



Legislative Proposals
187th General Convention
July 30 – August 2, 2026

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- Robert T. Grand, *Wabash '78* – General Fraternity President
- Bryant M.E. Fiesta, *UC Irvine '16* – Trustee
- W. Scott Fussell, *Middle Tennessee State '95* – Trustee
- Michael R. Okenquist, *Villanova '94* – Trustee
- R. Thomas Reeves, *Eastern Kentucky '99* – Trustee

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**Robert T. Grand, *Wabash* '78
Nominee for President**

Robert “Bob” Grand, *Wabash* '78, is excited to be nominated to serve as President of the General Fraternity. Graduating from Wabash College in 1978 and the Indiana University McKinney School of Law in 1982, he has been involved with Tau Chapter since his graduation and most recently served as chairman of the chapter’s 150th anniversary celebration. He was recently inducted into the Tau Chapter Hall of Fame.

His involvement with the General Fraternity started when he was appointed district chief from 1984 to 1989. Chairing the 150th General Convention in Oxford in 1989, he served as a vice president of the Board of Trustees from 1990-1993. He continued his service on the Beta Theta Pi Foundation from 1997-2003 and was its chairman from 2000-2003. He later joined brother Tom Cassady, *Cincinnati* '76, as co-chairman of the Promise to Keep Campaign (2011-2016), which successfully surpassed its \$20 million goal to advance the Men of Principle initiative. Bob was awarded the 26th Francis W. Shepardson Award in 2019.

Bob has been a lawyer in Indianapolis, Indiana, for more than 38 years and recently retired as managing partner of Barnes & Thornburg LLP. The firm has more than 600 lawyers located in 23 offices across the nation. Bob has also been a volunteer in many civic, charitable and political organizations.

Married to his Beta Sweetheart, Melody, for 44 years – a proud Indiana University graduate and member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority – he has two Beta sons: Ryan Grand, *Wabash* '08, and Kyle Grand, *Wabash* '11. Ryan is married to Alison and resides in Indianapolis with their two children, Lily and Meredith. Kyle also resides in Indianapolis and is a former member of the Administrative Office staff.



**Bryant M.E. Fiesta, *UC Irvine '16*
Nominee for Trustee**

Bryant joined Beta Theta Pi during his sophomore year at the University of California, Irvine, where he subsequently served as communications chairperson and chapter president. In 2016, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and moved to Oxford, Ohio, to join the Beta Theta Pi Administrative Office staff. While serving on staff (2016-2019), Bryant was the on-site project manager and operations specialist overseeing the Fraternity's expansions at The College of New Jersey, University of Houston and University of Colorado, Boulder. During this time, he developed close bonds with countless brothers and Friends of Beta from across Beta's Broad Domain, many of whom remain his best friends and confidants to this day.

Following his tenure at the Administrative Office, Bryant pursued a postgraduate degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science, obtaining a Master of Science in Gender, Development and Globalization in 2020. In 2021, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he was appointed chief of District 40 in 2021, and Mid-Atlantic regional chief in 2022. In his current volunteer role, Bryant supports district chiefs spanning east Pennsylvania to Virginia in their efforts to enhance Beta's lifelong membership experience, cultivate members' connection to and application of the Fraternity's Ritual in today's world, and represent the Fraternity in the region. At the 185th General Convention in 2024, the General Fraternity recognized him as Regional Chief of the Year.

Bryant also finds fulfillment in other volunteer roles, serving as a Foundation/Giving Day Ambassador, contributing to the Commission on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and facilitating leadership development programs like the John and Nellie Wooden Institute for Men of Principle, Keystone Conference and Peter F. Greiner Leadership College.

Bryant lives in Washington, D.C., with his Beta Sweetheart, Floyd, and their dog, Boulder. He works for the International Republican Institute, a nonpartisan, international, non-governmental organization, leading its women's political and civic empowerment portfolio and managing initiatives linked to countering authoritarian influence globally. He also works part-time with athletes as a CF-L2 trainer and nutrition coach at CrossFit DC. With more than 15 years living abroad and having visited all permanently inhabited continents, Bryant enjoys traveling and connecting with people through food, sport and thoughtful conversations.



**W. Scott Fussell, *Middle Tennessee State '95*
Nominee for Trustee**

In the fall of 1990, Scott Fussell joined the Epsilon Theta Chapter at Middle Tennessee State University, and his life was forever changed. As a collegiate leader, Scott held numerous positions in the chapter and on campus with his greatest impact coming during his two terms as recruitment chairman, where he helped the chapter more than double in size. Scott attended three General Conventions as a collegian and was a key contributor to the chapter's success on the field, the court, during recruitment season and occasionally in the classroom.

Scott joined Beta's Administrative Office staff after graduation, where he served as a chapter management consultant (now known as chapter development consultants). While on staff, he brought sophistication to our recruitment practices and led the original drafting of the Knox Award. His most significant contribution was upgrading the Convention model initiation experience. He would continue to coordinate this Convention highlight as a volunteer for roughly a decade and regularly served as the guide during his run of nearly 30 Conventions.

Scott has previously served as an assistant district chief, district chief, and regional chief. His contributions to the Fraternity earned him the Regional Chief of the Year Award in 2003. During his time on the Board of Trustees, Scott has served on the stakeholder engagement committee where he has been a vocal champion of the Fraternity's mental health initiative and ritual revitalization efforts.

Professionally, Scott serves as principal of Scott Fussell Coaching and Consulting. In this role, he coaches parents, is a national speaker on mental health and wellbeing, and works with organizations throughout Beta's Broad Domain, including several men's and women's groups in the fraternity/sorority community. When he's not speaking and coaching, he can be heard hosting the fraternity/sorority podcast, *Leaders, Letters & Legacy*, available wherever you get your podcasts.

Brother Fussell believes – when it's done right – fraternity can be life-changing for a lifetime. He also believes the fraternity experience has never been more relevant, more needed or more deserved than it is right now. Research suggests our culture is currently experiencing a connection famine. Fussell believes this unfortunate reality has offered a unique opportunity for Beta to be what the data says men desperately need and are yearning for.

In Scott's own words, "We've been gifted this opportunity to teach, pursue and perfect friendship, to be universally recognized as 'The Connection Fraternity.' And let's be clear, we're not solely talking about connections – although that's certainly part of it – we're talking about lifelong connection. If we really leaned into this idea and did so with a relentless intentionality and clarity, the impact we could have on a world that is yearning for connectivity could be significant."

Brother Fussell lives in Fishers, Indiana, with his wife, Sue, a member of Delta Gamma Fraternity, and their black lab Lincoln, an eight-year-old risk management nightmare of a dog. In his free time, Scott loves to spend time with his people, volunteer at church, pay attention and find reasons to celebrate those nearby.



**Michael R. Okenquist, *Villanova* '94
Nominee for Trustee**

Michael Okenquist, *Villanova* '94, was initiated in 1992 as a founding father and Roll No. 16 of the Zeta Epsilon Chapter. Because of the Fraternity's expansion model at the time, Mike also holds Roll No. 1366 with the Phi Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania. As a collegiate member, he served as scholarship chairman, chapter secretary, Convention delegate and vice president of the Interfraternity Council. He had the privilege of attending the North American Interfraternity Conference's Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI) in 1993. Mike earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Villanova and later completed an MBA in marketing at Temple University.

Mike began his career in mutual fund and insurance marketing with Lincoln Financial Group, later broadening his marketing experience in the pharmaceutical industry. In 2007, he joined PNC Bank where he has spent the past 19 years in a series of marketing leadership roles spanning asset management, retail deposits and lending, and the corporate bank. He currently serves as Senior Vice President and head of marketing for PNC's corporate bank.

A dedicated volunteer for Beta since graduation, Mike has continuously supported the men of his chapter, both informally and as chapter counselor (2015-2020). He also served as chapter counselor for the Zeta Sigma Chapter at West Chester University. His Fraternity leadership includes appointments as assistant district chief (1995-1996), district chief (1996-2005) and regional director (2005-2009). In 2009, he was elected by the General Convention to the Board of Trustees as vice president and was re-elected in 2012. In 2017, the General Secretary appointed him to the newly created role of advisory council commissioner (former members of the Fraternity's governing boards), a role expanded in 2022 to include alumni commissioner. A long-standing supporter of the Beta Leadership Fund, he has facilitated numerous leadership programs nationwide, sat on committees and task forces, including those focused on diversity, Code reform and membership status review, and helped coordinate local Beta events in Philadelphia. He is attending his 33rd General Convention in July 2026.

Mike leans into his passions with volunteer service beyond our beloved Fraternity. He serves on the Board of Directors of Historic Philadelphia, Inc. and the Advisory Council for the Albert LePage Center, and is a member of the Revolution Society at the Museum of the American Revolution.

Originally from Connecticut, Mike has family roots in New England dating to the 1600s and has lived in the Philadelphia area since 1994. He resides in the suburbs with his wife, Meredith, their daughter, Madeline, and their son, Noah, *Villanova* '28. He's a big fan of the New York Yankees and Villanova basketball, and he counts baseball, genealogy and American History among his passions.



**R. Thomas Reeves, *Eastern Kentucky* '99
Nominee for Trustee**

Tom Reeves, *Eastern Kentucky* '99, is honored and grateful to be nominated to serve on the Board of Trustees. Tom began his Beta journey in spring 1994, serving in executive roles for the Delta Xi Chapter and participating in the Interfraternity Council. These experiences shaped his long-standing commitment to leadership, service, brotherhood and fraternity governance. Tom is a proud two-time graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, having earned a Bachelor of Arts in history and a Master of Science in Loss Prevention and Safety in 2002.

Professionally, Tom has built a more than 25-year career in environmental, health, safety and organizational development. In 2005, he joined Nucor Corporation as safety director at the Nucor Steel Marion Division in Marion, Ohio, where he played a key role in the successful turnaround of an acquired facility, contributing to improvements in safety, environmental performance, culture, leadership development and financial results.

Following this role, Nucor's corporate team invited Tom to serve as an enterprise-wide third-party consultant focused on leadership and organizational development. In 2013, he founded Engaged Change Solutions, a coaching and consulting practice supporting leaders, teams and organizations—primarily in high-risk industries—with an emphasis on strategy, strategic execution, organizational change, leadership development and risk management.

Tom completed executive education at Columbia University, including principles and practices of organizational development, the Columbia executive coaching certification program and Columbia Business School's business excellence certificate program. He also holds the certified safety professional (CSP) designation.

Tom reengaged with Beta leadership in 2017 through service on his own chapter's alumni association/house corporation board, Beta of Richmond, Inc. He has since served two terms on the Beta Theta Pi Foundation Board, contributing on the development committee, chairing the governance and nominating committee, and serving as board secretary. He also served as chapter counselor for the Delta Xi Chapter throughout the COVID pandemic.

In May 2025, Tom was selected to serve as director of environment, safety and health for the Battelle Memorial Institute, the world's largest independent, nonprofit science and technology organization. Tom and his wife, Stephanie, live in Delaware, Ohio, with their Boston Terrier, Gillie.

Auburn University/Delta Zeta Chapter - Petition to return from "Disbandment" to "Good Standing"

January 28, 2026

To the Officers and Members of the Beta Theta Pi General Fraternity,

Since 1960, the Delta Zeta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has been a shining example of community, leadership, and, most importantly, of principle on the campus of Auburn University. Though our history has been one of longevity and great success, it has not been without mistakes, but these have ultimately led our chapter into a new era that is only just beginning. While the re-founding of an organization, let alone a fraternity chapter, is never easy, the Delta Zeta chapter has redefined every benchmark related to growth that exists within the Auburn Greek Life community and the Beta Theta Pi national network, and it is for this reason that we seek to regain our charter at the next General Convention this upcoming summer.

Through meticulous leadership and effort, the Delta Zeta chapter has made significant strides in regaining the ground lost in the fall of 2019, when our chapter was suspended. As for growth, our chapter has initiated over 70 brothers, with 15 new ones well on the way, bringing our total to over 85, a number soon to be set in stone before General Convention. While this growth has been momentous, there are no signs of slowing down, with expectations of around 45 to 50 new members this fall, bringing the brotherhood to over 130 in just over 2 years.

As regards academic, athletic, and community performance on Auburn's campus, the Delta Zeta Chapter has exceeded all expectations in each category. The chapter has achieved top-10 grade rankings each semester, reaching as high as third, with a cumulative brother GPA of 3.38, well above the national threshold for Beta chapters. On the field, our chapter has brought home numerous Intramural championships, capped by a Small Fraternity Greek Cup championship trophy in our first year, a feat never done before by an Auburn Fraternity. Finally, our commitment to building a strong foothold on campus has been one of great success, with brothers landing all across campus in roles ranging from Student Government Directors, to campus tour guides, to Plainsmen (One of the highest honors achievable by an Auburn Man), all the way to club leaders in organizations of every subject. One thing remains strikingly clear as you observe the Delta Zeta's effect on campus: it's an organization that breeds consistent leadership and *Men of Principle*.

Officially reinstating the Auburn University Delta Zeta Chapter would provide the men of our chapter with the additional resources necessary to push our project from good to great, with mentorship, support, and leadership development even more available than they are right now. In addition, a reinstatement would grant our chapter full authority to operate as an official fraternity on Auburn's campus, allowing us to elect officers onto Auburn's Interfraternity Council executive committee as well as vote on important matters to the Auburn Greek Life Community.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this petition. As you deliberate, I encourage you to reach out to either me or the Delta Zeta Chapter Counselor, Mr. Scott Reynolds.

Yours in __kai__,

Matthew Zelenka

Delta Zeta Chapter President

Petition to Charter for New/Returning Chapter

1. Welcome and Introduction

Brothers and Friends,

Each year, the General Fraternity excitedly welcomes new and returning chapters through a chartering and recognition process. This form is intended to collect the required information necessary for the Administrative Office staff, Board of Trustees, and General Convention to assess a chapter's health, operations, and achievements. Please review [this page of introductory information](#) carefully before moving on to the next page.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Petition forms must be received by February 1 for consideration at the next General Convention. For consideration at the 187th General Convention in Oxford, Ohio, petitions must be received by Sunday, February 1, 2026. However, chapters and colonies are strongly encouraged to submit their petitions sooner.

If you have questions or concerns about the chartering process, please contact your assigned staff support team. In their absence or for general questions, please contact Senior Director of Fraternity Services Jacob Tidwell, *East Carolina '04* at jacob.tidwell@beta.org or 800.800.BETA (x2382).

2. Chapter Information

1. What new or existing chapter do you represent?

Auburn/Delta Zeta Chapter

2. Chapter Member Completing This Form:

First Name

Matthew

Last Name

Zelenka

Chapter Officer Role or Title

Chapter President

Company Name

Street Address

Apt/Suite/Office

City

State

Zip

Country

Email Address

mrz0010@auburn.edu

Cell Phone Number

Fax Number

813.520.9704

URL

3. Chartering Guidelines

Chartering GuidelinesThe following guidelines and criteria were established by the Board of Trustees for all new and returning chapters in order to petition for a charter or return to Good Standing as a chapter of Beta Theta Pi. A chapter should strive to meet or exceed each guideline EVERY YEAR of existence with a “chartering year” running from January to December. The specific measures and benchmarks for each area of operations are below and can also be found on the [chartering resource page](#).

For each guideline category below, please clearly articulate the chapter or colony's efforts to meet each criteria.

3. Optional: Chapter charter/status petition letter.

4. Optional: Chapter charter/status petition visual aid.

5.

Cultivation of the Intellect: The chapter must demonstrate a commitment to developing its members academically.

The chapter must submit all grade, end of academic term and other reports for each term of the chartering year.

The chapter should maintain an academic average for the chapter, consisting of all the grade point averages of all new and initiated collegiate members, equal to or exceeding the All-Men's Average and All-Campus Average grade point for the campus.

For campuses that do not calculate an AMA, the minimum academic standard will be a 2.8 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent for each calendar year.

The chapter must develop and utilize an [academic assistance plan](#).

Through the first 18 months of the Delta Zeta Chapter's reinstatement, we have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to our academic excellence. We have maintained a cumulative on-campus GPA over 3.3 in every semester and a New Member GPA well over 3.5 across multiple New Member Classes, both of which have ranked as high as 3rd among fraternities at Auburn. Through mutual accountability, we hold each other accountable for classroom performance, regardless of the student or the major program. We have used our Academic Scholarship Chair to host open study hours multiple times each week, providing a space where brothers can focus on their grades and access academic development resources, including peer tutoring from brothers and faculty advisors. As we prepare to move back into the house, we plan to continue holding study hours for brothers to ensure academic performance remains at an all-time high.

6.

Chapter Advisors: Local alumni and Friends of Beta must demonstrate a commitment to providing mentorship and guidance. Note that a lack of a complete advising team will not reflect on the chapter's overall petition for charter but that this category is still important to address during the evaluation process.

The Administrative Office must appropriately recruit, vet, appoint and train advisors.

The retention of advisors ensures continuity and consistency for collegiate officers. Administrative Office staff and chapter counselors must ensure chapter operations and officer communication contributes positively to the volunteer experience.

The initial advisory team must be led by a chapter counselor and have a sufficient number of advisors to meet the ideal team size to effectively support chapter operations. Other advisors may be appointed to meet the needs of the particular chapter.

The chapter and volunteers must demonstrate clear expectations regarding communication, participation and engagement.

At the time of writing, the Delta Zeta chapter currently has the assistance of 9 fraternity advisors, all of whom are alumni of our chapter, and all of whom take an extremely active role in chapter operations. With an executive committee holding 9 positions, we have been fortunate to have one advisor per officer position, a commitment each advisor views as essential to the chapter's success. Our core of advisors represents one of the largest advisor teams among all Beta chapters, as well as one of the largest among fraternity chapters registered by Auburn's IFC. Led by our Chapter Counselor, Scott Reynolds, the advisors hold weekly meetings and attend each week's executive officer meetings, assisting our team of officers at every step. Many of our advisors live in Auburn, making in-person access to the chapter extremely reasonable, which has led us to host large numbers of advisors and alumni at each week's chapter meetings, a fact we take great pride in. Our officer-advisor relationship has also been clearly established, with advisors present solely to assist in decision-making, not to control it. In the end, every decision is made solely at the discretion of the chapter officers. Finally, our sole-alumni advisory board has helped us maintain strong relationships with the Delta Zeta chapter's deep alumni network, enabling us to host multiple alumni reunion events and fundraisers that routinely generate significant support.

7.

Recruitment and Chapter Membership: The chapter must demonstrate their ability to consistently recruit and maintain a membership size equal to or greater than the average Interfraternity Council chapter size for its campus.

The chapter must report its chapter size through its official roster.

The chapter's membership must consistently meet or exceed the average for all IFC fraternities on its campus.

A chapter size of at least 40 members is required for any campus that does not report the average IFC fraternity size.

The chapter must successfully incorporate the Men of Principle Scholarship into its recruitment operations and annually distribute funds to potential new members following an established selection process.

The chapter must leverage a relationship-based recruitment model to welcome new members. This includes, but is not limited to:

Robust branding and marketing

Multiple pathways to membership (formal and informal recruitment)

Lowering barriers to entry

Formal invitations being given at a variety of times

With a total chapter size of around 80 brothers and new members as of Spring 2026, less than two years since our refounding, we have outpaced almost every growth metric historically used amongst new fraternities at Auburn University and Beta as a whole. We have been fortunate to have consistently strong leadership in our rush process, as evidenced by the success of each New Member Class to date. As of now, we employ two rush chairs to split the load, and these two officers are intended to be brothers with different skill sets. One is more focused on event planning and logistics, while the other is more focused on individual communication and PNM deliberation. This system has brought great success to the chapter, as both officers also serve as chair of our rush committee, a group of 7 brothers who assist with event preparation and bidding deliberations. We have successfully marketed events to large audiences, drawing in dozens of potential new members at each event, and we have given bids sparingly to ensure we are selecting the highest-caliber fraternity members. Given the strong presence of Alumni in Auburn, we have been fortunate to secure numerous alumni properties and businesses to host rush events at no cost, often in high-quality venues, including hotel rooftops and fine-dining restaurants. As we move forward, we plan to use the house for hosting events, giving PNMs a stronger sense of the brotherhood they hope to join. We have drawn up numerous recruitment projections and momentum documents to ensure we are properly hitting benchmarks that we are able to pace with, rather than simply getting as many guys as possible, a situation we think could cause unwanted stress on future executive teams.

8.

Membership Education: The chapter must demonstrate its ability to appropriately educate new members prior to initiation and retain those new members through initiation.

The chapter must maintain an average three-year pledge-to-initiation rate of 90% or higher.

The chapter must utilize the Son of the Stars New Member Orientation Program.

The chapter must submit all New Member Education Assessment documentation and forms by the announced deadline.

The chapter must implement a member development program that builds well-rounded members who contribute positively to their chapter, campus and local communities. This includes, but is not limited to: how to live the values of Beta Theta Pi, safe and healthy decision-making, personal and professional development, etc.

The chapter should document specific member development activities that regularly engage upperclassmen.

These activities should cover topics like personal and professional development, and lifelong engagement in the organization through volunteering, mentoring and alumni association activities.

The chapter should demonstrate an ability to retain members through the completion of its academic program (e.g. graduation) by maintaining an average retention rate of at least 80% of its members. This includes a demonstrated ability to recognize an area of concern and establish a plan to address that concern through the Kai Committee, member development, new member education or other chapter operations.

Developing a strong New Member education program has been a welcome challenge as we continue growing on campus. Our goal each semester is to build a program that is both engaging and transformational, while remaining within the guidelines set by the city, the University, and the General Fraternity. Using the Sons of the Stars has been a huge help in this, as it lays out everything we need to include for successful development as a Beta Fraternity Man. As we grow, we aim to build strong New Member Education traditions around numerous events, one of which is Big-Little Night, which has high potential for a memorable, lasting experience when conducted safely and in a controlled manner. We have maintained strong retention across pledge classes and have had almost every upperclassman stay through graduation, a trend we hope to sustain over the years. We also plan to document everything related to pledge planning, execution, and outcomes and report it to anyone who may need it, including the University and the General Fraternity.

9.

Leadership Development: The chapter must demonstrate a commitment to developing its members personally and professionally through participation in core leadership development programs.

The chapter must send one member to the [Miller Nichols Chapter Presidents Leadership Academy](#) each year.

The chapter must send one member to the [General Convention](#) as its delegate each year.

The chapter must send the required number of members or approved designees to the [Keystone Leadership Conference](#) each year, including winter and General Convention sessions when applicable.

The chapter must send at least six additional members to leadership development experiences such as [Peter F. Greiner Leadership College](#) at General Convention, the [John and Nellie Wooden Institute for Men of Principle](#) or other events such as Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values or Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute.

The chapter must participate in other educational programs offered by the General Fraternity, whether in-person or virtual. This includes, but is not limited to, education focused on risk management, new member recruitment and member retention.

The Delta Zeta Chapter plans to send as many brothers and officers as possible to each Beta Leadership development program offered. We fully understand the importance of leadership development and recognize the value of General Fraternity resources in building strong men to lead, which is why our goal has been to send as many brothers as possible to leadership training, whether it's Keystone or General Convention. This year in particular, we hope to send numerous brothers to the Wooden Institute and as many officers as needed to General Convention, as leadership preparation is more crucial now to our chapter than ever before with the move-in of the house on the horizon.

10.

Chapter Standing and Operations: The chapter must demonstrate its ability to maintain appropriate self-governance and adherence to the Fraternity's policies, procedures and values.

All chapter operations must adhere to The Code of Beta Theta Pi, Risk Management Policy and Ritual of Beta Theta Pi

The chapter must maintain "Good Standing" throughout the year prior to its charter petition. This includes both its campus and Fraternity status.

The chapter must submit at least one competitive [awards application](#) in two of the four categories:

Service | John Holt Duncan Service Award, Outstanding Campus Involvement Award

Alumni | Outstanding Alumni Relations Award, H. H. Stephenson Jr. Award for Historical Preservation

Communications | North Dakota Award

Singing | Whitman Choral Cup, Best New Song, Shelby Molter Song Competition

Chapter Standing, both on campus and within Beta National's general guidelines, are two of the largest priorities for our chapter moving forward. From day one, we have made a significant effort to deepen our impact on campus through service and involvement across campus, whether in Student Government, by leading service initiatives, or by committing to community success. We expect that efforts toward campus success and General Fraternity Awards will continue to pay off as we grow, as the clear precedent has been set that these are meaningful benchmarks of a chapter's overall health. We aim to follow all award guidelines to qualify for as many as possible, with the ultimate goal of maintaining consistent Knox awards across generations of member classes.

11.

Financial Health: The chapter must demonstrate its ability to appropriately manage its financial health.

The chapter must comply with the Fraternity's Chapter Accounting Standards.

The chapter must utilize a budget, outlining its revenues, expenses, dues and fees in BillHighway or other financial management software.

The chapter must meet its financial obligations in a timely manner, including its General Fraternity dues and fees. This includes not holding an outstanding balance greater than 90 days during the year in which it petitions for a charter.

As our membership has grown, we have managed the increased resources effectively. It is understood that poor budgeting can easily lead to a chapter's downfall, as mismanagement of financial resources can disrupt operations and erode the chapter's visibility. Because of this, we work closely with chapter advisors, specifically our Chapter Financial Advisor, Pete Rohwer, who commits large amounts of time and resources to upholding our chapter's financial success. We have strict deadlines for dues payments and even stricter deadlines and guidelines for budgeting timelines, ensuring that any foreseeable expenses are covered well in advance, freeing up capital for unexpected costs. We aim to continue complying with Fraternity Accounting Standards while using an organized budget for dues and fees collected through BillHighway.

4. Letters of Recommendation and Support

12. Please upload the letter of support from your chapter counselor. In the absence of a chapter counselor, upload a letter of support from your advisory team.

[Delta Zeta Chapter Counselor letter.pdf](#)

13. Please upload the letter(s) of support from your General Fraternity Officers (regional, district, and/or assistant district chiefs).

[District Chief letter in support of Delta Zeta Charter application \(1\).pdf](#)

[Auburn Chartering RC Recommendation Letter.pdf](#)

14. Please upload any additional letter(s) of support. This might include advisors, alumni, college or university administrators, campus community members, organizations, etc.

[Beta Theta Pi - AU Greek Life Letter of Support.pdf](#)

5. General Convention Presentation

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2. Author and Proposal Information

1. Your full name

Kevin Michael Levy

2. Select your Initiating chapter:

American (Eta Pi)

3. Your graduation year

2016

4. Your email address

Kevin.Levy@saul.com

5. Your preferred phone number

8563049961

6. Please list any additional sponsors.

7. Title of Your Proposal

Incentivizing Chapters for Good Financial Hygiene

8. List the Article(s), Chapter(s), and/or section(s) of The Code of Beta Theta Pi or other governing documents affected

Laws of Beta Theta Pi, Section 3(A)(b)

9. Write out your proposal for new, revised or deleted language in The Code (or other governing document)

Revise the Laws of Beta Theta Pi, Section 3(A)(b) as follows:

All chapters are entitled to representation except:

(a) [no change];

(b) Chapters with an outstanding balance owed to the General Fraternity for obligations from the prior fiscal year, unless such balance is paid in full at least fifteen (15) days prior to the announced date of the Convention, except those who have demonstrated fiscal responsibility to the satisfaction of the General Secretary or his designee;

(c) . . .[no change]

10. Write 1 - 2 paragraphs of analysis or justification for your proposal (you also may attach a file using the link below)

Under the current Code of Beta Theta Pi, any chapters which owe balances to the general fraternity are assumed to be ineligible to voting representation at the General Fraternity. At the 185th General Convention, 22 chapters were deemed ineligible to vote among their fellow undergraduate chapters solely for reasons of financial ineligibility, including 9 chapters holding a balance less than \$5,000. At the 186th General Convention, 18 chapters were ineligible to vote for financial reasons, including 9 holding a balance less than \$5,000. Adopting this proposal would incentivize chapters for entering into payment plans to pay off past due balances to the General Fraternity by enfranchising them at the General Convention, while still protecting the General Fraternity's interest in ensuring that all Chapters are diligent in paying all amounts due to the General Fraternity and stabilizing the financial health of the organization, all within the reasoned discretion of the General Secretary. The revision in the beginning of the proposed amendment clarifies the financial eligibility provision and confirms that chapters must (generally) have a \$0.00 balance due to the General Fraternity by the date which is 15 days prior to the start of Convention. Finally, as proposed, the revision would not remove the ability for the General Fraternity to suspend those chapters who are more than 90 days in nonpayment status and generally uncommunicative; accordingly, this proposal incentivizes active communication and cooperation between chapters and their counterparts in the Administrative Office.

11. If you prefer, you may attach your justification using this link (please use a PDF or Word document)

[Kevin Levy - Beta Theta Pi - Proposal \(Incentivizing Chapters for Entering into Payment Plans\) \(52720620.2\).docx](#)

12. How will your proposal benefit chapters, collegiate or alumni members, or the General Fraternity as a whole?

Newly elected undergraduate chapter officers are sometimes surprised upon their election to learn that their chapter owes a great deal of money to the General Fraternity. Some vice presidents of finance are sometimes unaware that General Fraternity dues are not automatically deducted from Billhighway balances and remitted to the General Fraternity, and so balances can grow sometimes silently at first and then balloon into a real problem. This proposal would encourage undergraduate officers and advisors to work with their counterparts at the Administrative Office and General Fraternity Officers to rectify past financial mistakes and make strong progress toward financial stability.

13. How is your proposal aligned with Beta Theta Pi's mission, vision and values?

This proposal centers around the core values of Responsible Conduct and Trust. The proposal recognizes that chapters are ultimately on the hook for making all payments due and owing to the General Fraternity, but acknowledges the benefits of Chapters entering into well thought out payment plans for the orderly payment of past General Fraternity dues. It encourages undergraduates to work in tandem with their advisors to come up with feasible payment plans, relies on the undergraduates to make their timely payments under the payment plans, and rewards Chapters for faithful compliance with the payment plans. And although, if passed, it would allow Chapters with an outstanding balance due to the General Fraternity to voting rights at the General Convention even though they will still continue to owe those funds after the General Convention. Under this proposal, those Chapters reaping the benefits of this proposal would also be trusted to continue with their compliance after the General Convention has concluded.

1. Kevin M. Levy
2. American University/Eta Pi
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6. Title of your proposal: **Incentivizing Chapters for Good Financial Hygiene**
7. List the Articles: Laws of Beta Theta Pi, Section 3(A)(b).
8. Write out your proposal for new, revised or deleted language in The Code (or other governing document):

(A) All chapters are entitled to representation except:

(a) [no change];

(b) [EXISTING LANGUAGE]: Chapters that have not paid all fees and assessments accrued at least 15 days prior to an announced Convention, and

[PROPOSED LANGUAGE]: Chapters with an outstanding balance owed to the General Fraternity for obligations from the prior fiscal year, unless such balance is paid in full at least fifteen (15) days prior to the announced date of the Convention, except those who have demonstrated fiscal responsibility to the satisfaction of the General Secretary or his designee;

(c) . . .[no change]

9. Write 1 - 2 paragraphs of analysis or justification for your proposal (you also may attach a file using the link below: **Under the current Code of Beta Theta Pi, any chapters which owe balances to the general fraternity are assumed to be ineligible to voting representation at the General Fraternity. At the 185th General Convention, 22 chapters were deemed ineligible to vote among their fellow undergraduate chapters solely for reasons of financial ineligibility, including 9 chapters holding a balance less than \$5,000. At the 186th General Convention, 18 chapters were ineligible to vote for financial reasons, including 9 holding a balance less than \$5,000. Adopting this proposal would incentivize chapters for entering into payment plans to pay off past due balances to the General Fraternity by enfranchising them at the General Convention, while still protecting the General Fraternity's interest in ensuring that all Chapters are diligent in paying all amounts due to the General Fraternity and stabilizing the financial health of the organization, all within the reasoned discretion of the General Secretary. The revision in the beginning of the proposed amendment clarifies the financial eligibility provision and confirms that chapters must (generally) have a \$0.00 balance due to the General Fraternity by the date which is 15 days prior to the start of Convention. Finally, as proposed, the revision would not remove the ability for the General Fraternity to suspend those chapters who are more than 90 days in nonpayment status and generally uncommunicative; accordingly, this proposal incentivizes active communication and cooperation between chapters and their counterparts in the Administrative Office.**
10. If you prefer, you may attach your justification using this link (please use a PDF or Word document)

11. How will your proposal benefit undergraduate chapters and collegiate and alumni members, now and in the future? **Newly elected undergraduate chapter officers are sometimes surprised upon their election to learn that their chapter owes a great deal of money to the General Fraternity. Some vice presidents of finance are sometimes unaware that General Fraternity dues are not automatically deducted from Billhighway balances and remitted to the General Fraternity, and so balances can grow sometimes silently at first and then balloon into a real problem. This proposal would encourage undergraduate officers and advisors to work with their counterparts at the Administrative Office and General Fraternity Officers to rectify past financial mistakes and make strong progress toward financial stability.**
12. How is your proposal aligned with Beta Theta Pi's mission, vision and values. **This proposal centers around the core values of *Responsible Conduct* and *Trust*. The proposal recognizes that chapters are ultimately on the hook for making all payments due and owing to the General Fraternity, but acknowledges the benefits of Chapters entering into well thought out payment plans for the orderly payment of past General Fraternity dues. It encourages undergraduates to work in tandem with their advisors to come up with feasible payment plans, relies on the undergraduates to make their timely payments under the payment plans, and rewards Chapters for faithful compliance with the payment plans. And although, if passed, it would allow Chapters with an outstanding balance due to the General Fraternity to voting rights at the General Convention even though they will still continue to owe those funds after the General Convention. Under this proposal, those Chapters reaping the benefits of this proposal would also be trusted to continue with their compliance after the General Convention has concluded.**

187th General Convention Legislation Proposals

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Risk Management Policy: Organized Combat Sports

8. List the Article(s), Chapter(s), and/or section(s) of The Code of Beta Theta Pi or other governing documents affected

Beta Theta Pi Risk Management Policy, Section 2: Hazing and Respectful Treatment, Subsection 2. (Page 4)

9. Write out your proposal for new, revised or deleted language in The Code (or other governing document)

2. Beta does not tolerate or condone any form of fighting or physically abusive behavior, in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter. This includes philanthropy or fundraising events that involve boxing or fighting. Beta chapters or members will not conduct, participate in, or condone any organized combat sports which are defined as any combat sport including, but not limited to: boxing; kickboxing; wrestling of any kind; fencing; mixed martial arts; muay thai; Brazilian jui-jitsu; judo; karate; krav maga; taekwondo; aikido; sambo; kung fu; or martial arts of any other kind that are organized in advance by the chapter or its members and take place in an amateur practice or competition setting. This policy does not prohibit or limit individual members from participating in combat sports that are organized and sanctioned by their academic institution or that are otherwise not associated with, or sponsored or endorsed by their chapter.

10. Write 1 - 2 paragraphs of analysis or justification for your proposal (you also may attach a file using the link below)

The addition to this policy has previously been added by the Board of Trustees in fall 2024 and fall 2025. The addition of combats sports helps us clearly articulate how chapters should engage in these activities. The fraternity/sorority industry has seen an increase in these activities resulting in significant injuries of individuals participating. This policy aligns Beta Theta Pi with best practices, peer organizations, and reduces the potential harm to members and guests.

11. If you prefer, you may attach your justification using this link (please use a PDF or Word document)

[Beta Theta Pi Risk Management Policy Proposed Changes 2025.pdf](#)

12. How will your proposal benefit chapters, collegiate or alumni members, or the General Fraternity as a whole?

This policy benefits chapters, alumni, and the Fraternity as a whole by promoting safety, consistency, and long-term sustainability. For chapters, it provides clear guidance on acceptable activities, reducing the risk of injury, liability, and disciplinary action while encouraging philanthropy and brotherhood events that reflect Beta Theta Pi's values. This clarity helps chapter leaders make responsible decisions and maintain positive relationships with their universities. For alumni, the policy protects the reputation of their chapter and the broader Fraternity, reinforcing confidence that Beta continues to uphold the standards and values they committed to as members. It also reduces legal and financial risk that could impact alumni involvement or support. For the General Fraternity, the policy establishes a consistent, values-based standard across all chapters, strengthening public trust, reinforcing Beta's commitment to responsible conduct and member well-being, and ensuring the organization's long-term credibility and relevance.

13. How is your proposal aligned with Beta Theta Pi's mission, vision and values?

This policy aligns closely with Beta Theta Pi's mission, vision, and values by reinforcing the Fraternity's commitment to developing men of principle through responsible conduct, integrity, and respect for others. By prohibiting chapter-sponsored fighting or organized combat sports, the policy prioritizes the safety and well-being of members and guests while promoting sound judgment and ethical decision-making. It supports Beta's vision of values-driven chapters that contribute positively to their campuses and communities by ensuring that philanthropy and fundraising activities model constructive, inclusive, and safe engagement rather than aggression or unnecessary risk. The policy reflects the core value of responsible conduct by reducing physical, legal, and reputational risk, and it demonstrates mutual assistance by placing care for brothers and others at the forefront of chapter decision-making. Clear expectations help build trust among members, alumni, university partners, and the broader community, reinforcing confidence that Beta chapters act consistently with their principles. The policy also upholds integrity by ensuring chapter-sponsored activities align with the Fraternity's stated values and expectations. By allowing individual members to participate in combat sports that are independently organized and not affiliated with the chapter, the policy balances personal autonomy with collective responsibility. Overall, this policy helps foster a culture of accountability, safety, and values-based leadership that advances Beta Theta Pi's mission and strengthens its positive impact.



BETA THETA PI FRATERNITY RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Effective August 2023

Beta Theta Pi's core values are:

- **Mutual Assistance:** Betas believe that men are mutually obligated to help others in the honorable labors and aspirations of life.
- **Intellectual Growth:** Betas are devoted to continually cultivating their minds, including high standards of academic achievement.
- **Trust:** Betas develop absolute faith and confidence in one another by being true to themselves and others.
- **Responsible Conduct:** Betas choose to act responsibly, weighing the consequences of their actions on themselves and those around them.
- **Integrity:** Betas preserve their character by doing what is morally right and demanding the same from their brothers.

To that end, this risk management policy is intended to help our members and volunteers live out Beta's values and to promote the safety of our members and guests. Chapters should conduct regular education on this risk management policy and any campus policies and safety guidelines. It is the responsibility of each new member and member to know and follow these policies. We expect Beta chapters to work collaboratively with other student groups to plan safe events that comply with their risk management guidelines. In all cases where campus, IFC, other fraternity / sorority rules, or Beta policies differ, we expect members and chapters to follow the more restrictive policies.

For the purposes of this policy, "member" refers broadly to all collegiate Betas, including new members and initiated members. For the purposes of this policy, "chapter" refers to both colonies and established chapters, regardless of status.

What Defines a "Chapter Event"?

There are a variety of factors that may lead to an event being considered a chapter event. Generally, a "chapter event" is one that is:

- Planned with the knowledge and input from one or more executive officers.
- Listed on the chapter calendar.
- Paid for with chapter funds or funds pooled by chapter members.
- Announced at chapter meeting or via official or unofficial social media associated with the chapter or individual pledge classes.
- Associated, intentionally or not, with the name or brand of Beta Theta Pi.

The [Beta Theta Pi event planning guide](#) has a useful checklist for determining if an event is a chapter event and step-by-step instructions for planning events. Except for alumni events with

alcohol held at chapter houses, Beta does not require chapters to gain pre-approval of events unless required by campus or IFC rules. We strongly recommend that advisors be involved in event planning, including reviewing contracts, meeting with venue staff, and reviewing safety plans. Administrative Office staff are happy to consult on safe event planning practices as well.

Section 1: Alcohol, Drugs, and Safe Event Planning

Our Fraternity believes in allowing every member to realize his full potential. Therefore, we believe that every member should make responsible decisions about alcohol use and the use of prescription or otherwise legal drugs. Each individual bears the personal responsibility to know and abide by federal, state, and local laws regarding alcohol and drugs; campus policies and rules; and Beta Theta Pi's rules and policies.

1. The possession, use, sale, or consumption of alcoholic beverages during a fraternity event, in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, or at any event an observer would associate with the fraternity, must comply with all federal, state, and local laws; campus policies and rules; and must follow either:
 - a. Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB), as defined by resources and education provided by Beta Theta Pi. BYOB events must be beer and wine only. No hard alcohol (defined as anything .15 ABV and higher) is allowed.
 - b. Third Party Vendor Guidelines, as defined by resources and education provided by Beta Theta Pi.
2. Rules pertaining to alcohol and other substances in chapter homes can be found under "Safety of Homes and Facilities."
3. No member can organize, encourage, or participate in drinking games, including any activity that requires drinking as part of the rules or phases of the activity. Examples include consuming shots equating to one's age, beer pong, dares, "century club," or any other activities involving the consumption of alcohol under duress or encouragement.
4. No members, individually or collectively, can purchase, serve, or sell alcoholic beverages to anyone under the legal drinking age.
5. No alcoholic beverages can be purchased with chapter funds, nor can the purchase of alcoholic beverages for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name of, or on behalf of, the chapter.
6. Bulk quantities or common sources of alcohol are not allowed (examples include kegs, cases, or large containers of mixed drinks). Kegs are only allowed at an event if the distribution and sale is managed by a licensed caterer and sold per drink to individuals (i.e., third party vendor).
7. Alcohol is not allowed in any part of these activities:
 - a. Recruitment / rush.
 - b. New member / pledge events or meetings.
 - c. Chapter meetings.
 - d. Any ritual events, including but not limited to:

- i. Induction.
 - ii. Big brother / little brother ceremony or events.
 - iii. Pre-initiation ceremonies, or events held during initiation week.
 - iv. Initiation.
 - v. Local ceremonies.
8. Proceeds of the sale of alcohol cannot be used for fundraising or philanthropic events.
9. No chapter may co-sponsor, co-finance, or help plan a function at which alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups or organizations.
10. No chapter may sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor or bar / restaurant that serves alcohol.
11. All events planned or sponsored by the chapter where alcohol is present must have a guest list (which must include chapter members) prepared in advance. The number of persons invited to any event sponsored or co-sponsored by a chapter where alcohol is present is limited to three times the chapter size (a 3:1 ratio or 3 guests per member) or the maximum legal occupancy of the facility, whichever is less. Open parties are not allowed.
 - a. Example: A 100-person chapter could have an event with 400 people maximum (100 chapter members + 3 guests per member (300 people)).
 - b. Limited exceptions to this policy may be granted via written permission of the General Secretary at least 15 days in advance of the event. An example might be a smaller chapter hosting an event for their large alumni base where alcohol will be served.
12. Alternative transportation should be provided at every chapter event, especially those at which alcohol will be served. We strongly recommend using hired or third-party transportation. Designated driver programs are discouraged due to additional liability created for the driver and owner of the vehicle.
13. All events planned or sponsored by the chapter must use sober monitors, at the number or ratio of 1 per every 15 people in attendance. The sober monitors must refrain from drinking before and during the event and are there to help members and guests and the facility hosts, should assistance be needed. At least 1 officer should serve as a sober monitor at each event.
14. Chapters cannot have live animals at chapter events. Limited exceptions to this policy may be granted via written permission of the General Secretary at least 15 days prior to the event.
15. The possession, sale, distribution, or use of any illegal drugs or controlled substances while on chapter premises or during a fraternity event is strictly prohibited. This includes the abuse or distribution of otherwise legal drugs.

Section 2: Hazing and Respectful Treatment

Beta Theta Pi believes in the inherent worth of all people and that dignity and respect are the inalienable rights of each individual. Therefore, there is no place for personal degradation within our membership. The founding values of Beta show us that every person is important and has value to

offer our community; esteem for yourself and others is necessary for healthy relationships; and harassment, hazing, or bullying is detrimental to the full development of our Brothers. Beta supports the preservation of individual dignity and does not condone any activity or behavior that is inappropriate, destructive, demeaning, or abusive to any person or group.

Beta Theta Pi prohibits any activity that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a person and is inconsistent with the values and ritual of Beta or the host campus. Each member bears the personal responsibility to know and abide by federal, state, and local laws regarding hazing; campus policies and rules; and Beta Theta Pi's rules and policies.

1. No chapter, colony, collegiate member, alumnus, or volunteer shall engage in hazing activities. Permission or approval by a person being hazed is not a defense. Hazing activities are defined as any action taken or situation created intentionally or through negligence to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include, but are not limited to: use of alcohol; forced consumption of alcohol or other food or beverages; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities carried on outside or inside the confines of the chapter house; wearing apparel that is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities that are not consistent with the values of Beta Theta Pi or the host institution.
2. Beta does not tolerate or condone any form of fighting or physically abusive behavior, in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter. This includes philanthropy or fundraising events that involve boxing or fighting. **Beta chapters or members will not conduct, participate in, or condone any organized combat sports which are defined as any combat sport including, but not limited to: boxing; kickboxing; wrestling of any kind; fencing; mixed martial arts; muay thai; Brazilian jui-jitsu; judo; karate; krav maga; taekwondo; aikido; sambo; kung fu; or martial arts of any other kind that are organized in advance by the chapter or its members and take place in an amateur practice or competition setting. This policy does not prohibit or limit individual members from participating in combat sports that are organized and sanctioned by their academic institution or that are otherwise not associated with, or sponsored or endorsed by their chapter.**
3. Beta does not tolerate or condone any form of sexist or sexually abusive behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental, or emotional.
4. Beta does not tolerate or condone any actions that are demeaning to other people, including but not limited to verbal or physical harassment.
5. Chapters and members cannot organize or participate in Little Sister programs (see [The Code of Beta Theta Pi](#), Statement of Position on Little Sister Organizations).
6. Beta Sweetheart designations or awards should be given as a sign of respect and honor. People should not compete for, be required to do tasks, purchase items, or in other ways "earn" this honor.

7. Women should not be involved in recruitment or rush events, including employing women as servers or hostesses or in any other role. Reasonable exceptions include the presence of Friend of Beta advisors, campus professionals, and parents.
8. Chapters cannot employ or use strippers, exotic dancers or similar performers, whether professional or amateur, during chapter events.

Section 3: Safety of Members and Guests

1. **Good Samaritan Policy:** Members of Beta Theta Pi, through the value of mutual assistance, are called to help others. In no circumstance should someone withhold assistance due to fear of reprisal. To that end, the following policies were adopted to assure members and chapters that helping others in distress should be their first priority.
 - a. **Good Samaritan Policy: Individuals.** If a member encounters someone in need of medical care related to the use or consumption of alcohol, drugs or another medical reason, that member is expected to call for immediate and appropriate assistance from a medical professional. Securing immediate and appropriate medical assistance will be considered as a mitigating factor, should that member or the individual he assisted face consequences for policy violations that may have led to the medical emergency. In all cases, members must take responsibility for their actions and be proactive and honest with medical professionals, police, campus officials and General Fraternity representatives. An individual may benefit from this policy more than once, though repeated use of the policy may receive stricter scrutiny.
 - b. **Good Samaritan Policy: Chapters.** If a chapter encounters someone in need of medical care related to the use or consumption of alcohol or drugs, or another medical reason, the chapter is expected to call for immediate and appropriate assistance from a medical professional. Securing immediate and appropriate medical assistance will be considered as a mitigating factor should the chapter face consequences for policy violations that may have led to the medical emergency. In all cases, chapter officers, members and volunteers must take responsibility for their actions and be proactive and honest with medical professionals, police, campus officials and General Fraternity representatives. A chapter may benefit from this policy more than once, though repeated use of the policy may receive stricter scrutiny.

Section 4: Safety of Homes and Facilities

Beta Theta Pi believes that our environment influences our actions and behaviors and that chapters and house corporations should provide an environment that promotes academic success, personal

respect and the values of the organization. Our chapter homes, regardless of ownership, should be safe and desirable.

1. Substance-Free Housing. All Beta Theta Pi chapter housing are substance-free.
 - a. *Substance-free* is defined as the elimination of the possession, use, distribution or consumption of all illegal and illicit substances, alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or controlled substances without an appropriate prescription issued to the user by a licensed professional.
 - b. *Chapter housing* is defined as any facility and affiliated property owned, operated or leased by the chapter directly, by its host institution for the purpose of housing chapter members or by a Beta Alumni Corporation.
2. All alumni associations may host up to seven (7) alumni events with alcohol in their chapter facility per calendar year. Alumni hosted events must:
 - a. serve only beer and wine.
 - b. be limited to the common or public areas of the facility.
 - c. be planned and approved by the Alumni Corporation or Alumni Association president, the chapter counselor and the chapter president on behalf of a chapter in good standing using [Beta's event planning guide](#) for hosting an event with a third-party vendor.
 - d. follow all local, campus, and IFC regulations and the Beta Theta Pi Risk Management Policy.
 - e. be approved by the District Chief at least 14 days in advance of the event per the [alumni event approval checklist](#).
3. No chapter may own a pet or keep animals in the chapter facility.
 - a. Injuries and liability resulting from animals are the responsibility of the pet owner, whether they be a member or guest.
 - b. Exceptions to this policy for service or support animals should be directed to the local house corporation or campus officials.
4. The possession or use of fireworks or explosive devices in chapter facilities is prohibited.
 - c. The decision to allow firearms in a chapter facility is up to the local house corporation (or property owner / manager) and should be clearly outlined in the member lease or house rules. If allowed, firearms must be kept unloaded and locked in a storage area only accessible by the owner of the weapon.
5. Open flames are not allowed in chapter facilities. Chapters should use electric or battery-operated candles for ritual ceremonies.
6. All chapter facilities must meet local fire, health, and safety codes and be inspected / certified according to the standards of the local community, campus, and Beta Theta Pi's insurance program.
7. All chapters must distribute and post emergency numbers for fire, police and emergency services. Evacuation routes must be posted throughout the facility.

8. Chapters and house corporations must secure dangerous areas of the facility and provide regular education about facility safety. Examples include roof access, window ledges, fire pits, and balconies.

Section 5: Incident Reports & Insurance Coverage

Filing an Incident Report

Members, chapters, volunteers and staff have a responsibility to promptly report all incidents where someone was possibly injured or damage occurred, including incidents that could result in campus, community or media attention or an insurance claim. Prompt reporting can often prevent minor incidents from developing into major problems.

The [incident report is located on Beta.org](#).

After filing an incident report and speaking with an Administrative Office staff member, chapters should also report appropriate Risk Management Policy violations to their host campus. In cases of serious bodily injury or death to any member, new member or guest, chapters are required to notify the host institution and the associated public safety department or the local police department.

Insurance Coverage

A [description of the insurance coverage provided for members, officers, and volunteers is located on Beta.org](#). The purpose of Beta's insurance coverage is to provide protection for members, officers, volunteers and staff for the activities they perform in the course of their regular duties and responsibilities. No insurance policy provides coverage for violations of the law, and Beta's is no exception. The key point to understand is that coverage applies when members: (1) comply with federal, state or provincial, local and institutional laws and regulations; (2) comply with the Code and policies of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity; (3) comply with the Beta Theta Pi Risk Management Policy.

Individuals who choose to violate these rules or act outside of the scope of their authority may void their protection under the Fraternity's insurance program. Their actions may jeopardize other members, other organizations, or other named insureds protected by the Beta Theta Pi General Liability Policy. The individuals involved will be personally liable and must retain their own attorneys for defense.

The general liability policy is not a health insurance or accident policy for members. If a member is injured at a chapter event, he should notify his medical carrier and seek reimbursement of his medical bills. In addition, the policy does not cover personal property owned by members, even if they are living in a chapter house. Members should seek coverage through their parents' homeowners' policy or obtain renter's insurance.

Section 6: Code Authority and Revisions to the Risk Management Policy

Per the [Code of Beta Theta Pi](#), the Board of Trustees is authorized to amend or modify these policies. Any change made outside of the scope of the General Convention must be distributed to all chapters and colonies within 30 days of the changes. Further, any changes made by the Board of Trustees expire at the following Convention, unless approved by said Convention.

Originally adopted in August 1987 and last modified on August 5, 2023, by the 184th General Convention.

Adopted in August 1987.

Modified at the 180th General Convention (August 2019).

Modified at the 184th General Convention (August 2023).

187th General Convention Legislation Proposals

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Addressing Scrivener's Errors in The Code

8. List the Article(s), Chapter(s), and/or section(s) of The Code of Beta Theta Pi or other governing documents affected

The Constitution - Article VI Amendments
The Laws - Chapter XVII Amendments

9. Write out your proposal for new, revised or deleted language in The Code (or other governing document)

Addition of New Language:

The Constitution - Article VI Amendments

SECTION 3. Scrivener's Errors: Notwithstanding the foregoing amendment provisions, the Board of Trustees or their designee may correct scrivener's errors within the Constitution.

A. Scrivener's errors are limited to typographical, grammatical, formatting, numbering, or cross-referencing errors that do not alter the intent, meaning, or substantive effect of any article.

B. Any such correction shall be documented, dated, and communicated to the membership.

C. No correction made under this section shall modify policy, authority, rights, or obligations established by this governing document.

D. Any dispute regarding whether a correction constitutes a scrivener's error shall be resolved using the standard amendment process.

Addition of New Language:

The Laws - Chapter XVII Amendments

SECTION 2. Scrivener's Errors: Notwithstanding the foregoing amendment provision, the Board of Trustees or their designee may correct scrivener's errors within the Laws.

A. Scrivener's errors are limited to typographical, grammatical, formatting, numbering, or cross-referencing errors that do not alter the intent, meaning, or substantive effect of any chapter.

B. Any such correction shall be documented, dated, and communicated to the membership.

C. No correction made under this section shall modify policy, authority, rights, or obligations established by this governing document.

D. Any dispute regarding whether a correction constitutes a scrivener's error shall be resolved using the standard amendment process.

10. Write 1 - 2 paragraphs of analysis or justification for your proposal (you also may attach a file using the link below)

A scrivener's error is a minor, unintentional mistake made during the writing, copying, amending, or publishing of a document. Examples include minor typographical, grammatical, or cross-referencing errors. These errors create unnecessary confusion for members and officers. Requiring the full amendment process to correct purely clerical mistakes places an undue administrative burden on the Fraternity and legislative body, which can delay effective governance. Adding a provision to address scrivener's errors strengthens the clarity, accuracy, and credibility of the Fraternity's governing documents, while preserving their integrity. This proposal seeks to create a narrow, well-defined mechanism to correct errors that are clearly unintentional and non-substantive. By explicitly limiting the scope of such corrections, the Fraternity ensures that no policy, authority, or intent may be altered outside of the established amendment process. Requiring documentation and communication of all corrections promotes transparency and accountability. Ultimately, this provision supports consistent interpretation of our governing documents while safeguarding member trust and procedural fairness.

11. If you prefer, you may attach your justification using this link (please use a PDF or Word document)

[Addressing Scriveners Errors in The Code.docx](#)

12. How will your proposal benefit chapters, collegiate or alumni members, or the General Fraternity as a whole?

This proposal benefits chapters, collegiate and alumni members, and the General Fraternity as a whole by ensuring our governing documents remain clear, accurate, and consistently interpreted across all levels of the organization. By allowing non-substantive clerical errors to be corrected without invoking the full amendment process, we can avoid confusion that can lead to misapplication of policies or procedural disputes. Collegiate and alumni members benefit from having reliable documents that reflect the Fraternity's true intent without ambiguity or conflicting references. The provision also reduces administrative delays and conserves organizational resources that would otherwise be spent addressing minor errors through formal legislative action. By maintaining transparency and clear limits on authority, the Fraternity can preserve trust in its governance processes. Over time, this mechanism will promote continuity, institutional memory, and operational efficiency. Collectively, these benefits strengthen governance and support the Fraternity's ability to function effectively and cohesively.

13. How is your proposal aligned with Beta Theta Pi's mission, vision and values?

This proposal aligns with Beta Theta Pi's mission, vision, and values by promoting integrity, accountability, and responsible governance in the stewardship of the Fraternity's governing documents. By ensuring that the Constitution and Laws are clear and accurate, the proposed changes support principled leadership and sound decision-making at all levels of the Fraternity. The narrowly defined authority to correct scrivener's errors reflects Beta's value of integrity by honoring the original intent of the membership without introducing substantive change outside the established amendment process. Transparency requirements reinforce trust, mutual respect, and accountability among collegiate and alumni members. The proposal also supports the Fraternity's long-term vision by strengthening institutional continuity and reducing unnecessary procedural obstacles. Ultimately, it advances Beta Theta Pi's commitment to excellence in governance, leadership development, and the responsible management of the Fraternity's shared standards.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. *General*: Except as limited by Section 2 of this article, this Constitution may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds- vote of any General Convention; provided such action shall not be effective under circumstances as prescribed in Article IV, Section 5.

SECTION 2. *Restriction on Amendments*: No amendment to this Constitution may alter or change Article V, Section 3 pertaining to distribution of funds and if this Constitution is repealed in the manner provided in Section I of this Article, the action authorizing such repeal shall provide for carrying out the terms of Article V, Section 3 or for the incorporation of a similar provision in a new Constitution.

SECTION 3. *Scrivener's Errors*: Notwithstanding the foregoing amendment provisions, the Board of Trustees or their designee may correct scrivener's errors within the Constitution.

- A. Scrivener's errors are limited to typographical, grammatical, formatting, numbering, or cross-referencing errors that do not alter the intent, meaning, or substantive effect of any article.
- B. Any such correction shall be documented, dated, and communicated to the membership.
- C. No correction made under this section shall modify policy, authority, rights, or obligations established by this governing document.
- D. Any dispute regarding whether a correction constitutes a scrivener's error shall be resolved using the standard amendment process.

CHAPTER XVII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. *Voting*: These laws may be amended or repealed at any General Convention by a majority vote of the Convention.

SECTION 2. *Scrivener's Errors*: Notwithstanding the foregoing amendment provisions, the Board of Trustees or their designee may correct scrivener's errors within the Laws.

- A. Scrivener's errors are limited to typographical, grammatical, formatting, numbering, or cross-referencing errors that do not alter the intent, meaning, or substantive effect of any chapter.
- B. Any such correction shall be documented, dated, and communicated to the membership.
- C. No correction made under this section shall modify policy, authority, rights, or obligations established by this governing document.
- D. Any dispute regarding whether a correction constitutes a scrivener's error shall be resolved using the standard amendment process.

187th General Convention Legislation Proposals

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6. Please list any additional sponsors.**7. Title of Your Proposal**

Restructure of Chapter XII

8. List the Article(s), Chapter(s), and/or section(s) of The Code of Beta Theta Pi or other governing documents affected

Chapter XII "Fees"

9. Write out your proposal for new, revised or deleted language in The Code (or other governing document)

My proposal will be a revision of the chapter XII section of the code, allowing for clear communication and depiction of when dues are going to be established and when they will be sent out.

10. Write 1 - 2 paragraphs of analysis or justification for your proposal (you also may attach a file using the link below)

In the past couple of years, all the additions to the code around finances has become ambiguous and chapters are not able to fully understand the finances. This revision would allow for the chapters to in the know of when the General Fraternity dues are going to be sent out and what the price per brother will be as well.

11. If you prefer, you may attach your justification using this link (please use a PDF or Word document)

[CHAPTER XII FEES Proposal 03.30.2026.docx](#)

12. How will your proposal benefit chapters, collegiate or alumni members, or the General Fraternity as a whole?

It will benefit the general fraternity as a whole by allowing the administrative office to distribute both the General Fraternity dues and the billing date in one motion instead of the collegians being in the dark as to what the administrative office is working on.

13. How is your proposal aligned with Beta Theta Pi's mission, vision and values?

It aligns with Beta's values focusing on the Mutual Respect. Condensing all finance related wording into one section for a better understanding of what all the finances mean to be apart of this Fraternity. We are respecting our chapters and making it easier for them to understand everything, in turn, we ask that the chapters take a chance to better understand how it means to be a good Vice President of Finance.

CHAPTER XII FEES AND DUES

SECTION 1. *General Fraternity Fees and Dues:* Each chapter shall be responsible for payment to the Administrative Office of the following fees and dues (in United States Funds or equivalent);:

- A. *General Fraternity Membership Fees:* ~~The m~~Membership fees shall include 1) the pledge fee, payable at the time of pledging; 2) the initiation fee payable at the time of initiation; and 3) the Baird Fund fee payable at the time of initiation. The portion paid at the time of pledging shall be non-refundable. ~~A current list of fees is located at Beta.org.~~
- B. *Annual Dues:* Annual dues ~~paid per each collegiate member in two equal installments due October 1 and March 1 each year~~ shall include 1) General Fraternity Dues and 2) Heritage Fund dues. ~~A current list of fees is located at Beta.org.~~ Each shall be billed in two installments during the academic year. Annual dues shall be based on the total number of collegiate members on the official chapter roll at the Administrative Office as of the established billing date plus any remaining pledges for each term after their affiliation.
- C. *Fee Adjustments:* Annually on June 1st, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, ~~all~~ each of the above fees and ~~any portion thereof dues~~ may be increased by a cost of living factor up to the percentage rise in the consumer price index for the previous calendar year. The calculation shall be based on the previous year's fee amount and rounded upward to the nearest dollar. ~~A list of fees and dues for the next academic year shall be announced by the Board of Trustees no later than June 15th annually and posted to Beta.org.~~

~~The total number of collegiate members in part B of this section should be based on the official chapter roll at the Administrative Office for the October 1 payment or a mid-year adjustment for the March 1 payment. This total shall also include any remaining pledges for each term after their affiliation. The Administrative Office is directed to establish, as soon as reasonably possible and in such a manner as directed by the Board of Trustees, the Heritage Fund as a perpetual endowment for the Hall of Chapters, Archives, Museum, Beta Theta Pi Foundation and Administrative Office.~~

- D. *Exchange rate:* -The Board of Trustees shall fix from time to time, the equivalent fund exchange rate as described in this Section 1.

SECTION 2. *Failure to Pay Fees:* Any chapter failing to pay fees within thirty (30) days of the billing date shall be delinquent and the Administrative Office may impose an additional fee of 1.5% per month; furthermore, after delinquency of ninety (90) days past the original billing date, the delinquent chapter will be placed on Suspension for financial delinquency. Fees for the purposes of this section shall include all fees owed by members, pledges or chapters to the General Fraternity including, but not limited to, fees for fraternity materials and supplies, workshops and conventions. To be removed from Suspension, the chapter must demonstrate fiscal responsibility to the satisfaction of the General Secretary or his designee.

SECTION 3. *Baird Fund Fees:* All Baird Fund membership fees shall be allocated to such Fund, unless during any fiscal year of the Fraternity the Board of Trustees determines that all or any part of the fees received during such year be applied for other Fraternity purposes.

SECTION 4. *Badge and Shingle:* Upon the payment of the fees prescribed in Section 1 hereof the newly initiated member will be furnished by the General Fraternity with a standard gold-plated zircon center member's badge and a standard shingle.

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Revision to "Beta Doxology" Gesture Instructions

8. List the Article(s), Chapter(s), and/or section(s) of The Code of Beta Theta Pi or other governing documents affected

The Ritual of Beta Theta Pi > IV. Ritual of Initiation > II. Initiation of Members > "Beta Doxology" (Page 98)

9. Write out your proposal for new, revised or deleted language in The Code (or other governing document)

Remove the current instruction describing the extension of the right arm straight forward, palm down, prior to raising the hand.

Replace with the following language:

Directions- The ceremony concludes with brothers forming a circle, all facing inward, the newly initiated members kneeling in the center. As the "Beta Doxology" is solemnly sung, each brother places his left hand on the right shoulder of a nearby brother and rests his right hand over his heart. At the words "to Him," the right hand is raised upward toward the sky, palm turned up.

10. Write 1 - 2 paragraphs of analysis or justification for your proposal (you also may attach a file using the link below)

Please see attached.

11. If you prefer, you may attach your justification using this link (please use a PDF or Word document)

[Legislation Attachment - Roupas.pdf](#)

12. How will your proposal benefit chapters, collegiate or alumni members, or the General Fraternity as a whole?

This proposal provides all chapters and members a simple, meaningful and familiar gesture they can use when the "Beta Doxology" is sung without worrying that it might look inappropriate to someone who doesn't know the context. It keeps the focus on unity and reverence while avoiding optics that could be misread in photos or public venues. With this adjustment, the Fraternity protects and its members protect their reputation, and together we preserve the spirit of the "Beta Doxology" in a way that feels respectful and eliminates any negative distractions.

13. How is your proposal aligned with Beta Theta Pi's mission, vision and values?

This proposal aligns with Beta's core values by showing integrity and responsible conduct in how the Fraternity presents itself to the world. It keeps the meaning and unity of the ritual intact while thoughtfully updating the gesture to avoid confusion or negative assumptions when viewed out of context by non-members or in public. By being mindful of how actions are perceived in shared and public spaces, the Fraternity demonstrates good judgment, respect for others, and a commitment to representing Beta's brotherhood and ideals in a clear and positive way.

Analysis: The current gesture where the right arm is extended straight forward before being raised upward, can appear optically problematic when observed by non-members or without an understanding of its intended symbolism. In a photo or passing glance, a group of individuals with right arms extended forward may be perceived as resembling extremist salutes that are widely recognized and condemned in modern culture. Although this similarity is unintended and contrary to the Fraternity's values, the visual association creates a risk of misunderstanding by outside observers.

While the Initiation Ceremony itself is conducted privately, the movements and cues codified in The Ritual establish the baseline that members naturally repeat whenever the "Beta Doxology" is commonly sung in other settings where non-members may be present (e.g. campus-based chapter events where other students, fraternal peers or campus administrators may be present or at hotel/venue-based events such as alumni/homecoming/chartering ceremony gatherings or Convention/Conclave). Updating this instruction preserves the dignity and unity of the ceremony while proactively protecting the Fraternity from avoidable negative optics in public-facing environments.

Personal note: I have increasingly grown uncomfortable with this motion over the years and especially while witnessing the Beta Doxology performed annually in hotel-based Convention spaces. I find this action personally embarrassing and shameful to a point where I personally abstain; however, abstaining is also uncomfortable and distracting in a large group setting when I'm not participating alongside the group.

Photos: Please see a handful of photos below from prior Beta events with brothers raising outstretched arms, sometimes unintentionally at elevated degrees beyond "straight forward" as described in the ritual. In the second photo, I also note another individual in the front row to the right who is also abstaining from participating. Finally, in the last four photos, I'm drawing attention to the awkwardness of performing this ritual in the presence of significant others who are seated beneath everyone's arms. Again, for several reasons, this just does not feel optically appropriate or how I'd expect Beta to want to represent itself.













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Inactive Member Bylaw Proposal

8. List the Article(s), Chapter(s), and/or section(s) of The Code of Beta Theta Pi or other governing documents affected

This proposal affects Chapter VIII, Section 1 of the Inactive Member Bylaw Proposal, specifically the Financial Hardship provision within the definition of being 'Temporarily Inactive Member.'

9. Write out your proposal for new, revised or deleted language in The Code (or other governing document)

Proposed Revised Language — Chapter VIII, Section 1 (Temporarily Inactive Member: Financial Hardship)

(c) Financial hardship, provided the number of members of any chapter who may become temporarily inactive because of financial hardship shall be limited to the greater number of three (3) members or 5% of its total collegiate membership, with any fractional result rounded down.

10. Write 1 - 2 paragraphs of analysis or justification for your proposal (you also may attach a file using the link below)

Having over 300 active brothers at the University of Mississippi, there are numerous members who encounter financial struggles during their collegiate careers. Whether students are tasked with paying their own tuition, dining costs, housing, or fraternity dues, there are far more than three members who request to go inactive due to financial hardships within the Beta Beta chapter.

The current process not only creates stress, but it also threatens relationships between struggling members and executive boards in an attempt to uphold the policies of Beta Theta Pi. Despite being offered scholarships through Beta and the University of Mississippi, they are not sufficient to meet the financial needs of being in a large chapter.

This proposal introduces a scalable standard, benefitting all chapters, including those who will keep the current three-person policy, along with those who will adopt the 5% method. For chapters with 100 or more members, including the University of Mississippi, this revision will significantly improve the chapter's ability to support brothers facing financial hardship while still preserving operational stability. This change not only benefits our chapter but also provides a more practical framework for large chapters across the country.

11. If you prefer, you may attach your justification using this link (please use a PDF or Word document)

[Proposal 6 -Inactive Member Bylaw Supplemental.pdf](#)

12. How will your proposal benefit chapters, collegiate or alumni members, or the General Fraternity as a whole?

It will benefit every category listed above, from current chapter members to alumni to the general fraternity. As stated previously, the chapter members are far more concerned with paying for tuition, housing, and academic materials before they are for the fraternity. Providing more brothers to go inactive for a semester allows a majority of them to return one semester later, rather than dropping the fraternity in its entirety. In the long run, this helps maintain stronger membership numbers in actives and alumni while preventing mass groups of members from leaving permanently. It is essential to have the ability to cooperate and provide flexibility for the brothers of our chapter.

13. How is your proposal aligned with Beta Theta Pi's mission, vision and values?

As stated on the Beta Theta Pi website, the fraternity "considers belonging and wellness foundational to the fraternity experience." Unfortunately, the members who are forced to drop because they exceed the three-person inactive list lose the value in belonging and wellness. They're financially unable to return to Beta Theta Pi and dwindle their connection to the brotherhood over time.

Additionally, Beta Theta Pi values "mutual assistance." In the Brotherhood at Beta, mutual assistance isn't just a phrase loosely thrown around. The chapter takes risks and adapts over time to ensure that it is providing the best undergraduate and graduate experience for Betas around the country. In doing so, assisting those who are struggling financially falls directly under this category. It is crucial to allow more than three college students to go inactive for a semester in order to continue their Beta experience rather than be pushed out due to external circumstances.

a. Temporarily Inactive Member:

1. A member of the fraternity who would otherwise be a Collegiate member may become temporarily inactive for any of the following reasons:

- (a) Study abroad, internships or co-ops away from the city where the institution is located.
- (b) Missionary work required by his educational institution.
- (c) Financial hardship, provided the number of members of any chapter who may become temporarily inactive because of financial hardship ~~during any academic term~~ shall be limited to ~~three per chapter/colony~~ the greater number of either three (3) members or 5% of its total collegiate membership, with any fractional result rounded down. ~~The chapter shall apply which number is greater.~~
~~or~~
- (d) Withdrawal from the college or university at which the chapter is established which is not considered permanent.

2. Procedure to become Temporarily Inactive:

- (a) Temporarily inactive status may be granted to a member if the chapter president reports to the Administrative Office the chapter has approved the temporary inactive status, specifies how the member qualifies for such status and certifies the member is not paying the chapter any type of dues or fees for the period of inactive status or participating in any other fraternity activities.
- (b) Temporarily inactive status can only be granted for one term at a time and automatically terminates at the end of such period.
- (c) Such status may be revoked by the General Secretary, District Chief or Administrative Office upon receipt of information showing grounds for such status did not exist, and any revocation shall be effective at the beginning of the period for which the status was granted.
- (d) Revocation of temporarily inactive status may be appealed to the Board of Trustees.