Thursday, July 10, 2014  1:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Seating of Delegates. The Fiftieth National Convention of Theta Phi Alpha began Thursday, July, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. Angela Zabala Palmer, National Ritual Chairman, conducted the National Convention Opening Ceremony Ritual and the seating of the Delegates and other voting members of the Convention body. The following were escorted by the Marshals and seated:

The Grand Council:  Twenty-Fifth and Presiding National President  Laura Foley, Chi  
National Vice President–Collegians  Amanda Horvat, Alpha Epsilon  
National Vice President–Alumnae  Jennifer Hubbley Klug, Gamma Mu  
National Vice President–Extension  Michelle Coppola LaPlatney, Beta Gamma  
National Vice President–Programming  Allison Davis Bolin, Beta Epsilon  
National Executive Secretary  Jennifer Waggone Kamperman, Alpha Nu  
National Treasurer  Amy Spagnolo Bailes, Alpha Upsilon

Twentieth National President, 1988–1992  Theresa (Terry) Primosch Kinch, Alpha Epsilon  
Twenty-First National President, 1992–1998  Katherine Evans, Alpha Nu  
Twenty-Third National President, 2002–2008  Mari Ann Callais, Alpha Beta  
Twenty-Fourth National President, 2008–2012  Katherine (Kathy) Prokupek Gaver, Alpha Pi

The following were escorted by the Marshals, presented Delegate shields and flags, and seated:

Alumnae Association Delegates:

A Akron Area  Susan Grau Lee  Northeastern Nebraska  Kristen Windeshausen Henkenius
Appalachian Area  Kristina Bolling  Northern and Central New York  Nicole Conroy
Central Florida Area  Alesha Brewer  North Florida  Lauren Svec Gallo
Chicago Area  Kathleen Sullivan  Northshore Louisiana Area  Dominique Schmidt de Monsabert
Flint Area  Michelle Short Porter  Philadelphia Area  Kathryn Owsewiecki
Greater Tampa Area  Cathy Sniecoki Billoni  Pittsburgh  Karen Jenkins Rubican
Lincoln Area  Kathy Prokupek Gaver  South Florida  Susan Stone Williams
Nation’s Capital Area  Jennifer Stahl  South Texas  Lisa Elsik
New Orleans Area  Alicia Zabala Palmisano  Southern California  Marie Sumara
New York City  Kristin Mauer Rodriguez

Chapter Delegates:

Epsilon  Heather Ballish  Beta Psi  Sarah Connelly
Zeta  Rachel Van Bokkem  Beta Omega  Jessica Baum
Kappa  Alice Geherin  Gamma Alpha  Kendra McCommon-Self
Mu  Ashley Campbell  Gamma Beta  Breanna Hailey
Chi  Kimberly Thies  Gamma Gamma  Megan Wilcox
Alpha Beta  Kate Hamilton  Gamma Delta  Rebecca Lirio
Alpha Delta  Emily Weismann  Gamma Epsilon  Katherine Richter
Alpha Epsilon  Bernadette Gonzales  Gamma Zeta  Maria Rico
Alpha Zeta  Marita Brickmann  Gamma Eta  Nina Menchicchi
Alpha Eta  Kaitlyn Waters  Gamma Kappa  Alyssa Andel
Alpha Mu  Evelyn Lear  Gamma Lambda  Taylor Roy
Alpha Xi  Samantha Congelio  Gamma Mu  Kaitlyn Fiorini
Alpha Pi  Bethany Peters  Gamma Nu  Megan Nitchals
Alpha Tau  Harley Brigman  Gamma Xi  Alexandra Pilcher
Alpha Upsilon  Sarah Finnegan  Gamma Omicron  Andrea Schultheis
Alpha Psi  Clare Spence  Gamma Pi  Yessenia Gonzalez
Alpha Omega  Brook Smith  Gamma Rho  Jennifer Mata
Beta Alpha  Katherine Ryan  Gamma Sigma  Deanna Goach
Beta Beta  Stephanie Incardona  Gamma Phi  Corey Miller
Beta Gamma  Melissa Ventresca  Gamma Chi  Brandy Americk
Beta Delta  Emily McKinley  Gamma Psi  Kelsey Veurink
Beta Epsilon  Taylor Fonseca  Gamma Omega  Shelby Ditto
Beta Theta  Nichole Landis  Delta Alpha  Isadora Park
Beta Lambda  Candice Redmond Bender  Delta Beta  Erin Marine
Beta Nu  Halle Eller  Delta Gamma  Jacqueline McAllister
Beta Xi  Kelly Doran  Delta Delta  Kaelyn Mead
Beta Sigma  Kelli Ward  Delta Epsilon  Kaitlyn O’Connor
Call to Order. The Fiftieth National Convention of Theta Phi Alpha was called to order by Laura Foley, National President, on Thursday, July 10, 2014, at 2:20 p.m.

Dear Sisters, we have come here today from numerous colleges and universities located in many different parts of the country to participate in the governance of Theta Phi Alpha at this, the 50th National Convention. Since our founding in 1912, Theta Phi Alpha has established 101 chapters and numerous alumnae associations, of which 57 chapters and 32 alumnae associations are currently part of our fraternity roster.

We are proud of these chapters and associations. As symbols of our esteem and affection, we have made available to each of the current groups flags representing their schools or their geographic locations. The chapter flags are unique, as they are composed of the colors of the school at which each chapter is located. They also contain the chapters’ Greek letter names and the year of their founding. The association flags are composed of each group’s name and year of founding, superimposed with our fraternity’s colors of silver and blue. The sameness of the association flags is purposeful; a symbol of the sisterhood we share throughout our lives as Theta Phi Alpha members, regardless of the chapter from which we came.

The Flag Bearers will now advance into the Convention hall. They will present their flags to the Convention membership and take their designated positions as members of this Convention body. The Flag Bearers walk down the aisle as the chapter association name is called, turning to the side of the room in which their flag holder is placed and then stand in front of it.

Epsilon University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1919
Zeta Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 1920
Kappa University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1922
Mu University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1924
Chi Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, 1952
Alpha Beta Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana 1959
Alpha Delta St. Norbert College, West De Pere, Wisconsin, 1960
Alpha Epsilon St. John's University, Jamaica, New York, 1960
Alpha Zeta Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio, 1963
Alpha Eta Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, Kentucky, 1968
Alpha Mu Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky, 1974
Alpha Xi Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio, 1979
Alpha Pi Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska, 1985
Alpha Tau Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida, 1986
Alpha Upsilon Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania, 1986
Alpha Psi University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, 1987
Alpha Omega University of Wisconsin Platteville, Platteville, Wisconsin, 1987
Beta Alpha Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York, 1987
Beta Beta The College of New Jersey, Trenton, New Jersey, 1988
Beta Gamma Fairleigh Dickinson University-The College at Florham, Madison, New Jersey, 1988
Beta Delta Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, 1988
Beta Epsilon Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, Louisiana, 1990
Beta Theta St. Francis University, 1990
Beta Lambda University of Michigan - Flint, 1991
Beta Nu Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, 1991
Beta Xi William Paterson University, Wayne, New Jersey, 1992
Beta Sigma Ramapo College, Mahwah, New Jersey, 1993
Beta Upsilon Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida, 1993
Beta Chi Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Missouri, 1993
Beta Psi Merrimack College, Andover, Massachusetts, 1993
Beta Omega Kean University of New Jersey, Union, New Jersey, 1994
Gamma Alpha The Pennsylvania State University -The Behrend College, Erie, Pennsylvania, 1994

Theta Phi Alpha

The Theta Phi Alpha colors, compass, and white rose were presented. The gavel was presented to Laura Foley, National President, by Angela Zabala Palmer, National Ritual Chairman.
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Now, we will present the new chapters that have been installed during this biennium.

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"I now call forth the Flag Bearer from (name) Chapter. The (name) Chapter was reinstated this biennium at (name of school). The chapter was first installed in (year of installation). The Flag Bearer may now remove the Chapter ribbon from the flag representing closed chapters and associations."

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Northern New Jersey Alumnae Association 1989
Northshore Louisiana Area Alumnae Association 1991
Ohio River Valley Alumnae Association 2012
Pennsylvania Laurel Highlands 2011
Philadelphia Area Alumnae Association 2003
Pittsburgh Alumnae Association 1962
South Florida Alumnae Association 1992
South Texas Alumnae Association 2012
Southern California Alumnae Association 1927

Now, we will present the new associations that have been installed during this biennium.

Appalachian Alumnae Association 2013
Lincoln Area Alumnae Association 2013
Nation’s Capital Area Alumnae Association 2013
Greater Tampa Area Alumnae Association 2014

At this time, we recognize that our Hall of Flags contains 89 flags. The Flag Bearers may now take their seats.

Resolution, Oath, and Creed. Amanda Horvat, National Vice President-Collegians, led the recitation of the Theta Phi Alpha Resolution, Oath, and Creed.

Invocation. Allison Bolin, National Vice President-Programming, delivered the following invocation:

Our heavenly father, we thank thee for the privilege of meeting here as a group of sisters. We are grateful for all of our temporal blessings but especially do we thank thee for friends and for these sisters who are more than friends. May the lives of all whom we come in contact be a little happier and richer because of us. Help us to grow in grace and worthiness in thy sight. Let our hearts be free of all malice and pettiness and filled with loving kindness. Grant that we may have a spirit of loyal friendship within our group and give us the strength to practice the ideas of Theta Phi Alpha in our daily lives.

Report of the Credentials Committee. On Thursday, July 10, 2014, Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, reported 288 registrants, of whom 57 were chapter Delegates, 45 of whom were voting chapter Delegates; 21 are Alumnae Associations delegates, 21 of whom were voting alumnae association Delegates; 4 were Past National Presidents, with one voting as their Delegate; and seven were members of the Grand Council. She announced that quorum was thereby established for the transaction of business for this Fiftieth National Convention. Chapters and Alumnae Associations not eligible to vote were previously notified.

It was moved, seconded, restated and carried to accept the report of the Credential Committee as presented.

Roll Call. Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, called the roll. The following were not in attendance: Atlanta, Boston, Ohio, Delaware, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Omaha, Kansas, Madison, Northern Indiana/Illinois, and Pennsylvania Laurel Highlands.

Laura Foley, National President, asked Meagan Graff, Convention Secretary, to come forward and be seated near the podium.

Laura Foley, National President, asked Tracey Liphardt, Convention Parliamentarian, to come forward and be seated near the podium.

Greetings. Jennifer Hubbley Klug, National Vice President-Alumnae, read greetings from Zeta Tau Alpha, Northern Virginia Alumnae Panhellenic Association, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and Central New Jersey Alumnae Panhellenic Secretary.

Presentation and Approval of Convention Rules. Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, moved to accept the Convention Business Session Rules as presented on page 37 of the Convention Program [Attachment No. 1]. The motion was seconded by a Delegate, restated and carried.

Presentation and Approval of Agenda. Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, moved to accept the Convention Agenda as presented in the Convention Program with the following amendments: On page 16 we will add a business session from 4:15pm to 6:45pm, and on Page 18 we will move the start of business to 9:30am and the Start of the Siena Medal Luncheon to 12:15pm. [Attachment No. 2].

Stephanie Galendez, Alpha Beta, moved to amend the motion by adding that the governance presentation by Erin Nemenoff be offered in the Versailles Ballroom during the timeframe allocated for the Alumnae Reception on Friday, July 11th, and that all Convention attendees be invited to attend the presentation.

Seconded followed by discussion
Allison Bolin, National Vice President-Programming, moved to make a friendly amendment to the motion, that we replace what we were going to do for the Alumnae Breakout Session with the Governance presentation.

Stephanie Galendez, Alpha Beta, moved to amend the motion by adding that the Governance presentation by Erin Nemenoff be offered in the Versailles Ballroom during the timeframe allocated for the alumnae track 3:30 Breakout Session on Friday, July 11th, and that all Convention attendees be invited to attend the presentation.

Stephanie Galendez, Alpha Beta, returned to the original motion, moving to amend the motion by adding that the governance presentation by Dr. Erin Nemenoff be offered in the Versailles Ballroom during the timeframe allocated for the Alumnae Reception on Friday, July 11th, and that all Convention attendees be invited to attend the presentation.

Amended motion carries.

Approval of the Minutes of the 2012 Convention. Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, moved to accept the Minutes of the 2012 National Convention, as previously distributed. The motion was seconded by a Delegate, restated and carried.

Introduction of Convention Officials and National Officers. Laura Foley, National President, introduced the following:

Grand Council:
- National Vice President–Collegians: Amanda Horvat, Alpha Epsilon
- National Vice President–Alumnae: Jennifer Hubbley Klug, Gamma Mu
- National Vice President–Extension: Michelle LaPlatney, Beta Gamma
- National Vice President–Programming: Allison Bolin, Beta Epsilon
- National Executive Secretary: Jennifer Kreiman, Alpha Nu
- National Treasurer: Amy Bailes, Alpha Upsilon

Past National Presidents:
- Nineteenth National President: Patricia Giallanza, Upsilon
- Twentieth National President: Theresa (Terry) Kinch, Alpha Epsilon
- Twenty-First National President: Katherine Evans, Alpha Nu
- Twenty-Fourth National President: Kathy Gaver, Alpha Pi

Board of Trustees Chairman: Kristin Kenkenius, Alpha Pi
Board of Trustees Members:
- Kathy Gaver, Alpha Pi
- Elizabeth Eberhart, Alpha Gamma
- Karen Rubican, Alpha Sigma

Convention Chairman: Lisa Mottern Searing, Beta Rho
Convention Co-Chairman: Kayte Epperly Ahearn, Beta Gamma
Convention Parliamentarian: Tracey Liphardt, Alpha Nu
Convention Secretary: Meagan Graff, Alpha Tau

Conference Administrator: Katie Owssianiecki, Gamma Iota
Conference Directors:
- Mary Balthaser, Beta Epsilon
- Ashley Morton, Gamma Rho

Chapter Advisors:
- For Mu: Kathy Gaver, Alpha Pi
- For Alpha Beta: Kim Gaiennie, Alpha Beta
- For Alpha Eta: Jennifer Smith-Hunter, Alpha Mu
- For Alpha Tau: Alesha Brewer, Alpha Tau
- For Beta Gamma: Kayte Epperly Ahearn, Beta Gamma
- For Beta Lambda: Michelle Porter, Alpha Nu
- For Gamma Eta: Samantha Sommers Scibilia, Gamma Eta
- For Gamma Xi: Kristina Bolling, Gamma Xi
- For Gamma Omicron: Nikki Conroy, Gamma Mu
- For Gamma Pi: Kristin Rodriguez, Beta Alpha
- For Gamma Phi: Theresa Taggart, Alpha Nu
- For Gamma Chi: Lauren Svec, Beta Beta
- For Delta Gamma: Krysti Payne, Beta Nu

Chapter Development Coordinator: Margaret Barnett, Alpha Beta
Director of Colonies: Nikki Conroy, Gamma Mu
Colony Advisor: Kristin Rodriguez, Beta Alpha
Colony Financial Consultant: Susan Stone, Beta Nu
Constitution & Bylaws Chairman: Patricia Seashore, Alpha Nu
Business Continuity Coordinator: Cathy Billoni, Beta Nu

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Laura Foley, National President asked if there were any other National Officers present. The following were: Ashleigh Alleman, National Song Chairman, Samantha Scibilia, Gamma Eta Chapter Advisor.

Approval of the 2014 Convention Reports. Amy Bailes, National Treasurer, moved to accept the Convention Reports as presented and distributed. The motion was seconded by a Delegate, restated and carried.

State of the Fraternity Address. Laura Foley, National President, presented the address to the Convention body.

Sisters, this biennium has been filled with many successes and it was a pleasure to look back over the last two years and summarize these for you. We have had tremendous growth with an increase in chapters, Associations and membership as our flame has traveled far and wide. This growth has ensured our financial stability and has provided the resources for moving forward with our plans for the future. These accomplishments could not have been attained without the Ever Loyal, Ever Lasting dedication of our member volunteers and the support of our staff.

Our members have impacted their lives and communities with their leadership and philanthropic efforts. We have welcomed Sisters with similar interests and values to carry on the rituals and traditions our Founders so thoughtfully established to keep our compass needle ever pointing North.

The leadership has advanced our strategic plan and has formalization of our Mission and Vision Statements with a clear reflection on our Values of Justice, Wisdom, Loyalty, Faith, Truth and Honor. Every Theta Phi Alpha Sister is a living symbol of the Fraternity’s values. I invite you to see for yourself what makes Theta Phi Alpha a strong and beautiful fraternity.

Biennial Report Distributed. A report was distributed outlining the activities of the last two years as presented in The State of the Fraternity Address [Attachment No. 3].

Approval of Election Rules. Karen Rubican, Board of Trustees, moved to accept the Election Rules as presented in the Convention booklet, located on page 41 [Attachment No. 4]. The motion was seconded by a Delegate, restated and carried.

Karen Rubican, Board of Trustees, announced that the Board of Trustees received additional submissions of Consent to Serves and determined that the candidates meet the criteria for the positions they seek. She moved to add Michelle Porter, Alpha Nu, for the Board of Trustees and Amy Bailes for the position of National Treasurer to the official slate. The motion was seconded by a delegate, discussed and carried.
Nominations Report of the Board of Trustees. Karen Rubican, Board of Trustees, announced the slate of candidates compiled by the Board of Trustees:

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Elected National Officers:  
Board of Trustees (3 positions)  
Kristin Henkenius, Alpha Pi  
Barbara Gjerstad, Alpha Nu  
Catherine Billoni, Beta Nu  
Michelle Porter, Alpha Nu

Laura Foley, National President, asked if there were additional nominations. The following women were nominated: Alicia Zabala Palmisano, Beta Epsilon, for the Board of Trustees.

Karen Rubican, Board of Trustees, moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by a Delegate, restated and carried.

The final slate was read by Karen Rubican, Board of Trustees.

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RECESSED DUE TO POWER OUTAGE

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It was moved, seconded, restated and carried to accept the report of the Credential Committee as presented.

Roll Call. Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, called the roll. The following were not in attendance: Atlanta, Boston, Ohio, Delaware, Cincinatti, Cleveland, Dayton, Omaha, Kansas, Madison, Northern Indiana/Illinois, and Pennsylvania Laurel Highlands.

Diane Stallmann, Alpha Gamma, moved to forgo the speeches of nominees that were unopposed. The motion was seconded by a Delegate, restated and carried.

Speeches by Nominees. Speeches were heard from Alicia Palmisano, Michelle Porter, Catherine Billoni, Barbara Gjerstad and Kristin Henkenius.

Karen Rubican, Board of Trustees, indicated that resumes of the nominees were previously distributed to Delegates by the Marshalls and announced that elections would be held during the business session on Saturday. At that time, elections for the Collegiate Delegate Award and Alumnae Delegate Award would also be held. She read the criteria upon which votes for Collegiate Delegate and Alumnae Delegate should be based.

Unfinished Business. Laura Foley, National President, reported that the Forty-Ninth National Convention, assembled in Ann Arbor, MI did not leave any unfinished business.
Laura Foley, National President: We will now address the motions submitted for New Business. We will begin with closed Ritual. Could those who are not initiated please leave the room? We will be sure to bring you back when this portion is complete.

**New Business.** Laura Foley, National President, asked for any new business to be presented.

Angela Palmer, National Ritual Chairman, moved to revise the Ritual for New Member Ceremony as follows:

On page 3 of the Ritual for New Member Ceremony, under the second President paragraph starting with:

“To those whose inheritance, ideals, or previous Catholic environment made their companionship especially suitable and desirable…”

Change the 2nd sentence:

“In recent years, the Fraternity has broadened its scope to include members of all faiths.”

to

“The Fraternity has since broadened its scope to include members of all faiths.”

The motion was seconded by a Delegate, restated and carried. In Favor: 76, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0.

Angela Palmer, National Ritual Chairman, moved to accept a new ceremony, Ritual For Rededication Of Charter, into ritual.

**Seconded followed by discussion**

Megan Lisbeth Strang, moved to add the word “Catholic” to the ritual so that it reads “Theta Phi Alpha was founded in 1912 at The University of Michigan by a group of Catholic women.”

**Seconded followed by discussion**

The amendment to the motion is defeated.

**The motion was restated and carried In favor: 75, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0**

Angela Palmer, National Ritual Chairman, moved to accept a new ceremony, Ritual For Chapter Installation And Presentation Of Charter, into ritual.

**Seconded followed by discussion**

Nikki Conroy, Northern and Central New York Alumnae Association, proposed a friendly amendment, that we eliminate the chapter installation portion but maintain the certificate of initiation and presentation of the chapter charter portion of this ritual.

Angie Palmer, National Ritual Chairman, accepted the friendly amendment.

**The amended motion was restated and carried In favor: 75, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0.**

Angela Palmer, National Ritual Chairman: I move to accept a new ceremony, Ritual For Alumnae Association Installation, into ritual.

**Seconded followed by discussion**

The motion was seconded by a Delegate, restated carried In favor: 75, opposed: 0, abstentions: 0.

After announcements, the business meeting was recessed to reconvene on Friday, July 11, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

**Friday, July 11, 2014**

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Call to Order.** The business session was reconvened on Friday, July 11, 2014, by Laura Foley, National President, and was called to order at 9:36 a.m.

**Seating of Delegates.** Angela Zabala Palmer, National Ritual Chairman, conducted seating of the Delegates. The following was escorted by the Marshals and seated:
Invocation. Allison Bolin, National Vice President–Programming, delivered the following invocation:


After many years, the girl returned to the sorority. She was so excited to see her that she could barely speak. The girl looked at the sorority and spoke with conviction. “I return today to thank you and tell you about the life you prepared me for. You gave so much to me. I tried to repay these gifts by living your values.”

She continued, “You gave me the confidence to make hard decisions and through my life I tried to always do what was right. “You taught me the power of responsibility and I was always true in my words and my actions.

“You also gave me a chance to serve my fellow man and I assure you that I haven’t stopped. I stand more proudly because of you. “I am kinder to others because you asked me to be and I am rarely alone thanks to the extended family you helped me to find.

“You gave me all of this and more.”

“But I’m not sure I have anything left to give,” the sorority replied.

“All I want is a chance to read your Ritual once again,” said the girl.

“Then come, rest for a while, and read,” said the sorority. “There are even more lessons to learn. You are not yet finished with this life. You are not yet finished giving.”

After a while, as the girl stood to leave, the sorority spoke. “You honor me by giving,” she said. “Never stop sharing your unique gifts and my unique teachings with this world. Give, give, give.”

And the girl did. And the sorority was happy.

Report of the Credentials Committee. On Friday, July 11, 2014, Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, reported 315 registrants of whom 57 were chapter Delegates, 41 of whom were voting Delegates; 23 Alumnae Associations delegates, 23 of whom were voting Alumnae Association Delegates; 5 were Past National Presidents, with one voting as their Delegate; and seven were members of the Grand Council. Quorum was hereby established.

Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, moved to accept the report of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded by a Delegate and carried.

Roll Call. Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, called the roll. All Delegates in attendance were present.

Greetings. Jennifer Hubbley Klug, National Vice President-Alumnae, read greetings from Phi Mu, Phi Sigma Sigma, Gamma Phi Beta, Sigma Delta Tau, and Alpha Delta Pi.

Introductions. Laura Foley, National President, introduced the following National Officers:

Director of Chapter Programs Jessica Knerr Alpha Psi
Research Committee Jennifer Lando Alpha Epsilon

Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, moved to amend the Convention Agenda for today on page 18 to add a governance leadership question and answer session from 2:30 to 3:30 in the Napoleon Room.

Seconded followed by discussion

The motion was restated and carried.

Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary: I move to amend the convention agenda for Friday on page 19 as follows, remove the governance presentation at 6:30pm.

Seconded followed by discussion

The motion was restated and carried.

Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, moved to amend Bylaw IX, Section 3. ADVISORY BOARDS. by striking the phrase “who shall serve as Chapter Advisor.” The section would then read: SECTION 3. ADVISORY BOARDS. Each Chapter shall have an Advisory Board consisting of equal numbers of alumnae and collegiate members and the association president or her appointee. The Grand Council shall appoint the Chapter Advisor.

Seconded followed by discussion

Michelle Coppola LaPlatney, National Vice President-Extension, moved to call the question.

Motion to call the question carried.
The motion was restated and carried In favor: 75, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 1.

Tracey Liphardt, National Housing Chairman, moved to amend Bylaw IX, Section 3. ADVISORY BOARDS, by adding the phrase “and the local housing corporation president or her appointee” and correcting punctuation as needed. The new section will read: SECTION 3. ADVISORY BOARDS. Each Chapter shall have an Advisory Board consisting of equal numbers of alumnae and collegiate members, the association president or her appointee, and the local housing corporation president or her appointee.

Seconded followed by discussion

Kathy Sullivan, Chicago Area, proposed a friendly amendment, just to make sure that it’s clear for future years and we don’t have chapters, like mine that was a commuter school, having to feel they need to have a housing organization, when it’s not appropriate. Thank you.

Tracey Liphardt National Housing Chairman, rejected the friendly amendment

The motion was restated and carried In favor: 70, Opposed: 2, Abstentions: 4.

Jennifer Hubbley Klug, National Vice President-Alumnae, moved to amend Bylaw X, Alumnae Associations, Section 3. Duties. by adding the following subparagraph:

[SECTION 3. DUTIES. Each Association shall: …]

(d) Ensure the association, via the association president or her appointee, is represented on the Advisory Board of each Chapter within the Association’s geographic area, should any Chapter(s) exist.

Seconded followed by discussion

The motion was restated and carried In Favor: 55, Opposed: 17, Abstentions: 6.

Seating of Delegates. Angela Zabala Palmer, National Ritual Chairman, conducted seating of the Delegates. The following was/were escorted by the Marshals and seated:

Mikayla Clifford Comstock  
Kansas City Alumnae Association

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Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, moved to accept the report of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded by a Delegate and carried.

Alesha Brewer, Central Florida, moved that mail votes until Convention 2016 be a roll call vote with full results available upon request, and that a committee consisting of Meagan Graff, current National Assistant Secretary, a designee of the past National Presidents, the collegiate delegate award winner or her designee, and a designee of the Central Florida Alumnae Association reporting to the Convention body at the 2016 Convention be formed to establish a procedure for handling the mail motions, discussion for and processing of mail votes.

Seconded followed by discussion

Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, proposed a friendly amendment to add the National Executive Secretary, who oversees mail votes, and the Executive Director, who oversees the Office.

Alesha Brewer, Central Florida, accepted the amendment.

Marie Sumara, Southern California, moved to call the question.

Motion to call the question carried.

Amended motion carried.

Angela Palmer, National Ritual Chairman, moved that the Theta Phi Alpha Mission Statement be defined as the following: ‘The mission of Theta Phi Alpha is to promote close comradeship, to advance educational, social and philanthropic interests and leadership training, to encourage spiritual development and adherence to the highest moral standards, and to promote lifelong bonds of friendship,’ and that any changes to this mission in the future be voted on by the Convention body.
Seconded followed by discussion

Marie Sumara, Southern California, moved to call the question.

Seconded and carried

Original motion carried.

Patricia Marmaduke, Akron, moved that the Grand Council be directed to use every means possible to assure that no chapter arrives at any Convention without the ability to cast its vote.

Seconded followed by discussion

Nique Schmidt, Northshore Louisiana, proposed a friendly amendment to add Alumnae Associations.

Patricia Marmaduke, Akron, accepted the friendly amendment.

Lee Ann Prisk, Beta Epsilon, moved to call the question.

Seconded and failed

Kendra McCommon-Self, Gamma Delta, moved to call the question.

Seconded and carried

Amended motion carried.

After announcements, the business meeting was recessed to reconvene on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 10:45 a.m.

Saturday, July 12, 2014
10:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order. The business session was reconvened on Saturday, July 12, 2014, by Laura Foley, National President, and was called to order at 10:45 a.m.

Invocation. Allison Bolin, National Vice President–Programming, delivered the following invocation: xxx

Report of the Credentials Committee. On Saturday, July 12, 2014, Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, reported 329 registrants of whom 57 were chapter Delegates, 45 of whom were voting Delegates; 24 Alumnae Associations delegates, 24 of whom were voting Alumnae Association Delegates; 5 were Past National Presidents, with one voting as their Delegate; and seven were members of the Grand Council. Quorum was hereby established.

Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, moved to accept the report of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded by a Delegate and carried.

Roll Call. Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, called the roll. All Delegates present were in attendance.

Greetings. Jennifer Hubbley Klug, National Vice President-Alumnae, read greetings from Chi Omega, Alpha Gamma Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, and the National Panhellenic Conference Chairman.

Introductions. Laura Foley, National President, introduced the following National Officers:

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Meagan Lisbeth Strang, Greater Cleveland, moved that the meeting minutes of Grand Council meetings be available online within one month of their meetings occurrence. The motion was seconded by a Delegate and, after discussion, was withdrawn.

Elections. Karen Rubican, Board of Trustees, reported the following nominees for elected national positions:

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The Grand Council:

- National President: Laura Foley
- National Vice President-Collegians: Amanda Horvat
- National Vice President-Alumnae: Jennifer Hubbley Klug
- National Vice President-Extension: Nicole Conroy
- National Vice President-Programming: Allison Bolin
- National Executive Secretary: Jennifer Kreiman
- National Treasurer: Amy Bailes

Board of Trustees (3 positions): Kristin Henkenius, Barbara Gjerstad, Catherine Billoni, Michelle Porter, Alicia Palmisano

Karen Rubican, Board of Trustees, moved to elect the following positions by acclamation because they are not contested: National President, National Vice President-Collegians, National Vice President-Alumnae, National Vice President-Extension, National Vice President-Programming, National Executive Secretary, and National Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by a Delegate, restated and carried.

Karen Rubican, Board of Trustees, announced that voting for the remaining positions would be held by secret ballot. In accordance with the election rules, she reminded voting delegates to check the box next to the names of the persons for whom they wished to vote. She also announced that a majority vote (more than 50%) was required to be elected to the Grand Council and the Board of Trustees. Karen also announced that voting for the Collegiate Delegate Award and Alumnae Delegate Award would be held by secret ballot.

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Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, moved to accept the report of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded by a Delegate and carried.

Elections, Collegiate Delegate Award and Alumnae Delegate Award voting were conducted and ballots were tallied by members of the Board of Trustees.

Call to Order. The business session was reconvened on Saturday, July 12, 2014, by Laura Foley, National President, and was called to order at 4:00p.m.

Report of the Credentials Committee. On Saturday, July 12, 2014, Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, reported 329 registrants of whom 57 were chapter Delegates, 46 of whom were voting Delegates; 24 Alumnae Associations delegates, 24 of whom were voting Alumnae Association Delegates; 5 were Past National Presidents, with one voting as their Delegate; and seven were members of the Grand Council. Quorum was hereby established.

Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, moved to accept the report of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded by a Delegate and carried.

Roll Call. Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, called the roll. All were present

Karen Rubican, Board of Trustees, announced the results of elections, Collegiate Delegate Award and Alumnae Delegate Award. The Board of Trustees members are Kristin Henkenius, Catherine Billoni and Alicia Palmisano. The Collegiate Delegate Award recipient was Kaelyn Meade of Delta Delta Chapter. The Alumnae Delegate Award recipient was Alesha Brewer of the Central Florida Area Alumnae Association.

Laura Foley, National President, asked the members of the Courtesy Resolutions Committee to present their report.

Courtesy Resolutions. LeeAnn Prisk, Courtesy Resolutions Committee, presented the following courtesy resolutions:

Good evening. I, Lindsay LeeAnn Prisk, Courtesy Resolutions Committee, present the following Courtesy Resolutions:

WHEREAS, we were able to sell nearly the entire selection of Theta Phi Alpha spirit jerseys within the first 30 minutes of their arrival;

BE IT RESOLVED that we all who purchased said spirit jerseys take pride in wearing them proudly to show appreciation to the entire Penguin Shoppe staff.
WHEREAS, the Theta Phi Alpha Fraternity has finally returned to New Orleans, Louisiana, to celebrate our 50th National Convention and with the graciousness of the Grand Council, Board of Trustees, Theta Phi Alpha Foundation, National Officers and the Convention Committee, we participated in many successful and challenging meetings; and

WHEREAS, the planning of the Convention Committee and their volunteers have greatly contributed to the achievements of the Convention assembly;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the 50th National Convention, express our deepest thanks to each of the volunteers who contributed, especially Lisa Searing and Kayte Epperly Ahearn.

WHEREAS, the management and employees of the New Orleans Hilton Hotel Riverside have made our meetings here most convenient and comfortable;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Executive Secretary be instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Event Manager expressing our gratitude for the entire staff.

WHEREAS, at Song Challenge on Wednesday night, the attendees were separated into two teams and performed an ear-screching screaming contest;

BE IT RESOLVED, that all alumnae attending Song Challenge be provided with an abundant amount of earplugs that are readily available.

WHEREAS, Theta Phi Alpha has decided to go green and can only use one emergency battery-operated spotlight when conducting business in the Business Sessions;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we research for other ways to go green at the future National Conventions.

WHEREAS, speaking Martian has apparently become the language of the National Convention’s future;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we thank Rusty Zee, the Hypnotist, for his endless amounts of Sisterhood entertainment.

WHEREAS, the Alumnae Reception attendees raised $5,000 in approximately eight minutes; and

WHEREAS, Mari Ann Callais and Liz Eberhart acted as our official Money Challengers;

BE IT RESOLVED, that if $10,000 is reached at the next National Convention Alumnae Reception in 2016, Mari Ann Callais, PNP23, and Liz Eberhart have a ribbon added to their Convention nametags allowing Mari Ann Callais to keep her hand raised after eight ribbons at the Alumnae Reception.

WHEREAS, a motion on the Business floor allowed the unopposed Grand Council candidates to refrain from election speeches;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we hear those speeches now. Amy, please come to the podium for your speech.

Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Amy Bailes, uh, eh, ay, ooh.

WHEREAS, Rachel Simmons taught us to celebrate the precious gift of womanhood and empowered Sisters to bring out the best in themselves; and

WHEREAS, all presenters and speakers provided endless amounts of education to our collegians and alumnae;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we give special thanks to them, the Fraternity, Board of Trustees, and the Theta Phi Alpha Foundation for sponsoring and choosing these speakers. They are a very important aspect of our Convention programming.

WHEREAS, the Grand Council and other National Officers have worked tirelessly, diligently and unselfishly during the 2012-2014 biennium to lead and guide Theta Phi Alpha into the future; and

WHEREAS, the Fraternity’s progress clearly recognizes and attest to their abilities self-sacrifice and service;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the 50th National Convention assembly convey our deepest gratitude to them through a warmhearted southern smile. (Ah, bless your hearts.)

WHEREAS, we thank the cellular device and Internet gurus for creating the Snapchat app, for without which we would have photos for our 50th Convention for longer than ten seconds;
BE IT RESOLVED, that everyone with a smartphone send a snap of tonight’s banquet with their hashtag, ThetaPhiConv14 to National Vice President of Programming, Allison Bolin, B-i-g-a-l-b-o-i-n, Big Al Bolin.

WHEREAS, the Foundation was gracious enough to provide Convention attendees with battery-operated fans, which came in handy during the power outage; and

WHEREAS, oh, whew; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation has donated large amounts towards scholarship and educational programming; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation has acquired through generous Sisters many fabulous items for this year’s raffle and auctions;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the 50th Convention body stand and give thanks to the wonderful sisters who serve on the Foundation.

WHEREAS, there were 89 flags on the floor in the hall, 89 flags on the floor, after a slight hiccup in Thursday’s opening Business Session;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we thank the National Convention body for their respect during this hiccup.

WHEREAS, a motion was passed during Centennial Convention for Alicia Zabala Palmisano to pay two registration fees, since she was pregnant during the past three national gatherings;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that Angie Zabala Palmisano, her twin, be made to pay both registration fees as well, seeing that she is pregnant during this National Convention.

WHEREAS, throughout the week we have had our own Theta Phi Alpha Mardi Gras Parade, which included royalty, southern belles, parade bystanders and many more people that we weren’t quite sure what they were;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we thank the New Orleans Alumnae Association, Northshore Louisiana Area Alumnae Association, the Beta Epsilon Chapter and the Alpha Beta Chapter for their authentic Mardi Gras mambo experience.

WHEREAS, there are some more cultured ladies in Theta Phi Alpha that have what sound like over a hundred charms dangling and clanging together on their wrists to show their dedication and years of service;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the collegians and alumnae, especially the younger alumnae, continue to take time to listen to their stories and share with others the joys that sisterhood can bring.

WHEREAS, our Founders and many of our sisters are now members of Theta Phi Alpha’s eternal chapter;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the 50th National Convention, pause at this time to remember and be grateful to those who have kept alive and passed on the fraternal love that we share today, especially Jean M. Cusack, the member from Alpha Upsilon, and Amanda Lumen, may we always remember their love and contributions to the Fraternity.

WHEREAS, Pat Seashore, the National Constitution and Bylaws Chair, Meagan Graff, the Convention Secretary, and Tracey Liphardt, the Convention Parliamentarian, have worked diligently throughout the Business Sessions;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we thank them now for their hard work and dedication to the Fraternity.

WHEREAS, the music stylings of the Convention Choir, and the Bongo Band, kept us singing and jamming all through the week;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we give special thanks to Ashley Alleman and the Convention Choir, as well as Rusty, the Hypnotist, Pope Francis, and Gabby Montemarano’s dog, for all of their hard work in these musical stylings.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Butt Bongo Band be deemed the official Theta Phi Alpha Convention Butt Bongo Band.

WHEREAS, it has come to our attention of the need for funds for the National Housing Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Laura Foley, National President, along with the other members of Grand Council, fundraise for the National Housing Committee through selling lollipops in mason jars at selected locations during Grand Council meetings throughout the biennium.

WHEREAS, to make up for the power outages here at the hotel during our 50th National Convention, at least we have our handy-dandy, Foundation flashlights now, Hilton Hotel Riverside has been gracious enough to offer two complimentary nights to the attendees impacted by those events;

BE IT RESOLVED, that all sisters plan to gather here together for Sisterhood Retreat at the Hilton Hotel Riverside for those two
complimentary nights within the next year.

WHEREAS, the 50th National Convention wishes to thank the new members of the Compass Club, and the valued Sapphire and Diamond Circles for all that they represent to us, the stories they share, the new stories they create, and the legacy they challenge us to become;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Convention body recognizes these remarkable women as the epitome of lifetime commitment and loyalty to Theta Phi Alpha through the continuing to share stories of Theta Phi Alpha experiences with one another as sisters of this strong and wonderful sisterhood.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has provided many chapters, Alumnae Associations and other sisters with numerous amounts of bling to bring home in their suitcases. I hope they still make 50-pound limits; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees allows the Convention body to participate in a well-managed election;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we show them a special thanks of a standing ovation as well.

WHEREAS, the Grand Council is comprised of seven women just trying to make it happen, who give their endless time and talent to lead Theta Phi Alpha into the future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we recognize each member of the biennium’s Grand Council for their special contributions.

WHEREAS, Laura Foley, National President, Amanda Horvat, National Vice President of Collegians, Jennifer Klug, National Vice President of Alumnae, Michelle LaPlatney, National Vice President of Extension, Allison Bolin, National Vice President of Programming, Jennifer Kreiman, National Executive Secretary, and Amy Bailes, National Treasurer, as a group, these seven women have worked together to provide resources and information for each of us, and have served Theta Phi Alpha to the best of their ability with love, skill and dedication;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the 50th National Convention assembly, convey to them the deepest gratitude.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that as one Grand Council member prepares to take on new roles, we acknowledge her accomplishments and express our sincere appreciation to Michelle. Let us thank her and all of the Grand Council for their contributions.

With that being said, I, Lindsay LeeAnn Prisk, Courtesy Resolutions Committee, move to accept the report of the Courtesy Resolutions Committee.

The motion was seconded by a Delegate and carried.

[Town Hall Meeting, Attachment No. 5]

After announcements, the business meeting was recessed.

FRATERNITY NIGHT BANQUET CONCLUSION:
Laura Foley, National President: Hearing no further business to be presented to this Convention, I hereby declare the 50th National Convention adjourned to reassemble in 2016 in St. Louis, Missouri!

Adjournment. Laura Foley, National President, declared the Fiftieth National Convention of Theta Phi Alpha adjourned.
NON-BUSINESS CONVENTION ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Personal Security in New Orleans
Guest Speaker – Risk Management presented by MJ Insurance
Presidents’ Academy
Safety and Self Defense Demonstration

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Presidents’ Academy
Risk Management Workshop
Welcome Session
Guest Speaker - Sam Davidson from Campuspeak
Meet and Greet Hospitality

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Ritual Rehearsal
Business Session
Celebrating Sisterhood Dinner
The Board of Trustees presented the following awards (parentheses indicate runner-up awards presented).
- New Chapter Cups and Reinstated Chapter Recognition: Gamma Psi, Delta Alpha, Delta Beta, Delta Gamma, Delta Delta, Delta Epsilon, Delta Zeta
- Reinstated Chapter Recognition: Alpha Delta, Alpha Omega
- Chapter Publicity Award for best chapter publicity: Kappa; recognition certificate: Beta Gamma
- Helen Ryan Quinlan Service Award for chapter community service project: Beta Sigma; recognition certificate: Delta Beta
- Chapter Hometown Philanthropy Award: Zeta; recognition certificate: Alpha Beta, Alpha Omega, Beta Nu
- Chapter National Philanthropy Award: Alpha Epsilon; recognition certificate: Beta Epsilon
- Selma Gilday Improved Academic Excellence Award: Beta Nu
- Anna Rose Kimpel Academic Excellence Award: Gamma Nu
- Patricia Giallanza Hospitality Award for LC visits
  - 2012-2013 Academic Year: Gamma Sigma, Alpha Psi, Alpha Mu, Alpha Beta
  - 2013-2014 Academic Year: Beta Gamma, Zeta, Kappa, Gamma Lambda
- Ruth M. Thompson College Greek Life Award for most contributions to college Panhellenic: Kappa; recognition certificate: Alpha Beta
- Recruitment Award for excellence in recruitment: Alpha Beta
- Esther Burke McCormick Award for new member retention for a chapter under 30 members: Gamma Omicron
- Esther Burke McCormick Award for new member retention for a chapter over 30 members: Beta Sigma
- Chicago Area Alumnae Association Song Award for a traditional song: Alpha Mu
- Northeastern Nebraska Alumnae Association Song Award for a contemporary song: Gamma Nu

Friday, July 11, 2014

Memorial Service
Business Session
Siena Medal Luncheon
Breakout Educational Sessions
Alumnae Reception
Ever Loyal, Ever Lasting Dinner
The Board of Trustees presented the following awards (parentheses indicate runner-up awards presented).
- Delores Friess Stephenson Alumnae Publicity Award: Central Florida Area Alumnae Association; recognition certificate: New York City Alumnae Association
- Alumnae Association Community Service Award: New Orleans Alumnae Association

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- Alumnae Association Philanthropy Award: Akron Area Alumnae Association
- Jean M. Cusack Membership Award for best maintained, expanded and reported membership for an association with less than 30 members: Northeastern Nebraska Alumnae Association
- Jean M. Cusack Membership Award for best maintained, expanded and reported membership for an association with more than 30 members: Flint Area Alumnae Association
- Outstanding Alumna Mentor Award: Susan Check, Alpha Xi

BOT – Presentation of National Service Jewelry

The Grand Council presented certificates of appreciation to the National Officers and the Fraternity employees in attendance at Convention.

Songfest

Saturday, July 12, 2014

**Theta Phi Alpha Foundation Breakfast and Scholarship Awards.** Special guests included Father Dominick Duggins of Glenmary Home Missioners, who was the guest speaker.

The Founders' Day Ritual was conducted in honor of Theta Phi Alpha's Founders.

The Directors of the Theta Phi Alpha Foundation were proud to award the following 12 scholarships, totaling $12,000 to deserving sisters:

- Jean M. Cusack Memorial Scholarship, $1,000: Megan Lisbeth Strang, Alpha Xi
- Amelia McSweeney Scholarship, $1,000: Lauren Donohue, Alpha Psi
- Mildred Comely Scholarship, $1,000: Autumn Pulac, Kappa
- Eva Stroh Bauer Everson Scholarship, $1,000: Caitlyn McCarthy, Beta Lambda
- Selma Gilday Scholarship, $1,000: Corey Miller, Gamma Phi
- Otilia Leuchtweis O'Hara Scholarship, $1,000: Aly Carrero Pinedo, Alpha Pi
- Dorothy Caughey Phalan Scholarship, $1,000: Rosa Melillo, Gamma Chi
- Katrina Caughey Ward Scholarship, $1,000: Josclyn Acosta, Gamma Phi
- Camilla Ryan Sutherland Scholarship, $1,000: Gabrielle Montemarano, Beta Upsilon
- Helen Ryan Quinlan Scholarship, $1,000: Kelsey Pierce, Gamma Omega
- May C. Ryan Scholarship, $1,000: Francesca Ranzitti, Gamma Chi
- Diamond Jubilee Graduate Scholarship, $1,000: Sarah Linn, Beta Delta

The Board of Trustees presented the following awards:

(Parentheses indicate runner-up awards presented.)

- Jean Yosepian Theta Phi Alpha Foundation Award for most financial support to the Theta Phi Alpha Foundation from a chapter or association
- Lois Barry Lynch Theta Phi Alpha Foundation Award

Business Session

Compass Club Luncheon

Business Session

The Board of Trustees presented the following awards:

- Collegiate Delegate Award: Kaelyn Mead, Delta Delta
- Alumnae Association Delegate Award: Alesha Brewer, Central Florida Area Alumnae Association

Town Hall Meeting

Mass

Photos

Fraternity Night Banquet. A procession and introductions of The Grand Council began a special and exciting evening.

Laura Foley, National President, conducted the Convention Countdown and Kathy Gaver, Board of Trustees, presented gifts to the sister who has attended the most National Conventions: Irene Caliendo

Kristin Henkenius, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, conducted the Chapter Roll Call for Theta Phi Alpha Foundation. Karen Fisher, Chairman of the Theta Phi Alpha Foundation, announced that $8,013.32 had been collected from the sisters in attendance, who represented 94 different chapters, colonies, associations, clubs and guests.

The Board of Trustees recognized all current and past recipients of the Senior Service Award.

The Board of Trustees presented the following awards: (Parentheses indicate runner-up awards presented.)

- National Officer Award: Patricia Giulianza, Upsilon, National Membership Coordinator
- Mileage Award for the chapter with the most miles from campus traveled to convention: Delta Alpha
- Flint Area Alumnae Association Attendance Award for the alumnae association with the most members at convention: Flint Area Alumnae Association

Outgoing Officer | National Position | Incoming Officer
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Laura Foley | National President | Laura Foley
Amanda Horvat | National Vice President-Collegians | Amanda Horvat
Jennifer Hubbley Klug | National Vice President-Alumnae | Jennifer Hubbley Klug
Michelle Coppola LaPlatney | National Vice President-Extension | Nicole Conroy
Allison Davis Bolin | National Vice President-Programming | Allison Davis Bolin
Jennifer Waggoner Kreiman | National Executive Secretary | Jennifer Waggoner Kreiman
Amy Spagnolo Bailes | National Treasurer | Amy Spagnolo Bailes

Guard of Honor Ceremony. The Guard of Honor was awarded to Stephanie Galendez, Alpha Beta.

Fraternity Night closed with the singing of White Rose.

Arguments to this document are as listed:

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Attachment No. 9 | Chapter Convention Reports

The preceding sets forth the contents of this meeting as recorded by the undersigned Convention Secretary:

Respectfully Submitted,

Meagan Graff
2014 Convention Secretary

Approved:

Laura Foley
Twenty-Fifth National President

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