

**Triangle Fraternity National Convention  
Wyndham Orlando Resort, Orlando, FL  
August 7-9, 1999**

**August 7, 1999**

1. President Jeff Scott wis87 called the opening session to order at 1:07 EDT on August 7, 1999. Parliamentarian Jim Marshall pur65 explained the Convention legislative process.
2. Merle Newlon lou73 moved that the Order of Business be adopted. Nick Sayatovich marq96 seconded. Motion passed.
3. Graduation Ceremony - Kurt Over pitt83/NatlCouncil moved that changes be made to Articles 9, 10, and 11 of the National Constitution and Articles 1, 2, 3, and 8 of the Bylaws. Bob Petrick pitt85 seconded.

Discussion: This proposal would make the Graduation Ceremony an official Triangle document. The Graduation Ceremony has evolved over the past several years into a significant ceremony that recognizes the transition from active member of TRIANGLE to alumni member. Because it is based on the Ritual and because of its importance in the life of a member of the Fraternity, it is necessary to give it an appropriate status among the official documents of TRIANGLE.

Motion passed.

4. Status of Interest Groups - Clint Condon cin95 moved that Article 2, Section 3, Paragraph 2 of the Bylaws be changed. Jim Nasby ar92 seconded.

Discussion: This proposal would more clearly define the status of interest groups as distinct from colonies. Some members expressed concern that the changes would prevent interest groups from initiating members.

Motion failed.

5. Initiation of Colony Members – Ritual Team - Nick Sayotovich marq96 moved that Article 2, Section 3, Para. 2 of the Bylaws be changed. John Malmquist wis72 seconded.

Discussion: This proposal would permit the initiation of colony members to be conducted by a ritual team appointed by the Executive Director.

Motion passed.

6. Initiation of Colony Members – Ritual Wording - Jim Nasby ar92 moved that Parts 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the Ritual be changed. Scott Schuerman tol88 seconded.

Discussion: This proposal would add some flexibility to the Ritual to allow for the initiation of members of a colony of TRIANGLE and also to recognize that a Ritual Team may consist of members of more than one chapter.

Motion passed.

7. Operational Procedures - Nic Watson ok95 moved that Article 1, Section 1, Para. 4(d) and Article 4, Section 3 of the Bylaws be changed. Mark Burt lou97 seconded.

Discussion: These changes would adjust the wording in the Bylaws to conform to current operational practices. This proposal removes the restriction that a separate form be filed for each candidate for initiation and adjusts the timing of the billing of chapters for National Meetings.

Motion passed.

8. Minimum GPA for Officers and/or Initiates - Corey Tulledge uwm93 moved that Article 1, Section 1, Para. 1(d) and Article 6, Section 4, Para. 2 of the Bylaws be changed. Rich Laszlo uwm98 seconded.

Discussion: These changes would increase the GPA necessary for initiation and holding chapter office from 2.000 to 2.250 on a 4.000 scale.

Brad Keller neb69 moved to amend the motion to state that the minimum GPA for initiation shall be a 2.500 but that exemptions may be granted to students with at least a 2.000 GPA who have demonstrated good leadership experience. A chapter may have exemptions for up to 20% of an initiation class. Mike Nation os98 seconded. Amendment failed.

Main motion failed.

Eric Frenz cin94 moved to reconsider. Brandon Grote cin98 seconded. Motion failed.

9. Convention recessed at 3:00 PM and reconvened at 3:15 PM.

10. National Council Election Procedures - Mike Knittel mom96 moved that Article 3, Sections 1, 3, and 6 of the Bylaws be changed. Charlie Hett ks64 seconded.

Discussion: This proposal would modify the Council election procedures to elect a vice president each year who will then automatically become president and then immediate past president.

Motion failed.

11. National Council Nomination Procedures - Jim Nasby ar92 moved that Article 3 of the Bylaws be changed. Bob Petrick pitt85 seconded.

Discussion: This proposal would modify the procedure for nominating national officers to permit "at-large" nominations.

Brian Lally <sup>csu97</sup> moved to postpone consideration of the motion until the next legislative session. Motion was seconded and passed.

12. Modifications to the Ritual - Nic Watson <sup>ok95</sup> moved to modify the Ritual. Bill Garlic <sup>ar96os</sup> seconded.

Discussion: This proposal would modify the Triangle Oath and remove article C-2 from the Ritual Ceremony.

Jason Parrillo <sup>marq97asc</sup> moved to make the change optional for a chapter. Doug Clark <sup>kan98</sup> seconded. Amendment failed.

Main motion failed.

13. Convention recessed at 4:55 PM.

### August 8, 1999

1. Convention reconvened at 9:15 AM on Sunday, August 8.
2. National Council Nomination Procedures (continued) - Rich Laszlo <sup>uwm98</sup> moved to amend Article 3, Section 6, Paragraph 2 of the Bylaws by adding the following as the second sentence of the paragraph: "The Nominating Committee shall verify each candidate's qualifications in accordance with applicable governing documents and place each qualified candidate on the ballot." Mark Burt <sup>lou97</sup> seconded.

Don Hatfield <sup>msu88</sup> moved to amend the motion to allow a maximum of two qualified candidates per position. Kent Shook <sup>uwm97</sup> seconded. Amendment failed.

Don Hatfield <sup>msu88</sup> moved to table the main motion indefinitely. Jason Parrillo <sup>marq97asc</sup> seconded.

Motion to table passed.

3. Original proposal returned to the floor. Rob Bowman <sup>ps87</sup> moved to amend the motion by removing the sentence "The slate of candidates prepared by the Nominating Committee shall be clearly identified." Rick Brandwein <sup>niu98</sup> seconded. Amendment failed.

Eric Frenz <sup>cin94</sup> moved to modify the motion by adding the requirement that the 25 nominating signatures must come from at least two chapters of Triangle. Bill Garlic <sup>ar96os</sup> seconded.

Amendment passed.

Main motion passed.

4. Minimum GPA for Officers and/or Initiates - Eric Frenz cin94 moved a new GPA proposal in which the GPA requirement would be increased gradually over several years. Jason Parrillo marq97asc seconded.

Nic Watson ok95 moved to postpone indefinitely. Ric Wilburn ps95 seconded.

Motion to postpone indefinitely passed.

5. Pledge Period Length - Chris Ludwig uta99 moved to change the pledge period to no less than 35 days. Alan Geist ks96 seconded.

Don Hatfield msu88 moved to table the motion indefinitely. Brian Miesse rose94 seconded. Motion to table failed.

Doug Clark kan98 moved to amend motion to change the number of days to one academic period. Justin Poplin kan98 seconded. Amendment failed.

Andy Lagatta wis99 moved to amend the motion to recommend a 52-day pledge period. Tim Eiler minn87/NatlCouncil seconded. Amendment failed.

Kent Shook uwm97 moved to amend the motion to require a minimum of 52 days or less or as required by the university, whichever is less. Rich Laszlo uwm98 seconded. Amendment failed.

John Malmquist wis72 moved to amend the motion to have no recommended pledge period. Tim Eiler minn87/NatlCouncil seconded. Amendment failed.

Main motion failed.

6. Convention recessed at 11:58 PM.

### August 9, 1999

1. Convention reconvened at 7:30 PM, August 9, at the 1999 Installation Banquet. After the installation of the members of the 1999-2000 National Council and remarks by President Jeff Scott, the Convention was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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National Secretary