



**Beta Theta Pi
184th General Convention
Dallas, Texas
August 3-6, 2023**

Legislation Summary

This document summarizes the business of the Fraternity conducted at the 184th 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: Austin Marple, *TCU '14*

Secretary: Ryan Reichenbach, *Kettering '18*

Parliamentarian: Alex Snowden, *Texas A&M Corpus Christi '06*

Marshall: Keith Davis, *Iowa State '70*

Committee of the Whole Chairman: Jeff Stephenson, *South Carolina '88*

Vice Presidents:

Zachary W. Allen, *Oklahoma '85*

J. Michael "Mike" Casson, *SMU '67*

Mac N. Churchill, *Texas '72*

Paxson B. Glenn, *North Carolina '58*

Thomas H. McCasland, Jr., *Oklahoma '56*

Wade H. McMullen, *Texas '79*

Charters and Status Changes

The 184th General Convention addressed the status of one reestablished chapter and one new chapter. The review committees found the chapters to meet the requirements for chartering and to be in an excellent position of living out Beta's values and standards. The petition to return to "Good Standing" and petition to receive a charter, respectively, of the following delegations were approved:

School	Founding Date (Original)	Greek Name
University of South Florida	March 26, 1994	Zeta Beta
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	TBD in 2023-24	Theta Theta

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.

Committees on Chapters: Boise State, Colorado State, Florida Atlantic, Illinois, Samford, San Diego State, West Chester, and Vanderbilt.

Committees on Charters: Appalachian State, Illinois State, Kennesaw State, LSU, and UNC Wilmington.

General Fraternity Officers

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

- Thomas D. Cassidy, *Cincinnati* '76 – General Fraternity President (one term)
- Justin M. Rutherford, *Northwestern* '00 – Trustee (two terms)

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

- Jonathan J. Brant, *Miami* '75 - General Fraternity President (first term)
- W. Scott Fussell, *Middle Tennessee State* '95 – Trustee (first term)
- Nicholas H. Sexton, *Eastern Kentucky* '11 – Trustee (second term)
- Joel W. Stern, *UC Riverside* '94 – Trustee (second term)

Legislation

The delegates considered a total of 16 legislative proposals that were advanced prior to or at the Convention. Matters addressed by the delegates:

1. The delegates approved a proposal to update the definition to the Fraternity's Subject to Suspension status.
2. The delegates approved a proposal to change language in the Code and Ritual of Beta Theta Pi to be more inclusive of chapter facilities, institutions, and ritual performances.
3. The delegates approved a proposal to change language in the Code and Ritual of Beta Theta Pi to transition "active" and "undergraduate" to "collegian" and "collegiate".
4. The delegates denied a proposal to add a Statement of Position on Gender Identify as an appendix to the Laws of the Fraternity.
5. The delegates approved a proposal to change language in the Code and Ritual of Beta Theta Pi to transition "wife" to "spouse".
6. The delegates approved a proposal to modernize the language in the Code of Beta Theta Pi related to managing the Fraternity's finances, reimbursing General Convention delegates, etc.
7. The delegates approved a proposal to expand the Fraternity's annual awards to include three new awards to recognize an outstanding chapter president, an outstanding chapter executive board member, and exemplary campus leadership.
8. The delegates approved a proposal to alter the Fraternity's Risk Management Policy to allow all alumni associations to host up to seven (7) alumni events with alcohol annually in their chapter facility.
9. The delegates denied a proposal to alter where members are permitted to wear their badge.
10. The delegates denied a proposal to change the language in the Code and Ritual of Beta Theta Pi to transition "pledge" to "new member", "Pledge Ceremony" to "Induction Ceremony", "pledge pin" to "Pin of the Stars", etc.
11. The delegates denied a proposal to alter the Fraternity's Risk Management Policy to redefine substance free housing, including the substances prohibited in chapter facilities.
12. The proposal to alter the structure and membership of a chapter's Kai Committee was withdrawn by the author.
13. The delegates denied a proposal seeking to create a Mediation Review Committee.
14. The delegates denied a proposal to change language in the Code and Ritual of Beta Theta Pi to strike the word "colony", transition "colony" to "chapter", etc.
15. The delegates approved a proposal to update the membership, qualifications, and filling of vacancies for the Board of Trustees.

16. The delegates approved the addition of a Statement of Position on Anti-discrimination, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as an appendix to the Laws of the Fraternity.
17. The delegates were presented with a resolution requesting the General Fraternity and Administrative Office evaluate the Men of Principle scholarship grant program. The General Fraternity Treasurer reported adequate completion of this request prior to the convening of the General Convention and the delegates were not required to act on the resolution.

Other Business

- The 183rd General Convention minutes were approved.
- The General Fraternity's finances were evaluated and the delegates approved the Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Report.