



**MINUTES OF  
THE QUARTERLY MEETING  
OF  
THE WESTERN ILLINOIS ALUMNI CORPORATION BOARD  
OF DELTA UPSILON**

**January 16, 2016**

The Quarterly Meeting of the Western Illinois Alumni Corporation Board of Delta Upsilon Fraternity was held Saturday, January 16, 2016 in the Algonquin Room of the University Union at Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois.

**Officers and Directors *Present*:**

Sean M. Kraus '05, President  
David W. Behnke '97, Secretary  
Dave Maguire, SILL '73, Treasurer  
Derek M. Gorsuch '12, Assistant Treasurer  
A. Anthony Ashenhurst '75, Director  
William A. Hipkins '94, Director  
Justin W. Ford '95, Director  
Lee Smith '15, Alumni Chapter President  
Bruce E. Peterson '74, Alumni Chapter Trustee  
Ethan Johnson, '18 Chapter VP of Finance  
Sean T. Dowling '16, Chapter President

**Officers and Directors *Absent*:**

Thomas D. Feldman '02, Vice President  
Shawn E. Miner '00, Director  
Thomas J. Kaster, Jr. '74, Director  
Keith G. Hill '04, Director

**Others in Attendance:**

Rich Jording '99

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05a.m. by President Kraus '05 presiding and Secretary David W. Behnke '97 took the minutes.

President Kraus, in accordance with the By-Laws, declared that a quorum was present for the quarterly meeting.

**II. Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Brother Hipkins and seconded by Brother Smith and approved, the reading of minutes of the quarterly meeting of October 3, 2015 were waived and approved as posted.

**III. Special Report**

Brother Maguire presented the current financial data for Delta Upsilon Fraternity as of January 2016. Please see Brother Maguire or Brother Gorsuch for detailed information.

**IV. Corporation President's Report**

- A) Delta Upsilon House: President Kraus stated that the room rates for fall '16 have been solidified.
- B) House Chairs: The house has 16 new chairs that were donated by Keri Nelson with Habitat for Humanity. The Ceko brothers are looking to donate furniture to the house. President Kraus suggested disposing old furniture when replacing pieces.
- C) House Insurance: President Kraus will be reviewing the house insurance policy in the next couple weeks. We will be forfeiting our 10% discount on liability for reinstating the alcohol policy if the motion is approved in New Business.

**V. Officer Reports**

- A) Alumni Corporation Board Treasury Report: Brother Maguire stated the chapter needs a budget created before the start of the semester which did not occur. It is crucial that this occurs. There are a number of past due balances due to the chapter from years past that we are trying to recover. Brother Gorsuch and Brother Johnson are working together to recover these balances. Brother Gorsuch stated the City of Macomb inspection went well and the house passed successfully. The City of Macomb should be inspected every six months, but this

doesn't occur timely. Brother Gorsuch also said that each new member must sign collections approval notice for past due balances.

- B) Undergraduate Chapter President Report: Brother Dowling stated the undergraduate GPA has dropped slightly from last semester. In order to move into the house, members are required to have a minimum GPA of 2.75. We gained four new members in the fall of '15. Delta Upsilon came in first place for Homecoming '2015. Brother Dowling will work with President Kraus on developing the housing contracts. Brother Hipkins and Brother Behnke will visit the Delta Upsilon house in February to speak to the chapter about the housing contracts.
  
- C) Undergraduate Treasurer Report: Brother Johnson is looking into possibly transitioning from Omega to Legacy Financial. Legacy Financial has a fund raising, events, and donation capacity included which may not be available with Omega Phi. Brother Johnson will work with Brother Gorsuch on the final decision. Discussion was also made in which it is now required that all brothers be on the meal plan if they live in the house.

**Resolved**, the appointment of Brother Ethan Johnson to the Vice President of Finance.

***Motion: Upon a motion from Brother Maguire and seconded by Brother Ford, the above motion presented was adopted.***

## **VI. Alumni Chapter President's Report**

- A) House Visits: Brother Lee encouraged alumni to visit the undergraduates more often. This boosts morale when the undergraduates see alumni taking an interest.
- B) New Chairs: Thank you to Keri Nelson with Habitat for Humanity for donating 16 new chairs to the chapter.
- C) Alumni Dues: Alumni dues are set at \$25.00 per year.
- D) Pledge Paddles: We are five years behind on pledge paddles. Brother Lee would like to work on getting us caught up.
- E) Fundraising Chair: Brother Lee will be working on filling a fundraising chair.
- F) Alumni Event Committee: Brother Hall, Brother Behnke, Brother Caplinger, and Brother Glisson will head the events committee. We are looking to have a couple events scheduled before Alumni Weekend in April.
- G) Alumni Weekend: All alumni are required to seek approval from the graduate assistant to stay in the Delta Upsilon house. As always, the formal living room should not be slept in.
- H) Homecoming Weekend: We are looking into reserving rooms and rates with another fraternity or sorority.
- I) Alumni Mentorship: Brother Peterson will work with Brother Lee on creating a new mentorship program.

- J) Outreach Program: We would like to have one person assigned to each decade to work on contact information and finding lost brothers. Brother Caplinger volunteered to tackle the 00' decade.
- K) RLS: We still need to raise money for the RLS, but due to the timing of the seminar, we may not have time to raise the funds.

**VII. Report of Committees**

- A) House Assessment: Brother Ashenhurst reported on the required repairs of the house. The Alumni Corporation discussed in great detail an action plan in coordination with the existing budget. Please see an Alumni Corporation member for details.

**VIII. Old Business**

- A) LED House Letters: Brother Hipkins asked that we table this discussion for the next board meeting.

**IX. New Business**

**Resolved**, the reinstatement of the Delta Upsilon House Alcohol Policy.

***Motion: Upon a motion from Brother Hipkins and seconded by Brother Behnke, the above motion as presented was adopted.***

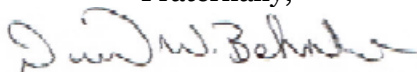
**VI. Announcements**

- A) Alumni Weekend: The agenda will be created and distributed in the near future.

**VI. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the annual meeting, upon motion duly made by Brother Ashenhurst, seconded by Brother Johnson, and the motion approved adjourning the quarterly meeting of the Western Illinois Alumni Corporation Board Delta Upsilon, Inc. at 3:19 p.m.

Fraternally,



David W. Behnke '97  
Secretary