



BETA THETA PI

— MEN OF PRINCIPLE —

Beta Theta Pi
185th General Convention
Oxford, Ohio
July 25-28, 2024

Legislation Summary

This document summarizes the business of the Fraternity conducted at the 185th 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: Tom Olver, *Central Michigan '98*

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

Parliamentarian: Kevin Levy, *American '16*

Marshall: Jason Waggoner, *Truman State '04*

Committee of the Whole Chairman: Ross McKenzie, *Guelph '84*

Vice President(s):

- Thomas D. Cassady, *Cincinnati '76*
- Peter W. Barnhart, *Miami '66*
- Monte M. Chesko, Jr., *Cincinnati '77*
- Frederick F. Brower, *Miami '50*
- Thomas C. Fey, *Miami '68*
- Dr. Ferdinand Del Pizzo, Jr., *Washington in St. Louis '58* (posthumous)
- Capt. Jerry M. Blesch, *Centre '60* (posthumous)
- Joseph A. Chinnici, Jr., *Ohio State '64* (posthumous)

Charters and Status Changes

The 185th General Convention addressed the status of one reestablished chapter and one new chapter. The Committee on Chapters responsible for reviewing San Diego State found the chapter to be deficient in several operational areas and recommended they not receive their charter. However, the delegate body heard additional insight from the San Diego State delegate and voted in favor of their request for a status upgrade.

The Committee on Charters responsible for reviewing Appalachian State found the colony met the requirements for chartering and in an excellent position of living out Beta's values and standards.

Therefore, the San Diego State petition to return to “Good Standing” and Appalachian State petition to receive a charter were both approved.

School	Founding Date (Original)	Greek Name
San Diego State University	February 5, 1984	Epsilon Beta
Appalachian State University	TBD in 2024-25	Theta Iota

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: Central Florida, Colorado State, Florida Atlantic, Illinois, Samford, Tulane, West Chester, and Vanderbilt.

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

General Fraternity Officers

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

- Amar Budarapu, Lawrence ’87 – Trustee (one term)

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

- Ken Bryan, MIT ’88 – General Treasurer (second term)
- Aaron Kozuki, Washington in St. Louis ’05 – Trustee (second term)
- Dr. William L. Fox, St. Lawrence ’75 – Trustee (first term)
- Robert J. Selsor, Missouri ’82 – Trustee (first term)

Legislation

The delegates considered a total of seven legislative proposals that were advanced prior to or at the Convention. Matters addressed by the delegates:

1. The delegates approved a proposal to reimburse alumni association delegates for their participation in General Convention and aligned the reimbursement rate for all delegates with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service’s standard mileage rate.
2. The delegates denied a proposal seeking to prevent the Chief Executive Officer from holding more than one Administrative Office position, including that of General Counsel.
3. The delegates denied a proposal seeking to standardize the chapter officer structure and their assigned duties.
4. The delegates denied a proposal seeking to standardize chapter officer elections and deadlines.
5. The delegates approved a proposal creating and defining a new college member status for “Recused Member”. This would be a collegiate member who recuses himself from all fraternity activities by temporarily suspending his involvement during investigations into alleged misconduct.
6. The delegates approved a proposal to update the definition of the “Under Reorganization” chapter status and adding procedural language.

7. The delegates denied a proposal seeking to limit the compensation of all officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees, all defined by the U.S. Internal Revenue Services, to less than five percent of total expenses.

Other Business

- The 184th General Convention minutes were approved.
- The General Fraternity's finances were evaluated and the delegates approved the Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Report.