



BETA THETA PI

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**Beta Theta Pi
186th General Convention
St. Louis, Missouri
July 31-August 3, 2025**

Legislation Summary

This document summarizes the business of the Fraternity conducted at the 186th General Convention. This summary is not meant to replace the official minutes or other documentation of the meeting. Instead, this is intended as a short, helpful guide for chapter leaders and volunteers.

Convention Officers

The following men served as Convention officers and helped facilitate the business of the Fraternity:

President: John Smid, *Toronto '99*

Secretary: Jason Steckel, *Case Western Reserve '92*

Parliamentarian: Kevin Levy, *American '16*

Marshall: Don "Juice" Juszczak, *Cincinnati '91*

Committee of the Whole Chairman: Steven Gardner, *Missouri '79*

Vice Presidents:

- John M. Hillhouse, *Missouri '69*
- Douglas G. Houser, *Willamette '57 (posthumous)*
- Lloyd L. Kirk, *Kansas '55 (posthumous)*
- Edward J. O'Malley, Jr., *Kansas State '97*
- Alfred J. Simmons, *Kansas '82*
- David R. Spence, *Missouri '80*
- Paul B. Swartz, *Kansas State '64*

Floor Managers:

- Jacob Tidwell, *East Carolina '04*
- Ethan Bell, *Wisconsin-Oshkosh '16*
- Remy McClain, *Truman State '19*
- Grant Steffen, *Wisconsin-Oshkosh '22*

Charters and Status Changes

The 186th General Convention addressed the status of one existing chapter, two reestablished chapters, two new chapters.

The Committee on Chapters recommended the denial of the appeal of disbandment submitted by representatives of the Eta Gamma Chapter at Florida International University. The delegates denied the appeal and the Eta Gamma Chapter will remain disbanded with their charter in the keeping of the Board of Trustees.

The Committee on Charters recommended the approval of petitions submitted by Louisiana State University and Boise State University, having found the colonies to be operationally sound and worthy of elevation from Disbanded to Good Standing.

The Committee on Chapters recommended the approval of petitions submitted by Samford (Alpha Mu) and Illinois (Sigma Rho), having found these chapters with suspended charters to be operationally sound and worthy of the Fraternity's recognition.

Delegates approved the petitions submitted by Samford and Illinois to return to Good Standing and the petitions submitted by Louisiana State and Boise State to receive a charter.

School	Founding Date (Original)	Greek Name
Samford University	June 1, 1872	Alpha Mu
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	February 28, 1902	Sigma Rho
Louisiana State University	TBD in 2025-26	Theta Kappa
Boise State University	TBD in 2025-26	Theta Lambda

Colony and Chapter Reviews

To assist in their ongoing development and add a level of peer accountability, the chapters and colonies below were reviewed by delegates appointed to a Committee on Charters or Committee on Chapters. Each chapter or colony will be provided recommendations to further their improvement.

Committees on Chapters: Arizona, Auburn, Central Florida, Colorado State, Hanover, Tulane, West Chester, West Virginia and Vanderbilt.

Committees on Charters: Kennesaw State, Nebraska at Omaha and Temple.

General Fraternity Officers

The following men completed their terms of service on the Board of Trustees:

- Robert Beall, *Oklahoma* '80 – Trustee (two terms)
- J. William "Bill" Haywood, *Miami* '74 – Trustee (two terms)

The following men were (re)elected to serve on the Board of Trustees:

- John Stebbins, *Emory* '92 – General Secretary (second term)
- Willie Romero, *UNLV* '95 – Trustee (second term)
- J. Nicholas Gilson, *Utah* '03 – Trustee (first term)
- Rodreuous "Rod" Kelley, *Florida State* '14 – Trustee (first term)

Legislation

The delegates considered a total of three legislative proposals that were advanced to the Convention. The matters addressed by the delegates included:

1. The delegates denied a proposal seeking to standardize timelines and deadlines for chapter officer elections, terms in office, and reporting.
2. The delegates approved a proposal to modify the requirements for chapters to report the affiliation of new members to include when new members reside in a chapter facility.

3. The delegates amended and approved a proposal to modify the scholastic requirements for initiation to require a minimum 2.5 GPA in order to be initiated for both first semester students (high school GPA) and returning students (collegiate GPA).

Other Business

- The minutes of the 185th General Convention were approved.
- The General Fraternity's finances were evaluated and the delegates approved the Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Report.