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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The first national convention of Pi Kappa Delta was called to order in the Y. M. C. A. room of Washburn College at Topeka, Kansas, by the Washburn chapter president at 1:30 P. M., March 31, 1916. As temporary chairman Mr. Beattie made a brief address of welcome and then introduced in turn the National Officers—President E. R. Nichols, Acting Secretary-Treasurer Roy Painter, National Historian J. H. Krenmyre, and Vice President E. A. Vaughan.

The National President then took official charge of the meeting and made the opening address. The President spoke over an hour, outlining to the delegates the plans, aims, and progress of the National Founders and the National Council in organizing, launching and bringing to its present state of efficiency the Pi Kappa Delta Forensic Honor Society. He then outlined the needs of the Order in internal organization and discussed the policy and plans for extension. He called upon the other officers to state their views upon these matters to the convention.

The matter of the organization of the convention was then taken up. The President appointed committees on finance, ritual and ceremonies, extension, constitutional amendments, insignia and emblems, Charter form, stationery and certificates, interforensic relations, and resolutions. The members of the National Chapter then voted on a motion by Vaughan to organize the convention on a basis of one vote to each chapter and the Secretary was instructed to make up the roll of the convention. All members present in addition to delegates were given speaking privilege.

The first official business was the report of the Charter committee. The Chairman, E. A. Vaughan, recommended local organizations at Alabama Polytechnic Institute and at Fairmount College, Wichita, Kansas. The petition of the Alabama Polytechnic local was granted unanimously and that of Fairmount provisionally. The National Treasurer was instructed to ask the petitioners to fill out their individual blanks of application and to correct certain mistakes in stating their forensic record; upon this action by the petitioners the Fairmount petition was to be granted.

On motion of J. H. Krenmyre it was voted that a member of the Washburn chapter act as reporter for the convention. A. G. Beattie, local president, was appointed

A time and place of meeting for the hearing of each committee the follow-

ing morning was agreed upon, and the first session of the convention was adjourned.

The roll of the convention follows:

DELEGATES

*11 delegates
9 visitors*

Alabama Polytechnic—E. A. Vaughan, National Vice President.
 Central College (Ia.)—Not represented. Charter withdrawn.
 Colorado Agricultural College—Not represented.
 Eureka College—Not represented.
 Highland Park College—Wm. Christianson.
 Illinois Wesleyan—Not represented.
 Iowa Wesleyan—J. H. Krenmyre, National Historian.
 Kansas State Chapter—Roy E. Gwin, President; Roy Painter, Secretary (also Acting National Secretary).
 Kansas State Agricultural College—J. Paul Loomis.
 Nebraska Wesleyan—Not represented. Charter surrendered.
 Ottawa University—Cecil Coad.
 Redlands University—Arthur D. Jacobsen.
 Ripon College—Egbert Ray Nichols, National President.
 Southwestern College—Howard White.
 South Dakota Wesleyan—Not represented.
 Washburn College—Clifford Hope.

During the second day of the convention Kansas Wesleyan was represented by Floyd E. Lull. Faculty opposition at this institution has prevented the installation of this chapter, which was admitted just previous to the convention.

The visitors at the convention were: Kansas State Agricultural College—Dr. John R. Macarthur; Redlands—Fred D. Fagg; Southwestern—Harry Carlson and Lex Kelly; Washburn—A. G. Beattie, Flora Harrington and others who took no part, and from among the graduate members: J. W. Clark, Jessie J. Nye and C. Benjamin Franklin.

THE FIRST EVENING—INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS INTO WASHBURN CHAPTER

At the home of Miss Kathrine Albaugh the Washburn chapter gave a reception to the delegates on Friday evening, the first evening of the convention. With A. G. Beattie, the local president, as Cancellarius, the ritual written by Dr. J. R. Macarthur of K. S. A. C. chapter was put on for the instruction of the delegates and incidentally to receive two new members, after which Miss Albaugh recited several amusing selections in a clever manner. Light refreshments were served and the guests departed at a late hour, each one having made many new acquaintances.

THE SATURDAY SESSIONS

Until ten o'clock the morning was spent in Committee hearings and meetings. The President then called the convention to order. At the request of the reporter the Election of Officers was put first in the order of business.

Upon motion of Krenmyre it was voted to change the constitutional sec-

tion providing for officers to include President, Vice President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, and National Historian.

Mr. Krenmyre, then, in a brief speech urging that President Nichols be given a second term in which to complete the plans which he had begun for Pi Kappa Delta, placed his name in nomination. Coad of Ottawa moved to close the nominations. Krenmyre put the vote and Nichols was declared elected unanimously.

J. Paul Loomis of K. S. A. C. placed Dr. J. R. Macarthur in nomination for Vice President. Cecil Coad, Ottawa, nominated E. A. Vaughan. The vote was taken by ballot, resulting in seven for Vaughan and four for Macarthur. Vaughan was declared elected.

On motion of Krenmyre, the Acting Secretary, Roy Painter, was instructed by unanimous vote to cast the vote of the convention for Dr. J. R. Macarthur, K. S. A. C. chapter, for National Secretary.

William Christianson, Highland Park, nominated Roy Painter for National Treasurer. Howard White moved to close the nominations and that Loomis of K. S. A. C. cast the unanimous vote of the convention for Painter for National Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Roy E. Gwin, Kansas State chapter, J. H. Krenmyre was re-elected National Historian.

President Nichols then appointed Roy E. Gwin and Arthur L. Crookham members of the Charter Committee for the ensuing administration.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer was then called for. Mr. Painter responded, showing \$40 in the State Savings Bank of Topeka, and \$40 due the treasury from John A. Shields, retiring Secretary-Treasurer. (Note—The last report from Painter shows \$119 in the treasury, dues outstanding, and the charter, seal, coat of arms, stationery, and two Forensics to be paid for.) Mr. Painter estimated the dues in arrears and supplemented the President's speech of the day before as to the number of members in the Order. He stated that there were over three hundred members and that the key record showed 107 sales. (Key record now stands 121.)

The President reported on the Forensic and urged all delegates to see to it that their chapters paid dues, sent in chapter letters and cuts promptly, and kept the Editor and other officers correctly informed of the addresses and standing in Pi Kappa Delta of all members both new and old.

The reports of committees were taken up until the end of the morning session, and again in the afternoon session. Reports and partial reports follow:

Finance Committee. Report

Roy Painter, Chairman; Cecil C. Coad, William Christianson.

1. We recommend that only initial dues be demanded from members of the order of instruction.

2. We recommend that initial dues of \$1 (subscription price to The Forensic) be charged of all Graduate and Honorary members, regardless of time of admission.

3. We recommend that initial dues of \$1.50 be charged of all Active members, regardless of time of admission.

4. We recommend that the present annual dues of Active members of \$1.50 each school year be not changed.

Report adopted without dissent.

Committee on Insignia. Report

Roy E. Gwin, Chairman; Flora Harrington.

1. The colors of Pi Kappa Delta shall be cherry red and white.

2. The official flower of Pi Kappa Delta shall be the red carnation.

3. The official pennant shall embody the name of the college of each chapter and of our order.

4. A committee shall be appointed with the National Treasurer as chairman to arrange for the purchasing of all keys and pennants through the Treasurer, and to arrange for a commission to go to the national treasury for general purposes.

5. Provided for special badge for national officers. (Rejected.)

6. A coat of arms shall be procured by the National Treasurer, designed as follows: On a shield shall be engraved a triangle, under the triangle the letters Pi Kappa Delta (in Greek), with a pen crosswise of the triangle and a sword beneath the pen, showing the dominance of the pen over the sword. This coat of arms shall appear on our charter, our national stationery, and our membership certificates.

7. Only the national officers shall be allowed to wear the coat of arms, on a pendant or button suited to the purpose.

8. Hereafter only solid gold keys shall be furnished members.

9. Keys shall be of shining gold and not old gold.

10. The design of J. F. Newman is recommended in preference to the design of E. R. Roehm. It is recommended that a different jeweler from E. R. Roehm be found.

11. A key about one-half the size of the present key shall be furnished to those who wish them. The present size key shall be retained for those who wish that size.

12. The National Treasurer shall make a contract with a reputable jeweler, securing guarantees as to workmanship, time of delivery, repairing, changing of keys, and commission for use of the order.

Report accepted by the delegates.

Report of Charter Form Committee

Miss Jessie Nye, Chairman; C. C. Coad.

1. A seal shall be procured for use on charters and membership certificates. The design shall be as recommended by the committee and shall be purchased by the Treasurer.

2. The Treasurer shall retain the coat of arms cut, and shall furnish stationery of various kinds to local chapters or to individuals.

3. A charter form shall be as follows: (Design omitted here.) This charter shall be procured as soon as possible, the details to be left to this committee as to who shall do the work, the kind of work to be done.

4. Chapters that have not paid charter fees are to be urged at once to remit to the Treasurer.

5. This committee, acting with the National Treasurer, shall be continued until its work is done.

6. Stationery shall be furnished by the National Treasurer to the National Officers free of cost to them.

7. A new membership certificate shall be struck off.

The delegates voted to adopt the report as above set forth.

Ritual and Ceremonies Committee—Report

J. Paul Loomis, Chairman; Wm. Christianson, Roy Painter.

Your committee reports that it is working out ceremonies of Installation of Chapter, Initiation of Members, Installation of Local and National Officers, and blank obligation form for members at large as instructed, and recommends that more time be given to perfect these ceremonies.

Mr. Loomis then said that the committee recommended favorably the initiation ceremony given by the Washburn chapter the previous evening with additions, saying that the committee intended to incorporate this ceremony in the Installation program for chapters, together with the ceremony written by Arthur L. Crookham.

The report of the committee was accepted and it was instructed to continue its work and report the finished ceremonies to The Forensic for publication. (The full report of the committee, except the blank for members at large, is published elsewhere in this issue.)

Committee on Welfare and Interforensic Relations

J. H. Krenmyre, Chairman; Roy E. Gwin, C. Benj. Franklin.

The committee recommends that in the light of the recent attempt on the part of Tau Kappa Alpha to "lift" the Washburn chapter, and in view of the fact that the Illinois Wesleyan chapter has raised the question of whether or not it may take its present debate coach, who is a member of Tau Kappa Alpha, the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta be instructed to attempt to make some sort of interforensic agreement with Delta Sigma Rho, Tau Kappa Alpha, and Phi Alpha Tau which will guarantee the interest and welfare of each organization.

The committee recommends the withdrawal of the Central charter and the acceptance of the surrender of the Nebraska Wesleyan charter after due consideration of the evidence placed before it by the National President.

The committee recommends the appointment of province officers.

Report adopted by the convention.

Report of Extension Committee

E. A. Vaughan, Chairman; A. D. Jacobsen.

1. That a list of acceptable institutions, as recommended by the National President, be made and that the Charter Committee and the National Council be permitted to grant charters to chapters in accepted institutions upon petition. That petitions from institutions not on the accepted list be required to wait the action of the National Convention or a Referendum of the Chapters.

2. That each chapter furnish the National Secretary with a copy of its local Constitution, so that he may make suggestions to new chapters in getting into shape quickly and satisfactorily. Also that each furnish information regarding neighboring schools to Province President.

3. That each chapter attempt to issue a news sheet to keep alumni interested and working for and with their chapters.

4. That each chapter furnish Certificates of Honor to High School debaters and orators, same to be furnished by the National organization and signed by National Council member.

5. That each chapter be a propaganda center for the interests of Pi Kappa Delta.

The above recommendations were accepted and it was voted to incorporate them in the Rules and Regulations of Pi Kappa Delta.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REPORT

E. A. Vaughan, Chairman; J. H. Krenmyre, Howard White.

Advisory Member, E. R. Nichols.

1. Each chapter shall have one vote at the national conclave.
 2. Each member of the National Council shall have one vote.
 3. The fiscal year shall be changed to end June 15.
 4. There shall be a definite procedure for admission of new chapters. If new chapter petition within six weeks of the national convention, they shall be admitted only at the national convention.
 5. The office of Secretary-Treasurer shall be divided.
 6. The State chapter shall be retained for organization purposes, but the power to grant degrees shall be taken from it. Higher degrees shall be granted on application directly to the National Council, as represented by the National Treasurer.
 7. The governing body of the State chapter shall be a Council consisting of one member elected by each local chapter of the state.
 8. National officers shall be selected on a basis of enthusiasm for Pi Kappa Delta, not on a basis of collegiate forensic achievement.
 9. An order of Activity shall be provided, designed to grant distinction to members out of school but wishing to go on up higher in Pi Kappa Delta.
- Upon vote of the convention this committee was instructed to continue its work and present a rewritten constitution harmonized with the actions of the convention.

(Ed. note—The work of this committee is progressing and the new constitution will probably be published in the November-December issue of The Forensic.)

Resolutions Committee

The Committee on Resolutions, Howard White of Southwestern, Chairman, and A. D. Jacobsen of the University of Redlands, offered the following resolutions, which were passed by the convention:

1. Whereas, The National Council has given its best efforts to perfecting the organization of Pi Kappa Delta as the National honor society and to the success of the first national convention, therefore

Be it resolved, that the delegates in convention assembled express their appreciation of these efforts and pledge the support of their respective chapters to the National Council for the successful extension and best interests of Pi Kappa Delta; and

2. Whereas, The Washburn chapter, as the host of the first National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta, has so courteously provided entertainment and accommodations for the delegates, and a delightful place of meeting for the convention, therefore

Be it resolved, that the delegates extend a vote of thanks and appreciation to the Washburn College chapter; and

3. Whereas, John A. Shields, one of the National founders of this Order, has given freely of his time, his energy and his money in order to extend and strengthen Pi Kappa Delta, and has handed down to his successor a carefully arranged plan for carrying on the work of the National Treasurer, therefore

Be it resolved, that the gratitude of the convention be at once sent to Mr. Shields, former and first General Secretary-Treasurer, for what he has done for Pi Kappa Delta.

Convention Rulings and Actions

Certificates are to be issued only when dues are fully paid to the National Treasurer.

New chapters are to be installed only when dues of members and charter fee are in the hands of the National Treasurer.

The intersociety oratorical of Kansas State Agricultural College having great local importance and merit, is recognized as a forensic contest by Pi Kappa Delta.

C. Benjamin Franklin of the Washburn College chapter, having won two debates and one intercollegiate prohibition oratorical contest, is allowed to substitute winning first place in the oratorical for a winning debate and thereby receive the Degree of Honor with Special Distinction.

L. R. Forbes, alumnus of Washburn College and applicant to the Washburn chapter, is given the privilege of being initiated by whatever chapter possible in the course of his travels, it being impossible for him to come to Topeka for initiation. This ruling is made general, and an applicant to one chapter may be initiated by another chapter upon receipt by the initiating chapter of proper credentials from the chapter to which the application was directed.

S. W. Grathwell of Stanford University was elected to membership at large.

On motion of Coad it was voted that the National Council, with the President as Chairman, choose the time and place for holding the next national convention.

It was voted that the Pi Kappa Delta key be not made up into fraternity jewelry, such as stickpins, cuff buttons, etc. Men may wear the key as a pendant from a chain or as a fob; women may wear it as a lavalier.

Session adjourned.

Saturday Evening—Final Meeting

The delegates and officers of the convention and the members of Washburn chapter were entertained at dinner Saturday night at the home of Professor and Mrs. E. D. Schonberger. The table was decorated with yellow and white baskets of snapdragons, and the basket handles were tied with yellow and white tulle bows. Mr. Roy Painter was toastmaster.

Responses were made as follows:

"Honorable Judges," Mr. Cecil Coad, Ottawa; "Worthy Opponents," Mr. Roy Gwin, Morrowville; "Development of the Question," Mr. E. R. Nichols, Redlands, Calif.; "Burden of Proof," Mr. Floyd E. Lull, Salina; "Team Work," Miss Flora Harrington, Topeka; "Dodging the Issue," Mr. J. P. Loomis, Manhattan; "Authorities," Mr. William Christianson, Des Moines, Ia.; "Summary," Mr. J. H. Krenmyre, Iowa City; "The Suspense," Mr. Howard White, Winfield; "The Decision," Mr. E. A. Vaughan, Auburn, Ala.; "Congratulations," Miss Jessie Nye, Newton.

Covers were laid for: Professor and Mrs. E. D. Schonberger, Mrs. Morton Albaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Painter, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Templeton, Miss Erma Erickson, Miss Antoinette Dean, Miss Avis Clayton, Miss Jessie Nye, of Newton; Miss Kathryn Albaugh, Miss Mabel Jones, Miss Audrie Myers, Miss Dorothy Dales, Miss Flora Harrington, Mr. J. Lex Kelley, Mr. Harry Carlson and Mr. Howard White of Winfield; Mr. J. H. Krenmyre, of Iowa City; Mr. Roy

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Gwin, of Morrowville; Mr. E. A. Vaughan, of Auburn, Ala.; Mr. Egbert Ray Nichols, Mr. A. D. Jacobsen, and Mr. Fred Fagg, of Redlands, Cal.; Mr. J. P. Loomis, of Manhattan; Mr. J. H. Heckert and Mr. Floyd E. Lull, of Salina; Mr. William Christianson, of Des Moines, Ia.; Mr. Cecil Coad, of Ottawa; Mr. Glen Conkling, Mr. Glenn Hamilton, Mr. John Williams, Mr. Carl Linge, Mr. Albert Reed, Mr. Richard Richter, Mr. Ira Burkholder, Mr. Clifford Hope, Mr. James W. Clarke, and Mr. Arthur Beattie, of Washburn chapter.

After the dinner the President appointed the following to act as Publicity Committee: E. R. Nichols, Chairman; E. A. Vaughan, A. G. Beattie, J. H. Krenmyre, W. E. Gilliland of the Ottawa chapter and city editor of the Ottawa Herald, and John A. Shields as advisory member.

The President appointed the following Province Presidents to act as a Permanent Welfare Committee:

E. A. Vaughan of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, over Dixie including Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Florida;

P. C. Somerville, of Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois, over Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana;

E. H. Wilds, of Dakota Wesleyan at Mitchell, South Dakota, over North and South Dakota and Minnesota;

J. H. Krenmyre, of Iowa Wesleyan University, Tiffin, Iowa, over Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa and Arkansas;

Professor E. D. Schonberger, of Washburn College, 1309 College Avenue, Topeka, Kansas, over Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas;

Professor Alfred Westfall, of Colorado State Agricultural College at Fort Collins, Colorado, over Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and Utah;

E. R. Nichols over the Pacific division, including New Mexico and Arizona.

The President appointed James W. Clark of the Washburn chapter as Legal Advisor of the organization.

REPORT OF PI KAPPA DELTA RITUAL COMMITTEE

MANHATTAN, KANSAS, May 11, 1916.

To MR. EGBERT R. NICHOLS,

National President Pi Kappa Delta.

Dear Sir: We wish to submit to you herewith the full report of the ritual committee appointed by you at the National Convention at Topeka on March 31st last. * * * In forming these rituals the committee has endeavored to incorporate in so far as possible, the suggestions and contributions of other chapters and officers in the Order, and has taken into consideration the varying local conditions that Pi Kappa Delta may have to meet. The committee regrets that it was unable to obtain a certain triangle ceremony used in the local ritual of the Washburn chapter which the committee intended to incorporate in this ritual. We hope that it may be added at a later date.

The committee does not feel that this ritual is at all a finished product, but rather that the formation of our ritual should be a growth, and that we should improve and add to it from time to time until it will eventually attain a beauty and excellence that will also be significant of the growth and development of our Order.

The committee also wishes to acknowledge the valuable assistance and advice of Dr. J. R. Macarthur, our National Secretary, and to give him credit for much of the best in this ritual.

So, with the earnest hope that our work may be found to be of value, we respectfully submit it to you, Mr. President, praying that if it meets the approval of the High Council, the committee may be discharged.

Very respectfully,

J. PAUL LOOMIS, Chairman.

WM. CHRISTENSON.

ROY PAINTER.

PI KAPPA DELTA INSTALLATION OF NEW CHAPTERS

(Note.—All matter printed in parenthesis in the following ceremonies indicates changes, substitutions and additions made by the National President.)

The National President shall appoint the Installing Officer, who shall be an Active member in good standing or a member of the National Council. The new chapter may ask the appointment, as Installation Officer, of any member of Pi Kappa Delta qualified as previously stated herein. The chapter to be installed shall pay the necessary travelling expenses and cost of entertainment of the Installing Officer.

The new chapter should arrange for a banquet or dinner to follow the installation ceremony with a list of appropriate after dinner speeches, as—Our College in Oratory, Our College in Debate, The Future of the Forensic Men, Welcome to Pi Kappa Delta, etc. It adds greatly to the interest and effectiveness of the installation for the members of the new chapter to invite friends to the banquet. However, care should be taken not to allow the occasion to degenerate into a frivolous social affair not in keeping with the purpose of the meeting.

The president of the new chapter should go over the Installation ceremony carefully, commit his speeches and inform the members of the chapter as to their duties during the Installation ceremony. Whether he acts as toastmaster or not, he should take charge of the meeting and introduce the Installing officer.

THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Address of President of Local Chapter

Mr. ———, the officers and members of this temporary organization here assembled, consisting of (give names of members) have made application to the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta praying that this organization be recognized as a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, and the National Council has been pleased to grant them a Charter authorizing them to become the ——— chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. They are now desirous that their Charter be conferred, their Certificates of Membership presented, and their officers installed in due form. For this reason they are now met, and await your pleasure as the representative of the National President of the Fraternity.

(To the assembly) Ladies and Gentlemen, I now have the honor of introducing to you Mr. ———, a member (or an officer) of the ——— chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.

2. The Installation officer takes the floor and makes a brief address pertaining to the history, the aims, ideals, and purposes of Pi Kappa Delta. The Installation officer will then proceed to conduct the initiation of the members, using the approved National Ritual, which follows: