

Mr. Finley—It is a new petition on the basis of general membership.

Mr. Nichols—Does it contain members from both sexes?

Mr. Finley—It does.

Mr. Nichols—Students and instructors?

Mr. Finley—Yes.

Mr. Westfall—This is quite a serious business and I would suggest that we go very carefully; and while I have no desire to question the recommendation of the committee, I believe it would be wise if we act on them one at a time. We can't very well discuss a motion which has five parts to it. I understand that several of these institutions have representatives here who might wish to say a few words in behalf of their colleges.

Mr. Marsh—The motion is before you that we grant membership to the five colleges named. Shall we vote on one at a time, or how? Very well, one at a time, then. The first is McKendree College.

Culver (Stockton, Mo.)—Personally, I am acquainted with the president of this institution and I know he would do all he could to promote Forensics. They would be glad to have a Chapter in their institution and we would feel safe and secure in granting them one.

Geo. T. Carr (Carthage)—Being somewhat in touch with McKendree College, I wish to represent them. Knowing the standing they have in Forensic circles—we have had contact with them—I feel from every standpoint that they would make a splendid addition to Pi Kappa Delta, and I am very much in favor of seeing them granted a Chapter.

Mr. Marsh—Are you ready for the question of admission of McKendree College? We will vote by one representative of each Chapter standing. Thirty-five votes in favor—none opposed.

Mr. Marsh—The next is Carroll College of Wisconsin.

Representative from Floor—I represent them and it gives me great pleasure to say a few words in their behalf. I am sure they would be delighted to be a member of Pi Kappa Delta. If there are any questions I will be glad to answer them.

Mr. Marsh—We would be glad to hear from Ripon College. They have had Forensic relations with Carroll for several years.

Mr. Boody—We consider them as very worthwhile opponents. I know the standard there is as high as possible. (Forty-three votes in favor—none opposed.)

Mr. Marsh—Before we proceed I would like to appoint two committees. It has been our custom to have a nominating committee to expedite the business. First of all, not only are the members of this convention welcome, but they are invited, to appear before this committee and express to the committee their desires concerning the officers. Second, when the committee presents its report, any member can present any nomination from the floor that he desires. The purpose of the committee is to expedite matters. The following are appointed:

Chairman, J. D. Coon, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Prof. F. G. Bale, Parsons College, Iowa; H. R. Beck, California Institute of Technology.

Committee on Resolutions—Chairman, Dean A. C. Lemon, Intermountain College, Montana; Gifford Alt, Morningside College, Iowa; Paul M. Watson, Centre College, Kentucky.

I also desire to call a business session for 2:00 o'clock this afternoon. We will now have a discussion on the recommendation of Western Union College.

Prof. Roy Smith (Western Union College)—I am glad to represent Western Union College. I have known the school for a number of years, and while we have had Forensic relations with a number of colleges, we have never had the interest there is there in the last three or four years. We have lost but one debate unanimously and have won at least five or six that way. The interest in Forensics is beginning to compete with athletics. I have had more out for the debates this year than we have had out for athletics all four years. I assure you that Western Union is interested, president and all, and we will make it interesting if we get into this organization, which I hope we will. If there are any questions, I will be glad to answer them.

Prof. Veatch (Dakota Wesleyan)—We have had Forensic relations with the Western Union during the past three years and have enjoyed them. They have given us just as strenuous opposition as we have had anywhere. Mr. Smith represents matters truly when he says their enthusiasm would advocate the admission of Western Union College. (Thirty-nine votes in favor—none opposed.)

Mr. Marsh—The next is the Kansas State Teachers of Hayes, Kan.

Prof. Summers—The application from Hayes came in through me this last time. They put in an application something like a year ago and it was never received. Consequently they have been under the impression that their application was still under consideration until I wrote to Mr. Stark and asked him to put in a new application. I am myself new in Kansas and have never had any definite connection with Hayes. My knowledge of the school is had from the fact that I have talked with representatives of three of the Kansas Chapters who have had connection with it, and they have expressed themselves as being favorable to their admission. They are Kansas Wesleyan, Bethany and Sterling. (Thirty-eight votes in favor—none opposed.)

Mr. Marsh—The next to consider is Northwestern College of Naperville, Ill.

Illinois Wesleyan—We have always found them worthy opponents in debates and contests.

Ripon—We have had debates and I wish to say we regard Northwestern College as one of our most worthy opponents, and would very much like to see them in Pi Kappa Delta.

Monmouth—We have had debates with them and always found them worthy opponents, and our women are anxious that they be received in Pi Kappa Delta. (Forty-one votes in favor—none opposed.)

Mr. Marsh—We will now continue with Mr. Finley's report.

Mr. Finley—We have more applications for charters from colleges on our list which we offer, without recommendations:

Buena Vista, Storm Lake, Ia.

Milligan, Tenn.

Lombard, Galesburg, Ill.

Many of you know these colleges. Also Dubuque and Augustana.

Prof. Veatch—I make a motion for the admission of Augustana College—that it be granted a charter. It has the largest constituency in the State of South Dakota, and consequently we can see that they have a large financial responsibility in the state. It has a very good record, and if we stand for anything, they rank higher against us than any of the schools having Chapters; and we are very glad to make the motion that this charter be granted. (Seconded from floor.)

Mr. Marsh—May we hear from Prof. Kaiser, of Augustana College?

Prof. Kaiser—We have been trying hard to work up the Forensic work, especially during the last three years, and have been successful. It would encourage us very much if we could get a Chapter.

J. D. Coon—Dr. Kaiser is a little modest. It is one of the oldest colleges in the state, belonging to the Lutherans, with possibly the most loyal constituents in the state, and one of the richest. All Norwegian farmers are rich, you know. The Forensic record of this college has been very good; out of five debates last year they lost one. I believe the future is much brighter, both as to colleges and Forensic record of colleges. (Forty votes in favor—none opposed.)

Mr. Marsh—Members of the Convention, I wonder if you realize the full significance of what you have just done. Not only have you admitted Augustana College to membership in our society, but you have conferred upon that institution the honor of being the 100th Chapter to which a charter has been granted by Pi Kappa Delta. We have now started on our second hundred.

Adjournment at 12:00.

2:00 P. M.

Banquet Committee appointed by chair, consisting of Messrs. Veatch, Summers and Beintors.

Report of Charter Committee continued.

Prof. Lindsay (Buena Vista)—I have the honor of presenting Buena Vista's application for a Chapter in Pi Kappa Delta. We have two debating societies—Star and Franklin. In addition Buena Vista carries on each year a contest with representative schools in Iowa. Buena Vista is a member of the Iowa State Women's Association and State Oratorical Association for Men. I might say that Forensic interest is at a higher pitch at this particular time than in the thirty-three years of her history. I respectfully submit our application for membership.

Iowa Wesleyan—I represent Iowa Wesleyan and I wish to substantiate all this representative has said. All reports brought back in regard to Forensic activities were of the highest, and we would like to have a Chapter in Buena Vista.

Parsons (Iowa)—As a member of Parsons College, Iowa, for four years I have watched the activities of the various colleges. I have watched the activities of Buena Vista and I know that the interest was certainly evident; so I am quite certain, if we would allow Buena Vista to have a Chapter, she would be worthy of that honor.

Morningside (Iowa)—I want to substantiate the facts so far. I was at the State Oratorical contest, and I might say that the spirit shown in that contest from the Buena Vista membership was of the very finest and highest class. I think they are all interested in Forensic work. Their debate was one of the very best in the whole contest. They rank high and I should like to suggest that they be given this Chapter.

Mr. Nichols—I would like to ask one or two questions—what the annual budget for Forensics is at this institution—the amount of money devoted each year to Forensics. It indicates immediately what value a school places on Forensics, and it also indicates the proper ability of that Chapter to have representatives at National Conventions.

Prof. Lindsay—We charge \$3.00 per semester for Forensic activities, which gives a fee of \$6.00 from each student, which includes dramatics.

In addition, most all the performances held by the club contribute the proceeds to the Forensic organization, so we can carry on a liberal program. I would say that the budget would run to approximately \$750.00 per year.

Mr. Nichols—How much is used especially for Forensics?

Prof. Lindsay—The total fund is turned over to the Buena Vista Oratorical Association, which has for its principal purpose the scheduling of debates. The Dramatic fund does not participate in this portion. The Dramatic Club is not sponsored by the Oratorical Association, but it helps the Forensic interest by donating. (Thirty-four votes in favor—none opposed.)

Mr. Marsh—The next is Milligan College, Tennessee.

Floor—I will speak for Milligan, for I was a member of that college for two years, and will gladly recommend it. Milligan is a small college, but they mean business. I don't know anything about their finances; they have not gone far out of Tennessee in their debate work. It was the intention of Tennessee Alpha to back up this application of Milligan for a Chapter.

Mr. Veatch—I think in cases where the committee has not seen fit to make recommendation that it takes showing of considerable enthusiasm, such as sending a representative and strenuous assistance from other Chapters. I am a little bit opposed to this proposition. There are a couple of applicants who have seen fit to send representatives—why not all? If not, is it not right to postpone such matters?

Floor—I would like to call your attention to the fact that Milligan is the farthest from the city of the convention. It is in a state where we have only two Chapters; only one of those Chapters is represented here, and that Chapter is unanimously behind Milligan.

Mr. Westfall—The reason that their application was held up is that Milligan is not an endowed institution. We hesitate to establish a Chapter in an institution unless we have a good guarantee that that institution will continue. One of the best guarantees is that it has good financial backing. We don't want our Chapters to go under. As a financial enterprise Milligan is still in a precarious condition.

Prof. Summers—I move that under the circumstances the petition be referred back to the Charter Committee for such action as they may see fit to take. (Seconded.)

Mr. Finley—They have a budget of \$100 to \$200 for Forensic activities.

Mr. Nichols—We should have more details to act on. We should know the average amount devoted to Forensics in the various colleges. It depends on the extent of the program, and it would seem that they would need more than \$100 or \$200.

Mr. Finley—Report says: "Non-sectarian school—students 135—faculty 18—Endowment, blank." This is in the College Blue Book. (Thirty-three voted to refer back to committee.)

Mr. Marsh—The next is Lombard College of Illinois.

Dr. Erickson (Lombard)—I would like to say that while they are not as large as some institutions, there is not a small college that has made more progress than Lombard. One recognition of this fact was given last Friday when national honors were bestowed upon them. Another recognition came on Saturday of last week, when there was bestowed a National Social Fraternity. They investigated Lombard very thoroughly,

looked them over and investigated their records. We have three of the leading Women's Sororities there. In regard to Forensics, we have not as pretentious a record as some, but we are making progress. For the two years that I have been there we have been working for enthusiasm in Forensics, and now we have reached the point where we can develop Forensics into a place where it will mean something very much. We have held our own in debates. Normal gave us the following letter of recommendation. (Reads.) I have also an endorsement from Prof. Siebert of Bradley. (Reads.) The president of this organization very ably expressed the purpose of Pi Kappa Delta when he said it was not merely for the purpose of conveying the honor of the key, but to promote service. We desire to get this organization because we realize what it means in the development of our relations with other institutions.

A Member—I represent the Illinois Eta Chapter, whose recommendation Mr. Erickson has just read. You have heard our attitude. Some members of our Chapter live in the community near Galesburg, and their recommendation corresponds in every respect with what he has told you. We have met Lombard in the past two years in Forensic relations.

A Member—As representative of Illinois, Carthage, I would endorse the petition for this Chapter. We have had relations with the college and they have been very pleasant. I feel sure the prospects of the development of Forensics at Lombard warrants the granting of the charter. (Thirty-five votes in favor of—none opposed.)

Mr. Marsh—Next is Dubuque University. Is there a representative of Dubuque present? (No response.)

Mr. Finley (reads)—“Non-sectarian—160 students—faculty 28—Endorsement handed committee from Coe,” Upper Iowa.

A Member—Representing Coe College, we very strongly recommend this college. Dubuque this year has debates with other colleges. They won four and lost three out of seven debates, and that signifies that they have a good sized budget for Forensics. They have seven men competing for membership in the organization. They have competed on equal grounds with Coe and Cornell.

Mr. Veatch—Personally I feel the same as I did toward Milligan, only a little bit stronger, as this location is closer to the city of the convention. I think their enthusiasm should be strong enough to send a representative.

Prof. Summers—I agree with Mr. Veatch and move that this petition be disposed of the same as the other—referred back to the committee for their further action. (Seconded. Twenty-two votes in favor—two opposed.)

Mr. Pelsma—I would like to know the status of Kansas City University. They still think they are under consideration. Last year we recommended them unanimously and that is the reason I wonder what has become of their petition.

Mr. Westfall—I was directed by the National Convention to tell them, and I did tell them, that their petition was denied because their financial condition was not a sufficient guarantee of their permanency. They are listed with 31 men and 42 women.

Adjourned at 3:30.

Thursday, April 3rd—9:30 A. M.

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Finley.

Report of Secretary-Treasurer

There are a number of things I am going to report, not because they are particularly important, but because Mr. Marsh or members of the Counsel have asked that I present them at this time. The financial report I am not going to read in detail, unless there is a request for it. You may see it at any time—the report itself will be published in the next Forensic. It will be audited by the Auditing Committee and published in detail there. I have here the report of amount of dues, amount of keys, amount of fines and refunds to each Chapter. (Reads.) This report in this shape is not really final, because there are two days' business that came to my office after I left, and will be added when I get home.

Mr. Pelsma—Why is it that we can't put this money that we have on interest?

A. I don't see why we should not. I perhaps have been a little neglectful in that respect. Of course, the amount varies. I shall be most happy to turn it over, as I am not going to be treasurer any more. In connection with that, you might be interested in knowing that a year ago at the convention we had ordered Key No. 1452, and have now ordered Key No. 2066, making a total of 614 Keys ordered last year. This is just for last year. Also, membership card 2659, April 1, 1923. Shortly before I came to the convention we had Card 3559, making 900 membership cards issued in the past year. Do you want to ask anything about this?

You will be interested to know that we have adopted a new membership card which shows your order and degree. Say, for instance, that you are a member of the Order of Debating, or whatever it is. And in case you petition for a higher degree, your new membership card will not be like your old one.

One matter that concerns us is the matter of dues. We have a great deal of trouble collecting dues. You understand the Constitution provides that each member shall pay an initiation fee, and in addition annual dues. We are wondering if we could not get around that and save a lot of trouble by amending the constitution to omit all reference to dues and say merely: "Every one who joins shall pay initiation fee," and then make that fee sufficient to take care of our expenses. I figure if we charge an initiation fee of say \$4.00 we could cover it, and then we would be through paying National dues. A great many organizations handle their business in that manner. I have talked this over with some of the members, and am therefore proposing that the constitution be amended, Article 5, Division A, Section 6, by changing it to omit the first part, which says (Reads) and rewrite it to read: "The initiation fee of members of all classes shall be \$4.00." It is Mr. Marsh's desire to act on all reports as they come up, and I therefore made this proposal and recommend it for your adoption.

Mr. Pelsma—I wonder if you know how much is taken in outside of the \$2.00 initiation fee? How much do we get a year from collecting these extra fees?

A. I don't know, but here is one way we can get at it. We issued 900 membership cards last year. About 150 of them, I should judge, were issued for advance standing; suppose we issue close to 800 new membership cards, if we charge an initiation fee of \$4.00 that would give us \$3,200.00, which I believe would be sufficient to carry on the work in the Fraternity, so far as it must be carried on by membership dues.

Mr. Pelsma—I was wondering if \$1.00 extra per member would not give us the same amount of money we are getting now.

A. We talked that over, and as nearly as we could estimate the average member pays besides the initiation at least one year's dues. We have difficulty in collecting, and this would be the way out. Two dollars would represent about the average.

Mr. Nichols—I would like to suggest that we make it \$5.00. That undoubtedly will come as years go by. I think \$4.00 is a little low. I know in my own Chapter there are a large number who pay from \$6.00 to \$8.00. I would be much inclined to favor that, as it gives an income for additional service in the secretary's office, and we are going to need it.

Mr. Nichols—I would move that we recommend to the convention a constitutional amendment providing for a \$5.00 initiation fee and dues to cover the student's entire application.

Mr. Westfall—You will notice our report shows a balance of \$3,153.19. When I get home that will be increased some; also there remains unpaid dues that should be paid, amounting to over \$400, so we are in fairly good financial shape. It seems to me we have the funds to do it, and I believe we could run a chance on \$4.00 to the next convention, and then we could raise it. Our society should maintain a balance of \$1,000 or \$1,500 always as a reserve, but above that I don't believe we have any need for the money.

Mr. Nichols—I would suggest that the extra money might be used in putting out a larger Forensic, or putting it out oftener, thus strengthening our organization.

Mr. Pelsma—I am not so sure that would encourage students to join. It is a question of whether you would get more money. As to increasing the Forensic, I hand these out to my students and they don't even look into them.

Mr. Westfall—I call you all to witness that the treasurer who has been scolded for always demanding more money is on record as hoping you will decrease rather than increase the fees.

Floor—I wonder whether there will be a possibility of decreasing the number of keys bought if we raise the initiation fee to this figure.

Mr. Westfall—I don't see that it will. All students will pay to get in—it is after they get in and you come back, year after year, that they kick. We have reduced the price of the key and the present officers have been working to reduce it still more.

Floor—As long as there is no definite suggestion as to what we use this money for, and the treasury has sufficient to carry us for another year, I personally don't see the object of raising the fee to \$5.00. The thing is right now I don't think we should try to expand unduly. We might regret it later. As the other motion was not seconded, I make a motion from the floor that we adopt the \$4.00 initiation fee as recommended by the secretary. (Seconded.)

Mr. Finley—Any further remarks?

Floor—What will be the status of active members under this amendment?

Mr. Westfall—The motion I made implies that dues be abolished. It would have to be worked out this way: that we have this go into effect say September 1st of next year, with the \$4.00 initiation fee, and that anyone who has paid \$4.00 be excused from further payment; but those

who have joined for \$2.00 should pay until they have paid \$4.00 to put them on an equality with the man who pays the \$4.00 fee.

Mr. Nichols—Was this motion seconded? I want you to remember that the \$10.00 charter fee in this period of expansion is included in this reserve fund, and that there is a limit to the collection of charter fees. Sooner or later we are going to reach the maximum growth. I don't feel that a \$5.00 fee is too much. I think \$4.00 is going to be too small. I know by what methods of petty economy we have built up that reserve; I know we have gone for ten years without a cover page for the Forensic. We have done this by a lot of economy, and I believe that the added service that we are going to be able to give is going to be justified. I am sorry to take issue with the report in a way because I sympathize with it—I know exactly what Mr. Westfall is trying to do. He is trying to keep this just as low as he possibly can. Perhaps it is wiser, and I think I shall support the motion of \$4.00, but I predict that we are going to have to increase it to \$5.00 at the end of the next two years.

Mr. Westfall—We may change later. Suppose we do run behind at the rate of a dollar a member, say \$800 per year during the next two years, we should still have a balance of over \$1,500. Personally it is my opinion that we are going to have better than \$2,000 two years from now.

Mr. Veatch—In another organization similar to this, we made a change of this type and fifty per cent of the people objected on account of the \$5.00 initiation fee. I think it might make a material difference.

Mr. Finley—We will now vote on motion to discontinue the payment of dues, but increase the initiation fee to \$4.00. (Carried.)

6. Fees—The initiation fee of members of all classes shall be four dollars. The payment of the initiation fee shall entitle the member to receive the Forensic as long as he is an active member. The Charter fee, payable upon the establishment of the chapter, shall be ten dollars. Article V, Division C, add new sections, after C.

Mr. Westfall—The next thing is the question of attendance at the National Convention. At the present time there are 33 Chapters reported as not present. A number of those are new Chapters. Perhaps there is something to be said in their favor, but among the first 15 which had charters before the last convention, there are nine which never attended a National Convention. I have had a good deal of correspondence with them and they seem to feel that they are under no obligation whatever to attend. That is holding down our work in a number of ways. Some of them are dissatisfied. They think they belong to an institution which issues a membership card and confers the right to wear a key, but we hope we don't stand for that and that alone! We notice this, that the Chapters which attend the conventions are enthusiastic and develop their Forensic work. I was talking to a delegate the other day who said: "I didn't realize what Pi Kappa Delta stood for—I am going to put Forensics on the map for our institution." For that reason the national officers have asked me to present some resolutions, and this is what I have drafted: (Reads.)

Whereas, All chapters share alike in the benefits of Pi Kappa Delta, and

Whereas, The work of the society is carried on at its national conventions, and

Whereas, Some chapters have not taken seriously their obligation to attend the national conventions,

Therefore be it resolved by this society, in convention assembled, that the national president be directed to inquire of the absent chapters why
357

they were absent, and to impress upon them the absolute necessity for attendance at the conventions.

Whereas, The national contests of the society are planned to afford a well rounded forensic program for our institutions, and

Whereas, Participation in these contests increases attendance at the national conventions, develops interest and enthusiasm, and disseminates the spirit and teachings of the society,

Therefore, be it resolved, That the society in convention assembled recommend that each chapter, in so far as its membership permits, enter a contestant in each of the convention contests, and that participation in all of the convention contests be held up as the ideal chapter program. Be it further

Resolved, That the national officers are instructed to urge this program on the chapters in every way possible.

Mr. Finley—Any remarks on that?

Moved and seconded from floor that resolution be adopted. (Carried.) Secretary reads second part of resolution.

Chair—Any discussion?

Floor—Just what would be the result accomplished by having this reprimand? I think the stress should come prior to the convention.

Secretary—We used all the means we could to get people here. This is aimed directly at some Chapters who have written back insulting letters to the secretary's office, saying: "You have exceeded your authority." I am going to offer next an amendment to the constitution which goes a little farther. This has to deal with the Chapters that are not coming to this convention. This is merely to put this convention on record.

Mr. Finley—We may do more damage by reprimanding these people, than good. I should like to suggest an amendment to the last part, I would suggest that the last part might be made to read more mildly, and to impress upon them the necessity for attendance at the conventions, instead of reprimanding them. I will offer that as an amendment—that we make it read: "And to impress upon them the absolute necessity for attendance at the conventions." (Moved and seconded—carried as amended.)

Mr. Westfall—The motion as amended is, that these Chapters be shown the necessity of attendance, so far as it is possible. The officers have been doing that. I don't see what more we can do by this letter.

Mr. Finley—It seems to me, to inquire into the reason why they were not here—to make them feel that their absence was noted and commented upon at the convention, would help them to feel that it really means something. They'll say, "This puts our Chapter in disrepute." We should keep all of the Chapters enthusiastic and with the right sort of spirit towards Pi Kappa Delta. I believe this method will accomplish it. (Resolution as amended is adopted.)

Mr. Westfall—I now offer the proposed amendment to the constitution. (Reads.)

Floor—This amendment to the constitution virtually compels a Chapter to be at the National Convention at some time or other. I know in our own case we put on a little stunt and sold tickets. Attendance was not compulsory, and so they said it must be good, and they all came. That is the same way with this method of compelling Chapters to attend the convention. The proposition is to make the convention so good that they will all want to come.

Mr. Westfall—That is the purpose of this amendment. As far as I can check up, there are only six Chapters in that 33 that have ever attended. If we get them here they will come back and attend every other convention at least.

Mr. Nichols—One of the most popular luncheon clubs, the International Rotary, has such a requirement. They are now discussing whether they shall abandon that ruling. I move to adopt this for the reason you have just stated. I believe you will have to take some kind of action to get the Chapters here once. Then you will be able to abandon that rule. I thing it worth trying.

Mr. Mortvedt—I know that there are many schools that have Chapters that could not afford to send a delegate here every four years. I would personally very much dislike to see a Chapter compelled to give up its charter because it did not have funds to send a delegate. I was wondering if we could not get the same results by abandoning the second part of the resolution, and leave out the one requirement that it give up its charter. Then if in two years or four years, it seems we are not accomplishing the results, it would be sufficient time to add it. I simply offer that as a suggestion. We want to safeguard those good Chapters that have not the funds.

Floor—How would you propose to get those Chapters who refuse to come?

Mr. Grant—We have not been represented in National Conventions many times. But I think if a Chapter were once present you would have no further cause for complaint. The problem is one of lack of attendance. They don't know what we have here. It is simply a lack of interest along these lines. Once in four years surely most Chapters would be able to send one representative to the National Convention.

Floor—It seems to me there is no injustice in this recommendation. If they can't put on two plays in four years to raise enough money to send a representative to the convention, it is a dead Chapter!

Mr. Veatch—We had two banks close this year and we had our Forensic funds in one. I rather sympathize with these people regarding getting their Chapters into the conventions. On the floor I opposed the introduction of two new Chapters because they did not have a representative here. That lack of interest results in dead Chapters. I would like, however, to see the word "suspended" instead of the word "forfeited." If there is no objection, I will make that as an amendment.

Mr. Nichols—I believe there is something else involved in the last part of this. There are institutions which have plenty of money for all of their activities except Forensics; and I believe there is one in which the Forensics had their money all raised to attend and then for some reason the president took that money away and gave it to athletics. That is a disappointment to all of us. The thing involved in the last part of this resolution is this: colleges and presidents and faculties have a certain amount of pride. They don't like to have an organization take a Charter out of their college—just as nobody likes to be expelled. It is going to wake up some of these faculties to the fact that Forensics are getting a standing and that colleges are going to be judged by that standing. They are going to give college Forensics a decent chance. You know there are not many colleges going to be classed as third rate. The reason I am in favor of this, they are going to see right away that they must appropriate money for forensics and for the premium that will enable them to do what other colleges are doing.

Mr. Mortvedt—With the change that has been made, I would be willing to support the motion. Does this cover those Chapters which have not sent representatives to this convention? What are you going to do with the Chapter that was not represented at any convention?

A. That goes in effect to imply that any Chapter that is not present at this convention, does not attend the next convention. That is the interpretation.

Mr. Finley—That way we can have a four-year period. That law is not in force until this convention. I just question it as a matter of parliamentary law.

Floor—They would have four years longer then, and Pi Kappa Delta would be held up in progress that much longer. A Chapter could raise enough funds to send one delegate. I am in favor of the amendment as read, with the understanding that by the next convention they should have a delegate in attendance.

Mr. Finley—I think we have our roll called on this convention. While it might be desirable, I don't think it would be advisable from a matter of law.

Mr. Nichols—I believe we should rule that each Chapter attend the first convention after it is admitted. Most of these 33 Chapters have been admitted within the last two years, and they would have just as much warning as the eight who were admitted yesterday.

Mr. Finley—The question is, that this amendment to the constitution requires each Chapter to attend the first convention after petition for charter is granted, and that we use the word "suspend" instead of "forfeit." (Carried.)

1. Any institution petitioning for a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta shall obligate itself, if the petition is granted, to have a delegate at the first national convention following the granting of its charter.

Any chapter missing two consecutive conventions shall have its charter suspended. Any charter thus suspended can be regranted only by action of a national convention, before which some delegate of the institution appears in person.

Mr. Veatch—I would like to move that a copy of this amendment be sent to the president of the 33 colleges whose Chapters did not attend this convention. (Seconded—carried.)

Mr. Westfall—Another suggestion is this: Quite a few go out to coach debates, a piece of service that Pi Kappa Delta might back up. It has been suggested that we issue a diploma or certificate in this way, specifying, "Whereas, has taken part in inter-collegiate Forensics for years, and Whereas, he has taken certain courses in Public Speaking which trained him in his work, and Whereas, he has the recommendation of his coach in Forensics, and the president of his institution, Pi Kappa Delta puts upon him its stamp of approval to anyone who seeks to employ him." He has had these three requirements and we aid him by sending that diploma. It may help considerably. I therefore move that a committee appointed by the president be authorized to prepare the requirements of this. (Seconded—carried.)

Mr. Westfall—Mr. Nichols said that Pi Kappa Delta should seek to increase its service to its members. Another suggestion is, that through our secretary's office we inaugurate an employment bureau. Three members of this Society asked me if I knew where they could get a job, and it seems to me that we might place our members. I therefore recommend, in the form of a motion, that this work be undertaken under

the secretary, and in such a way that the secretary and council shall direct. (Seconded—carried.)

Floor—Another suggestion in regard to our National Convention. At the present time we have two contests for men and two for women. They urge that we arrange a debating tournament, and I therefore offer as a motion that at our next convention we arrange for a women's debating tournament and a men's debating tournament. (Seconded from floor.)

Mr. Pelsma—There is a question if we have time enough. It would be fine, but have we that time?

Mr. Nichols—Where would we get the judges? It would be fine, but we would have to extend the time of this convention. I question whether or not we are going to have a surfeit of contests and miss many other things. The contests are just one of the important factors—the business must be conducted. There are the special addresses which we ought to get from prominent speakers of the country—the social times we ought to have. One of the chief assets are that we can get together and talk. We must place a limit on the contest part.

Floor—Take my own case for consideration—I have been busy with three contests and have not had time to hear one complete session. I do want to attend the business sessions, or how can I go back and tell them what has been done? I think we can overdo the contest feature of a convention.

Floor—Would it not be possible to work out some plan whereby the champions of the various teams be selected?

Mr. Westfall—There are other reports to come—may I suggest that we lay this on the table, and if we get time we can take it up? I therefore move that this suggestion be laid on the table until such time as we have time to take it up. (Seconded—carried.)

Mr. Westfall—I want to speak about the key. There are several young ladies who are wearing their keys as pins. The constitution says you shall not have your key made up into stick pins, but it does not prohibit you from having a pin on the back of it, just so you don't change the key. I ordered those keys with the pin attached.

Another thing, there has been a suggestion about having the key made up in white gold. I am wearing a white gold key without any authority. Some one requested it and the company asked permission to make one up for inspection. It costs \$2.00 more. Do we want to authorize the sale of that? I move that we permit people to order their keys in white gold if they so desire. (Seconded.)

Mr. Veatch—It seems to me that there are several different keys, and I would like to see our keys uniform, unless there is a meaning to the different kinds.

Prof. Summers—I second what is said by Mr. Veatch. Pi Kappa Delta has two sizes and any number of types of jewelry. The jewelry is justified upon the ground of the various degrees and orders. I don't believe that two sizes and two colors is the very best proposition, unless the difference in coloring of key has some other significance.

Chair—Are you ready for the question? On voting the "No's" have it. Suggestion is lost.

Mr. Westfall—May I speak on the question of fines? The National Council has authorized me to impose fines in certain cases. In the past year Chapters have been fined over \$100. Some Chapters have been fined as

much as \$5.00. One man wrote back and said, "Your favorite expression is, 'I fine you \$1.00'" It seems to me something ought to be done there. They pay the fines, but we want their cooperation, not the money. I hope that all of us here will make our local officers feel their responsibility. I don't think any chapter should pay a fine because the president neglects his duty. We fined a chapter \$3.00 because the president failed to reply to tell us if his chapter was going to send any delegate to this convention. He writes in, saying "I have been so busy I could not answer",—so the result is, he brings trouble between the local and the National. Undoubtedly he will turn this in for his Chapter to pay, but he is the one who should pay it, for neglecting to discharge his duties. I thank you all who have cooperated with me. I have carried on a great deal of correspondence, and sometimes I have had to be rather—well, as one man said, I should use asbestos paper to write my letters on. But I never write a severe letter unless a courteous letter fails. One young man was so busy getting engaged, that he said he didn't have time to answer. We have no desire to interfere with such a laudable enterprise, but nevertheless, if your engagement was the cause, then you should pay the fine cheerfully. The obligation to cooperate with the National officers of course, rests with the local chapter. The relations with most of you have been very pleasant and I have enjoyed them. It has been a pleasure to meet, face to face, those with whom I have had correspondence, and I thank you.

Mr. Pelsma—I wonder how about selecting the debate question in the spring? I should think in September would be better than in April or May. I move that this question be settled this spring. (**Seconded—rising vote of 25 in favor, 31 opposed. Motion is lost.**)

Mr. Nichols—I would like to move that the secretary send out circular letters and get submission of possible questions this spring to be considered from the Chapters, and that he return as soon as possible that combination of suggested questions to every Chapter. (**Seconded—carried.**)

Mr. Pelsma—I move that this question be settled by October 1st.

Mr. Davidson—Our school doesn't begin until October 1st or 2nd.

Mr. Pelsma—Withdraw the motion and make it October 15th. (**Seconded—carried.**)

Report of Historian

I think the report of the Historian has been before you for some time, and I need take no time for that. It was in the February number of the Forensic last year.

As business manager of the Forensic, I ask that we might have a contest for the front cover page for the Forensic. When you get home, if you have any pen artists there, you will bring this to their attention. I have asked the National Council to authorize a prize of \$10.00 for the first and \$5.00 for the second prize. I do not think we should confine this to members of Pi Kappa Delta, but of course that may be left to your discretion; but I would like to recommend that you authorize such prize contest and encourage competitors from Pi Kappa Delta institutions.

I have one or two other suggestions—one about publicity. I feel, as chairman of the publicity committee, we should have a great deal more publicity, not only for our National Conventions, but each Chapter should appoint an officer whose job it will be to look after the publicity of Forensics in your local community and city. Pi Kappa Delta is falling down on this subject. In order to accomplish the thing we are trying to do publicity is absolutely desirable. Is it true in your community that you can get pages and pages for athletics, and just a little corner behind the ads for Forensics? We must get publicity and get things over to the

place where they are willing to give you space. Why not work publicity for all it is worth? We are falling down on this matter because we do not have a publicity officer in every Chapter. I hope that by the next convention we will have a strong publicity organization made up of one man from every Chapter, with one man on the counsel who is devoting his time to that job. Mr. Siebert has done a magnificent job of getting publicity for this convention.

I have no further report to make except that the publicity committee is going to stay on the job—so is the historian. Undoubtedly somebody will take charge of the Forensic.

J. D. Coon (National Counsel)—The nature of my speech compels me to make this introduction: A man may do one of two things—remain seated and be thought a fool, or speak and remove all doubt.

I am going to make a few remarks about judging debates. You know that I have not had enough experience to tell you anything about it. Two years ago they appointed me chairman. It is often stated that the purpose of a debate is to arrive at the truth—also to convince the hearers. This is not the purpose of a high school debate—it is to develop skill in debates. I am not certain that everyone would agree with me. The next thing I would state, I believe the students should have something done to them to see the philosophical side of how to lose a debate. You know it is more blessed to lose than to win, so the Bible says. We all ought to be able to learn that. How can we teach them to lose? The ones I lost did me more good than the ones I won. I heard a girl's debate not very long ago—it was against the home team, and instead of congratulating the winner they went upstairs and cried! That is what I call vicious. I am so interested in that that I have said to myself and to others, the students ought to welcome a raw decision and use it for their own welfare. Take the ordinary political activities of our country—why not take defeat and make it a stepping-stone to success? I have been defeated in lots of things, but what are you going to do about it? If you are in the Senate for twelve years and some young Bolshevik comes up and attacks you, are you going to commit suicide?

Now I would like to tell you what I do in judging debates as a single judge! A coach writes as follows under date of a year ago: (**Reads.**) I have another letter on the other side. (**Reads.**) (From O'Neil of Wisconsin.) What are we going to do with this one-judge proposition? I have several books and papers that give us a statement upon which one judge may base his decision. Mr. Summers hands out two cards with a marking system, and an instruction which states to the judge: "Please do not fill out card until you have made your decision and retain them until they are called for." I have criticized the blank and ballot for debate. Are there any points we can write down? Let me read from this blank. (**Reads.**) That is faulty. I have another one here by a local authority in our locality. (**Reads.**) It also is complicated. When I am going to judge a debate the two teams line up and I ask myself these five questions:

1. Analysis and structure. It was mentioned that we did not need so much outline thrown at the judge. Under this analysis and structure I demand that the first speaker set forth the case—define the terms—state the issue; that is—unity, coherence and emphasis that I may get, that goes. The outline should be in words, so that I may know he is giving the outline. Once I put down four propositions that I thought was the outline, on scratch paper, and I didn't know which was the outline. He should state it. This gentleman stated—Mr. O'Neil said—I have his book, and I find the most glaring demand for outline. I open Chapter 2 on "Persuasion"—there is the word "outline." That is very clear. I am going to subscribe to a copy of that book.