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This number of the Nuntius presents the report of the third annual national convention. The matter of greatest interest is the list of new officers. This year let us give our officers our whole-hearted support so that Eta Sigma Phi fraternity may grow and flourish as a body. With twenty-six chapters on our roll, we are becoming a really strong organization. May we prosper more and more through the years.

The retiring grand officers send their best wishes with these who are taking up the offices they relinquish. We wish to thank all those who have worked so hard and faithfully in the interests of Eta Sigma Phi fraternity, and to urge them to continue to give it their whole-hearted support. Remember that the officers cannot be really efficient without help from all the members, and that with such help Eta Sigma Phi will flourish.

Lloyd Z. Walton, Megas Prytanis
Ruth G. Nelson, Orotos Megas Epiprytanis
Truly Fosbrink, Deuterios Megas Epiprytanis
Hilda M. Dickerson, Megas Epistolographos
Marjorie Cooper, Megas Grammateus
Stewart W. Abbey, Megas Pylortes
George Utterbach, Megas Chrysophilos

Officers for 1927-1928

Megas Prytanis	William Lesh, Theta 630 Atwater Avenue Bloomington, Indiana
Protos Megas Epiprytanis	Helen Wilson, Gamma 228 North 7th Street New Philadelphia, Ohio
Deuterios Megas Epiprytanis	Maurine Morley, Xi 1218 Mississippi Avenue Lawrence, Kansas
Megas Epistolographos	Rosalie Schultz, Alpha 934 East 46th Street Chicago, Illinois
Megas Grammateus	Helen Bachman, Mu 610 Terrace Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio
Megas Chrysophilos	Clark Kuebler, Beta 3650 North Oakley Avenue Chicago, Illinois
Megas Pylortes	Emikio Cavaleri, Pi 2201 15th Avenue, North Birmingham, Alabama

SEND IN NAMES OF OFFICERS

We urge that you send in the names of the local secretaries and presidents to Miss Bachman immediately so that she may publish a list of names and addresses in the next issue of the Nuntius.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL
CONVENTION OF ETA SIGMA PHI
FRATERNITY

The third national convention of Eta Sigma Phi fraternity was held at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, under the auspices of Gamma chapter on May thirteenth and fourteenth, 1927. The first business session was opened on Friday at three o'clock, with Lloyd Z. Walton, Megas Prytanis, presiding. The report of the credentials committee was read and accepted. Next the minutes of the second annual national convention were read and accepted.

Next followed chapter reports, all of which showed activity and progress in the work of the local chapters. Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon and Xi chapters gave their reports at this time.

The Megas Grammateus then gave the report of the executive committee meeting, which had been held previously, as follows:

First, the question of incorporation was raised, and Mr. Walton reported that Hill and England, the lawyers who are handling the matter, had stated the necessity of incorporating in the state of Illinois. This entails the maintenance of an office in the state of Illinois, and the perpetual election of one officer who is a resident of the state of Illinois. It was also necessary to re-adopt the existing constitution, to make by-laws, and to add the word "Fraternity" to Eta Sigma Phi, wherever it occurs.

Second, the amendment on the admittance of graduate students proposed by Epsilon chapter was discussed, and it was decided that the matter be referred to the committee on amendments.

Third, the financial status of Eta Sigma Phi fraternity was taken into consideration. It was felt necessary by the executive council that the annual national dues be increased from twenty-five cents to one dollar per person. The treasurer then reported as follows: Receipts, one thousand three dollars; Expenses, eight hundred six dollars; Balance, two hundred ninety-seven dollars. The outstanding expenses were reported to be as follows: one-half the railroad fare and the expenses of Professor Magoffin while he was in attendance at the convention; one-half the railroad fare of each of the national officers, the incorporation fee of ten dollars; the cost of programs for the national convention, twelve dollars; telegrams of congratulation to be sent to local chapters upon admittance and installation; and the expenses of any national officer who might be called upon to install a new local chapter.

Fourth, the question of installation of chapters as brought up, and it was proposed that local professors, not themselves members of Eta Sigma Phi fraternity, continue in the practice of installing local chapters. This met with some opposition, however, and it was referred to a committee. It was also decided that charters should be granted only at national convention.

Fifth, it was felt that the national officers had not been able to function as well as they should have liked to. For that reason, it was decided to appoint a committee to define and co-ordinate the work of the national officers. Further it was recommended that the Grand Executive Council meet at least once a year in addition to the meeting at the national convention.

Sixth, the credentials committee was appointed, as follows:
Ruth Nelson, chairman, George Utterbach and Marjorie Cooper.

Seventh, the question of ritual, charter, and membership scroll was brought up, and Miss Cooper reported that Alpha chapter had these ready for presentation.

Eighth, a report of the "Nuntius" was given. It was recommended that the paper be mimeographed commercially hereafter, and that a directory of the local presidents and secretaries be included in the first number published after the opening of school in the fall. Miss Cooper recommended that there be a staff of at least four, representing at least two different universities or colleges.

Ninth, the question of pins was considered, and it was decided that a new pin must be adopted without fail, since the old one was very unsatisfactory.

Tenth, it was recommended that a printed pamphlet containing information about Eta Sigma Phi fraternity be prepared so that it might be sent out to colleges and universities desiring information.

Eleventh, the matter of by-laws was considered, and it was decided that there should be one stating that the Megas Prytanis must be a senior man, that all other national officers should be either juniors or seniors, and that no person holding the office of president of a local might hold any national office. It was also thought that there ought to be some criteria for the admittance of new chapters, but none were formulated. It was further decided that any person initiated at the national convention be accorded the power of voting thereat.

The executive council meeting was then adjourned.

Mr. Walton then appointed the following committees for the convention:

Incorporation: Dr. Flickinger, chairman; Mildred Lenk, William Lesh.

Amendments: George Utterbach, chairman; Eau Claire Lewis, Eunice Thompson.

Co-ordination of work of national officers: Professor Hill, chairman; Ruth Nelson, Truly Fosbrink.

Nominations: Mona Flanders, chairman, Stuart Abbey, Aline Abaecherli.

Auditing: Rosalia Schultz, Clark Kuebler.

Resolutions: Helene Henderson, chairman; Ira Boyle, Maurine Morley.

Pins: Ruth Nelson, chairman; Marjorie Cooper, Helene Henderson, Truly Fosbrink.

Ritual: Dr. Gertrude Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at four o'clock.

The next business session was held Saturday forenoon, and was called to order at 9:35.

The committee on time and place for the fourth annual national convention was appointed as follows: Maurine Morley, Helen Bachman, and Clark Kuebler, chairman.

The incorporation committee then reported. Mr. Hill stated the conditions outlined in the report of the executive committee meeting. He also suggested that the amendment committee meet with the incorporation committee.

The report of the Megas Grammateus was then given. Miss Cooper reported registration of forty-one, with sixteen visitors and twenty-five delegates and officers. The total amount of registration fees were thirty-three dollars. She recommended that the editor of the Nuntius and the recording secretary be different persons.

The Megas Pylortes, Stuart Abbey, reported.

The Deuterios Megas Epiprytanis, Truly Fosbrink, reported a committee at Indiana University called the University interests committee which helps to correlate University and high school work, and suggested that Eta Sigma Phi fraternity form a similar committee.

The report of the Megas Epistolographos was given by the Megas Grammateus in the absence of Hilda M. Dickerson.

The report of the Megas Uhrysofilos was then given.

Ruth Nelson, the Protos Megas Epiprytanis, reported that there were now twenty active chapters, as opposed to thirteen the preceding year. Then the matter of petitions was taken up. The University of Denver, Centenary College, Coe College, Shurtleff College, North Texas State Teachers' College, Winthrop College, Vanderbilt University, Missouri State Teachers' College, Southern Methodist University, William and Mary College, University of West Virginia have all petitioned. After due consideration, West Virginia was admitted as Phi, Coe as Chi, Vanderbilt as Psi, William and Mary as Omega, Winthrop as Alpha Alpha, Denver as Alpha Beta, and Southern Methodist as Alpha Gamma. The applications of Shurtleff and Centenary were tabled until the next convention, and it was decided to entertain no applications from Teachers' colleges for some years.

Miss Cooper then presented the charter form, and it was accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned, at twelve noon.

The afternoon session was called to order at 4:25. The ritual, which had been presented at the meeting Friday evening. It was decided that the idea was very acceptable, but the form needed testing and some re-working. Accordingly, Dr. Smith was thanked for her work, and asked to act as chairman

for the ensuing year. Professor Potter of Iowa, Miss Lee of Gamma, Agnes Smith of Theta, William Chastian of Beta and Lloyd Stow of Alpha were appointed to assist her.

The report of the *Megas Chrysophilos* was given, and it was voted to raise national dues to one dollar.

The report of admission of graduate students was next taken up, and it was decided that certain graduate members may be admitted to associate membership provided they are majoring in the classics, are in residence during the regular academic year and otherwise qualify under the requirements for active students. They shall not have the privileges of voting or holding office, and will not pay dues.

Next the auditing committee reported, and stated that the books had been well and accurately kept.

The pin committee presented designs for pledge and membership pins. These were adopted, the new pin to go into force immediately. A seal, bearing the owl of Athena on a Roman shield, was also adopted.

Lastly the committee on time and place reported that the fourth annual national convention would be held at the University of Iowa, with Epsilon chapter as hosts, the last week in April. The committee suggested that the following geographical division be used, and the convention meet in a different section of the country each year: North section, North of the Ohio, and East of the Mississippi rivers; West section, North of the Ohio, and West of the Mississippi rivers; South section, South of the Ohio river. This recommendation was passed as a motion and carried.

National officers were elected - see list on first page.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35.

The lateness of the *Nuntius* is due to the fact that the copy which was taken to the mimeograph office was lost there in June. Since I left town for the summer immediately, I was unable to do anything about publishing it until now.

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