



NATIONAL CONVENTION

The first meeting of the National Organization Convention of Omega Phi Alpha was held in the Alumni Suite of the Bowling Green State University Union at 1 P.M. on Monday, June 12, 1967.

Welcome address was given by Wanda Nolan of Alpha Chapter. Carol Keedy of Alpha introduced the keynote speaker, who gave a short address on the need for such an organization as a national service sorority.

The purpose of the convention was the subject of a speech by Sue Fehlner. She reminded the delegates we were seeking national unity and that this goal could only be achieved by compromise. Along with the historical background of Alpha she presented the convention with some serious points to consider during the next few days: management of local chapters, variations in program, differences in the various universities and their needs, membership requirements, selection of advisors, pledging procedures, and election of officers. As the delegates left this first meeting they became aware of the tremendous amount of work ahead.

Wednesday, June 13, 1967

Committee meetings were the order of the day. The morning was spent by two separate committees which discussed one, fund-raising and dues; and second, service and publicity. Meetings held in the afternoon discussed membership, advisors, pledging, elections, officer responsibilities, and meetings.

These discussions were mostly devoted to becoming acquainted with each others views and procedures on the topics listed. Some ideas started evolving that would become part of the constitution.

PRESIDENT'S MEETING

The three presidents present; Carol Keedy, Alpha; Sue Terzian, Beta; and Rhene Ruder, Gamma, met this evening and discussed the forthcoming constitution, worked out the differences existing between the chapters, and proposed the national insigna, colors, and pin.

Ceremonies Committee

At another meeting on Tuesday night, two different committees were discussing the various national ceremonies to be established.

One committee spent its time working upon the Installation Ceremony for national officers.

Discussion of pin-pledging and installation of new members were being tossed around by another group. The ceremonies took shape, drawing from all three local chapter's existing ceremonies.

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION COMPLETED Wednesday, June 14, 1967

At nine o'clock meetings began on writing the National Constitution. To facilitate the work before the delegates the job was divided into small work groups. Each group worked on specific portions of the constitution.

By three-thirty that afternoon the constitution was essentially formed and the convention as a whole met to examine it. With the help of Russell Decker, legal advisor to Alpha, the constitution was read, discussed, and approved with one addition. Mr. Decker proposed an article which would make us a non-profit organization under the rules and regulations governing such organizations as set by the Internal Revenue Bureau and Congress. The addition was approved.

Before adjourning the meeting election of national officers was held.

OMEGA PHI ALPHA BECOMES NATIONAL June 15, 1967

At 10 A.M. in a simple ceremony in the Historical Suite of the University Union at Bowling Green the three chapters present were installed as National. The following designations were given to each chapter:

Bowling Green State University - Alpha
Bridgeport, Conn. - Beta
Eastern Michigan University - Gamma
Each chapter president was presented with a yellow rose as she lit a white candle symbolizing the unity of the three chapters.

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At the time of the banquet the national officers were introduced and presented with a certificate as they put a stamp while taking their oath of office. The national officers are:

National President - Sue Fehinsey - Alpha
Vice-President - Carol Keedy - Alpha
Executive Secretary - Linda Chadsey - Beta
Publications Secretary - Peggy Morris - Gamma

Alumni Administrator - Sue Terzian - Beta
Treasurer - Jan Luslien - Alpha
National Advisor - Mrs. Laura McKay
Lodge Advisor - Dr. Russell Becker
Honorary National Advisor - Dr. Timm

A banquet was held in the Pheasant Room of the University Union on the afternoon of June 15, 1967. Mr. McKay gave the closing address discussing the accomplishments and the future of Omega Phi Alpha. Following this address the three presidents of the chapters signed the document making Omega Phi Alpha a National Woman's Service Society.

Next Year

The next national convention will be held at Bridgeport, Conn., with the convention rotating the third year to Eastern Michigan University at Ypsilanti, Mich.

Apology

Sorry this is so late. Would local chapters please send me now all your chapter dollars as soon as possible, starting with January of 1968. Please have any information to me by the first of every month. Send it to the following address:

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This publication would appreciate any and all suggestions from any one.

Executive Board

Could we possibly meet in January or at least I think so need one.

ALUMNI

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