

Minutes

88th Annual Pi Tau Sigma International Convention at the University of Michigan



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Address by Dean Munson

Topic: Challenge and change.

We live in a time of tremendous challenge with economic situations and war, but it is also a time of great opportunity and motivation to be innovative.

Addresses by Vice Presidents

Professor Wiens (International)

We want to explore the option of a global session where we have representatives from various international honors societies in attendance.

Professor Boyd (Western)

We have a new chapter at Baylor University. We are in the process of changing our board, and even though the leadership will be different, we have an emphasis on the continuity of progress by our chapters.

Professor Capaldi (Eastern)

We have a new chapter at Temple University. We will work to publicize events from one chapter to the next.

Professor Bayless (Central)

We are well represented at events such as this convention.

Address by Professor Moutsoglou

Budget Items

- ACHS Fee: Membership fee for PTS to be part of all honors societies in the US
- Audit-Bonding: Hired auditor to keep track of expenses
- Awards & Gifts: Plaques, etc.
- Certificates: Printing and shipping-and-handling certificates
- Charters
- Insurance: Crime insurance in case of some money laundering; covered up to \$100,000
- Bank Charges: Through Bank of America
- Officer's Travel: To participate in ASME Convention to present awards
- Scholarships: Depends on endowment

Other Budget Notes

- Net income for year: Approximately \$25,000
- Closed account from Bank of America and Wachovia; consolidated funds in a single local account bringing us close to 1.2% interest
- Current balance: \$58,000
- Started a credit card with automatic payment for PTS

Chapters in Good Standing:

- Requirements for chapters in good standing:
 - o Each chapter must submit an annual report due in May for academic year

- Each chapter must have two initiations per year for the past two years (Fall and Spring '08, Fall and Spring '07)
- Each chapter must have good attendance of conventions
- 15 chapters that matched requirements: Illinois Alpha, Purdue Beta, Georgia Tech Nu, Rensselaer Phi, Auburn Chi, Iowa State Pi Epsilon, Alabama Pi, MI Pi Rho, Texas State Sigma Epsilon, Florida, Dayton Delta Nu, Naval Academy Delta Psi, Prairie View Pi Delta, BU Alpha, UIC Alpha Sigma

Awards and Honors Committee

Outstanding Service

Illinois Alpha (Runners-up: Purdue and Michigan)

Outstanding Performance

Texas Tech, Sigma Epsilon (Runners-up: Michigan and Purdue)

Motion: Question 1 - Have national secretary verify for each application

- Motion by: Martin W., UC Berkley
- Second by: Mathew Torok, Clemson University
- Result: Passed

Motion: Question 7 - Make question requirements include total number of invites and % of students who were initiated

- Motion by: Martin W, UC Berkley
- Second by: Brandon Beberwyck, Texas Alpha
- Discussion:
 - Should continue with a % number
 - Percentages don't tell you about the size of the schools. Having a number is important.
 - Reduce points = Reduce weight of question
- Motion to divide question by: Erin Pertzobowski, Purdue Beta
- Second by: Richard Sally, Miami
- Discussion:
 - Unfair to smaller schools
 - Necessary to know the numbers
 - If we make requirements 200 people, it will eliminate a lot of schools here
- Call to question by: Paul Wilson, Missouri
- Result: Failed

Motion: Question 7 - Reduce question points from 10 to 5

- Motion by: Martin
 - Still awarding a statistical question based on a judgment call
 - Good to reduce points because there may be a difference in your percentage but it is beyond your control
 - Keep points because this number represents the future of the chapter and how hard you worked to spread the word
 - What is the percentage increase? Overall theme is growth. Let us look at a change versus a static percentage
- Call to question: Paul Wilson, Missouri Phi Eta
- Result: Passed

Motion: Question 8 - Have a total number instead of percentage

- Motion by: Matt, Clemson Pi Kappa
- Second by: Laura Cecilia Ruiz, Texas
- Discussion: Putting just a number means nothing unless you have a total number; percentage gives better representation vs. our numbers
- Call to question: Steve Vozar, Michigan Pi Rho
- Result: Passed

Motion: General change – Require presidential signature

- Motion by: Martin W, UC Berkley
- Second by: Richard Stehle, University of Miami Sigma Upsilon
- Discussion: Some chapters do not have a good relationship with their advisor, so presidential signature will hold same weight
- Withdrawal by: Martin W, UC Berkley
- Second by: Chris Middleton, Naval Academy
- Result: Withdrawn

Motion: Question 7 to be reworded to include initiation requirements for invitation and the procedure to be inducted

- Motion by: Charles Butler, Kentucky Pi Lambda
- Second by: Erin Pertzobowski, Purdue Beta
- Call to question: Martin W, UC Berkley
- Second by: Erin Pertzobowski, Purdue Beta
- Result: Passed

Scholarship Recommendations

Vision Planning and Strategy

Motion: Each chapter have a student liaison to meet with the undergraduate advisors to bring issues of student needs and or opinions to the attention of the chapter

- Moved to be a recommendation by: Chris Bily, Texas A&M
- Second by: Unheard
- Result: Withdrawn

Motion: PTS key required to be initiated (in the bylaws)

- Motion by: Chris Bily, Texas A&M
- Second by: Paul Wilson, Missouri
- Discussion:
 - o May affect membership fees
 - o Do not want to impose traditions on other chapters
 - o Would work better as a recommendation
 - o Would unify PTS – can be seen nationwide
 - o Stepping on certain chapter's toes/traditions
- Call to question: Chris Bily, Texas A&M
- Result: Failed

Tabled Motion: Definition of active and inactive chapters

- Discussion: Rights of active/inactive chapters
 - o Scholarships
 - o Voting
- Result: Tabled until next year

Recommendations

- We recommend that each chapter hold at least one department wide student and faculty social event per semester to promote student and faculty interaction and the visibility of Pi Tau Sigma in the department. Examples:
 - o Bowling, softball, basketball, broomball
 - o Event posters with Pi Tau Sigma Information
- We recommend that each chapter set up a set of incentives, such as a point system, to encourage student member participation in Pi Tau Sigma. Examples:
 - o Stole availability
 - o Special Events

Finance

Motion: To increase the operating budget of the national office from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and to reevaluate that budget after one year

- Motion by: Luke Domermuth, NC State Pi Alpha
- Second by: Jared Honna, Missouri Kansas City Phi Eta
- Call to question: Doug Hill, Kentucky
- Result: Passed

Motion: To resume crime insurance of \$100,000 and add liability insurance of \$1,000,000 to PTS

- Motion by: Luke Domermuth, NC State Pi Alpha
- Second by: Byron Bolding, Texas A&M Sigma Delta
- Discussion: Need crime insurance because money laundering was an issue in the past.
- Call to question: Chris Middleton, Naval Academy
- Result: Passed

Motion: To direct \$5 from initiation fees paid from August 2007—September 2008 to the endowment as a continuation of prior policy. (1473 initiates for a total of \$7365)

- Motion by: Luke Domermuth, NC State Pi Alpha
- Second by: Paul Wilson, Missouri
- Call to question: Steve Vozar, Michigan Pi Rho
- Result: Passed

Motion: To direct profits from key sales by the national office to the endowment fund

- Motion by: Luke Domermuth, NC State Pi Alpha
- Second by: Chris Hamley, Michigan State Tau Epsilon
- Call to question: Southern Delta Mu
- Result: Passed

Motion: To increase dues to \$37.50 to pay for the brass key (*Contingent on passing motion to require a mandatory brass key for all initiates*)

Convention Site and Event Planning

Motion: 2011 convention held in Chicago

- Motion by: Richard Stehle, Miami
- Second by: Steve Vozar, Michigan Pi Rho
- Call to question: Richard Stehle, Miami
- Result: Passed

Recommended Themes

- 2010 = Green
- 2011 = Globalization

Infrastructure, National Officers and Elections

Motion: Western VP Nominations (from floor) - Elect Ron Boyd as Western VP

- Paul Wilson from Missouri nominated Professor Ron Boyd, who accepted the nomination
- Motion to close nominations by: Paul Briede, Drexel
- Result: PASSED

Motion: PTS Pin Numbers - Move to begin assigning PINs beginning with Fall 2009 initiates in the form: ### (Charter Number) - #### (year) - ### (Member number within chapter)

- Motion by: Paul Briede, Drexel
- Second by: Doug Hill, UMKC, MO Phi Eta
- Discussion:
 - o Will start over each year (because it includes year in pin #)
 - o Benefit of numbers
 - o Able to have firm system over entire organization
- Call to question: Steven Vozar, Michigan Pi Rho
- Result: Passed

Motion: PTS Resume Book - Individual chapters responsibility to sift through resumes; presidents collect resumes and send to national chapter, logistics to be decided by the board

- Motion by: Paul Briede, Drexel
- Second by: Brian Fransisco, New Haven Delta Zeta
- Discussion:
 - o May be an issue of privacy. Though you will be volunteering to give your resume.
 - o Purdue has a voluntary employment part of their website
 - o Would this be better as a recommendation to look at what it'll cost and maybe bring it back up next year
- Call to question by: Chris Middleton, Naval Academy
- Result: Passed

VP At Large Position

- Will be filled on a special need basis
- No current need

It was brought up that University of Wisconsin Platteville Alpha Theta needed to be added to the roll call list.

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