convention of Pi Kappa Delta, assembled at South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota, wishes to express its appreciation to all organizations and individuals who have contributed to the success of the convention.

Pi Kappa Delta wishes to thank President John W. Headley, the administrative

officers, faculty and students of South Dakota for providing the fine facilities for the convention and for the splendid cooperation they have given us. Pi Kappa Delta expresses its appreciation to the Province of the Sioux, its officers, and all of its chapters for their part in the successful operation of this convention.

Pi Kappa Delta wishes to thank the officers and members of the South Dakota Delta Chapter for the time and work that they have put in on this convention. No convention can be made a success without a local group that functions at 100 percent efficiency which this South Dakota Delta has done. A. R. Christianson, Donald Sikkink, Carl Wilson, and Roger Ziebarth have had the majority of contacts with the individuals of the convention. However, we know they have been backed by many others in making this convention run so smoothly. Pi Kappa Delta wishes to thank the faculty and townspeople of Brookings who assisted in judging the contests during the convention. Pi Kappa Delta wishes to thank Mr. Jack Uhler, Head of Food Service, and his staff for the efficient handling of the banquet.

This Twentieth Biennial Convention of Pi Kappa Delta wishes to express its gratitude to President Theodore F. Nelson and all the other national officers and council members for the consumation of this very successful convention. We especially wish to thank D. J. Nabors for his constant effort and efficiency which extends to 365 days a year. We wish to thank especially Senator Karl Mundt, Professor Robert T. Oliver and Professor Ward L. Miller for their contributions to this convention.

And lastly, the convention as a whole expresses its congratulations to every student and faculty delegate to the convention. A convention cannot function properly and intelligently, a tournament cannot be run smoothly and successfully without 100 percent cooperation of all the people involved, and this your Resolutions Committee believes we have had.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Convention Evaluation was presented by H. L. Ahrendts.

Report of the Committee on Convention Evaluation — 1957

The Committee on Convention Evaluation has made extensive inquiries among student and faculty delegates, and has received many and varied suggestions. Those suggestions of a purely local or temporary nature will not be considered in this report, but will be called to the attention of the National Council for use in deliberations for the 1959 convention.

The Committee on Convention Evaluation wishes to make the following observations and recommendations:

1. In *Oratory* there has been discussion that there is some division in how the Oratory Contest is conducted. One segment feels that there should be a time limit while still another group feels there should be a word limit. The Evaluation Committee recommends that the President of Pi Kappa Delta appoint a Committee to study the Oratory Contest with respect to this problem prior to our 1959 Convention.

2. The *Debate Ballot*, with its 4 point rating scale (unsatisfactory, fair, good, and excellent) seems to be inconsistent with our final good-excellent-superior rating of teams, and does not make possible a sufficient distinction between the above-average speaker and the really superior speaker.

There have also been objections to the requirement that judges rate speakers individually on separate skills (use of argument, knowledge of question, etc.), whether or not the judge has, in a given case, any basis for an intelligent judgment on the separate points. The objection might be met by a ballot providing for an over-all rating of the speaker, with the detailed skills listed below, to be checked by the judge only when he has grounds for rating a speaker as superior, excellent, etc., on these details. There are indications that some outstanding Pi Kappa Delta debate teams have passed up our Convention in favor of the West Point tournament, and that a factor in this has been the lack of challenge presented by a tournament in which the superior teams are unlikely to meet one another, and where the "superior" rating does not sufficiently identify or measure the best teams. Two tentative suggestions which might provide a means of improving the Convention in this respect are:

- (a) Introduction of a championship flight, set up on basis of pre-convention records and/or Province recommendations.
- (b) Introduction of a supplemental point system, whereby teams would be assigned points according to the number of wins registered by teams whom they defeat.

3. That the members of the Evaluation Committee be given more extensive evaluating duties to the extent of including the entire convention, and all of its aspects, in their report to the Convention. Previously the Committee on Convention Evaluation has confined itself largely to only organizational matters.

4. Considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed with the Convocation Program which initiated the Convention. The Committee feels the Convention program opening our activities should be strictly religious or non-religious in nature. That is the opening program should be consistent in nature. It should either be a worship service or a non-worship service.

5. The 1957 National Council should be genuinely congratulated for the splendid work in connection with the current national convention, as obviously tremendous effort and planning have been exerted in the interests of those in attendance. Likewise, in this connection the Committee on Evaluation wishes to further congratulate the National Council for securing the high caliber of convention speakers which were presented to the 1957 Convention.

Two amendments were proposed to the report. One proposed "that in the future National Tournaments, the contestants be permitted to see the instructions to the judges for each contest," and the other that "some sort of critique sheet be used to indicate the areas in which speakers were weak or strong."

A motion was made to amend the report further by adding the following: Each chapter should be provided with the names of those being considered for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Motion carried. It was moved to add that the judges be specifically informed as to the basis of disqualifying a contestant by a statement on the ballot or by a meeting of the judges. Motion carried.

It was suggested that the term "oratory" be clarified in order to make certain that

oratory does not include the interpretative events.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Charters and Standards was presented by Roy D. Murphy. The report proposed that two charters be revoked, nine be continued on probation, ten be placed on probation, and five be removed from probation as follows (see below).

The report was adopted.

Winners in debate and sweepstakes competition were announced and medals presented to the debaters receiving a rating of superior.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Charter Committee Report April 19, 1957

Charters Revoked:

Arkansas Epsilon at Southern State College

Illinois Omicron at DePaul University

Continued Probation:

Arkansas Beta at Ouachita College

Georgia Beta at University of Georgia

Indiana Alpha at Franklin College

Kansas Kappa at Baker University

Kentucky Gamma at Kentucky Wesleyan College

Mississippi Alpha at Millsaps College

Oklahoma Beta at University of Tulsa

Missouri Mu at Tarkio College

Texas Nu at Texas A & M

Placed on Probation:

Alabama Beta at Alabama College

Alabama Gamma at Spring Hill College

Georgia Gamma at University of Georgia, Atlanta Division

Illinois Gamma at Carthage College

Illinois Lambda at Shurtleff College

Kansas Mu at Bethany College

Mississippi Beta at Mississippi State College

Missouri Lambda at Missouri Valley College

Ohio Gamma at Hiram College

Pennsylvania Alpha at Grove City College

Removed from Probation:

Iowa Iota at Westmar College

Iowa Mu at Drake University

Tennessee Epsilon at Carson-Newman College

Texas Mu at Stephen F. Austin State College

Wisconsin Beta at Carroll College



A Final Letter From Our President

My last message to you as president is being written with the events of the Brookings Convention still uppermost in mind. As reflection begins on our experiences there and on the other happenings of my two-year term of office, I am moved by a real sense of gratitude. I am sincerely appreciative of all the cooperation and assistance so many of you have given, both during the convention and in the many preparations for it. The individuals and groups whose efforts should be recognized are too many to be mentioned here. Accept, therefore, this general "thank you" to all.

During these two years the National Council has tried to carry out policies and activities which would fulfill the constitutionally prescribed purposes of our fraternity. I should like to summarize here what we have sought to do.

First, through the President's page in the Forensic, the broader aims and the basic philosophy of the fraternity have been stressed. The objective has been to maintain a true perspective of what we are trying to accomplish through our organization.

Second, we have tried to re-evaluate and improve the competitive activities that we sponsor. Our main attention has been centered on discussion, which after our last convention was in danger of losing its place on our convention programs. A new format for this event was instituted at the 1957 convention, and early reports seem to indicate that improvements have resulted. A new discussion committee will be appointed as a result of convention action. This group will need to study further the problems that have been unanswered and to make proposals for this event at the 1959 convention.

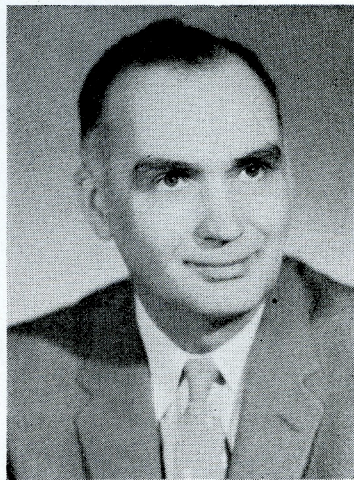
Third, by action at the Redlands Convention, the editor of the Forensic has become a member of the National Council and met with us at our summer meeting and at this convention. This, I believe, has resulted in a closer coordination of the work of the Council with the policies of our official publication. The Forensic, under the leadership of Professor Emmett Long, has contained several commendable new features. Further improvements are under consideration, one of which is a change in the cover of the magazine.

Fourth, the National Council has felt that it would and should do something in the area of public relations and research. A committee under the chairmanship of Professor Glenn Capp and members Roy Mahaffey and Franklin Shirley is functioning in this field. Already, the Distinguished Alumni Award project has been launched. This program was explained and put into effect at our meeting in Brookings. A further project under way is a Pi Kappa Delta booklet which will contain vital information useful to present and future members of the fraternity.

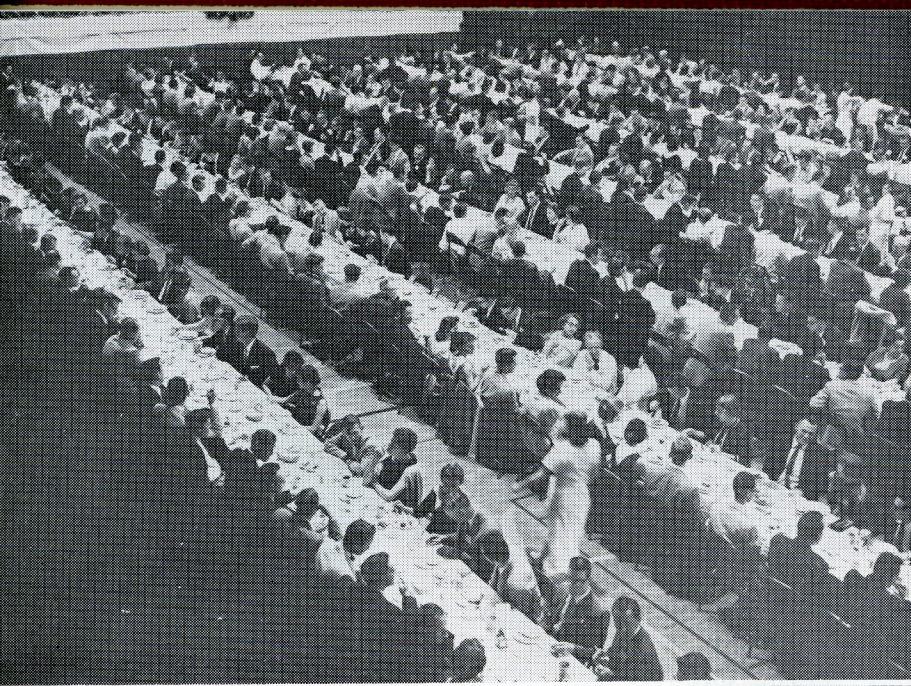
Fifth, our attention has been called to a desire on the part of Pi Kappa Delta friends to establish scholarship funds honoring prominent members of our organization. The action taken at the convention has made it possible for the National Council to go ahead with this project.

As we anticipate the future, we must agree that imagination and creativity will be needed to adapt our services to changing conditions and needs. There must be a perpetual scrutiny of our local chapter programs so that the activities of Pi Kappa Delta may continue to serve a real purpose in the institutions that hold charters of the fraternity. We must strive to keep alive and to promote the enthusiasm which motivated those who founded this organization and those who have given of their energies to it since that time.

It is a wise provision in our Constitution which sets August first as the time for newly-elected officers to assume their duties. This three month interim between election and the assuming of office gives one a chance to catch his breath and think of many things. First of course I think of the challenge which accompanies the honor of becoming your National President for the next two years. And I hope that I shall be able to fulfill the responsibilities of this important office. Then I think of this Commencement period and I realize that perhaps it has a meaning significant to all of us. I suppose many of you graduating Pi Kappa Deltans are a little reluctant to say your farewells and are a little in awe of what the future holds. I think I feel much like a college senior — except in years. I'll miss many of the upper classmen who have been on the forensic circuit for several years and have attended their last National Convention. But then, some will return as forensic directors, perhaps just two years from now, and that is a happy thought. It is difficult, too, to say goodbye to our hosts, the Province of the Sioux and South Dakota State College where the friendly enthusiasm together with excellent planning and cooperation contributed so much to one of our greatest biennial conventions. We'll miss the wise counsel and cheerful countenance of John Randolph from our Council meetings when his term expires in August. But like the senior who feels lost for a moment between the past and the future, I cannot help but anticipate the opportunities which lie ahead for Pi Kappa Delta. You have added a capable and willing worker in the person of Georgia Bowman to a Council which has worked well together. Already the place to hold our next biennial convention is under consideration. Within the next two years many new chapters will be granted charters and together with nearly two thousand new members will contribute additional vitality and imagination in the greater realization of the purposes of our organization. For all of us this is the season of initiations and the time when we are reminded of the high ideals of Pi Kappa Delta. To you who are returning in the Fall as active members, I invite you to give a little thought during the summer to ways in which you can make your local chapter a more vital and serviceable campus organization next year. I wish for all of you a good summer.



*A Message
From Your
New President*



The Convention

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