**Beta Theta Pi**
**187th General Convention**
**Oxford, Ohio**
**July 30-August 2, 2026**

## Legislation Summary

This document summarizes the business of the Fraternity conducted at the 187th General Convention. This summary is not meant to replace the official minutes or other documentation of the meeting. Instead, this is intended as a short, helpful guide for chapter leaders and volunteers.

### Convention Officers

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

**President:** Adam T. Schultz, *Virginia Tech* '98
**Secretary:** Jason W. Steckel, *Case Western Reserve* '92
**Parliamentarian:** Kevin M. Levy, *American* '16
**Marshall:** Eric F. Buller, *Miami* '19
**Committee of the Whole Chairman:** Karl J. Edelmann, *Michigan* '86
**Vice President(s):**

1. John M. Stanton, III, *Centre* '89
2. Randal J. Master, *Hanover* '82
3. William R. Gerth, *Cincinnati '71*
4. Lloyd Erwin "Erv" Johnson, *Idaho* '53 (posthumously)
5. Frederick F. Brower, *Miami* '53 (posthumously)
6. Michael E. Gibbons, *Kenyon* '74 (posthumously)
7. Steven A. Wilson, *Cincinnati* '66 (posthumously)

**Floor Managers:**

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

### Charters and Status Changes

The business of the 187th General Convention did not include charter or status petitions for any chapters or colonies.

### Colony and Chapter Reviews

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

the delegates heard and approved a motion to modify the letter of "Good Standing" issued to the Beta Lambda Chapter at Vanderbilt University.

**Committees on Chapters:** Arizona, Auburn, Cal State Chico, Central Florida, Colorado State, Hanover, UC Berkeley, West Chester and Vanderbilt.

**Committees on Charters:** Kennesaw State, Mississippi State, Nebraska at Omaha, New Hampshire and Temple.

**General Fraternity Officers**

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

- Jonathan J. Brant, *Miami* '75 – General Fraternity President (one term)
- Nicholas H. Sexton, *Eastern Kentucky* '11 – Trustee (two terms)
- Joel W. Stern, *UC Riverside* '94 – Trustee (two terms)

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

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

**Legislation**

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

1. The delegates amended and approved a proposal seeking to modify the financial thresholds for representation at a General Convention.
2. The delegates approved a proposal to modify the Risk Management Policy by prohibiting organized combat sports.
3. The delegates amended and approved a proposal to modify the amendment of clauses of both the Constitution and Laws to allow for the correction of scrivener's errors.
4. The delegates approved a proposal to modify Chapter XII Fees of the Laws with updates to the organization, content, processes, and deadlines within.
5. The delegates referred to the Board of Trustees a proposal seeking to modify the instructions for performing the "*Beta Doxology*" in the Ritual of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. The trustees have been charged with conducting deeper analysis, research, and discussion in advance of the 188th General Convention.
6. The delegates approved a proposal to modify the limitations on the number of temporarily inactive members based on chapter size.

**Other Business**

- The minutes of the 186th General Convention were approved.
- The General Fraternity's finances were evaluated, and the delegates approved the Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Report.