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This page is dedicated to those Pep Editors who kept in touch with "headquarters" via Uncle Sam, promptly and faithfully each month during the past year.

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Grand President
MISS MARY ELIZABETH AXBY
TAU CHAPTER

Mary Elizabeth Greet's You

Greetings Phi Betas—

Another great convention has passed with honors going to the members of Rho chapter for efficient management and for gracious hospitality.

My brief period of rest following that meeting was most welcome but I am back "in the traces" now and planning for next year and for our new type convention. Any suggestions which you have to offer will be considered gladly.

I hope that each of you has a delightful summer. Then, after vacations have passed, let us begin with renewed energy to work toward a record year in the annals of Phi Beta Psi's charitable activities. Help to make your chapter report a truly creditable one at the 1934 convention.

Good luck and best wishes.



Grand Vice President
MISS GLADYS CARPENTER
OMICRON CHAPTER

Gladys Greet's You

It is wonderful to be a part of this organization of ours.

May the coming year find our sorority expanding more and more showing a closer relationship filled with love and sincerity.

It has been a pleasure to serve you as Grand Vice President and I am looking forward eagerly to seeing as many of you as possible at the National Convention next year.



Grand Secretary
MISS ELIZABETH DIETZ
TAU CHAPTER

Elizabeth Greet's You

Greetings!

Now that my right arm has recovered from the strain of taking those reams and reams of minutes at Convention, I'm about normal again. Really, Phi Bates, this year you sent the most *talkative* group of delegates I've ever seen. But that's as it should be, for we're bound to make progress if we continue to discuss our problems and plans so freely.

Inspired by such a noteworthy beginning, let's make this a true year of Progress for Phi Beta Psi. To this end, I promise you my fullest cooperation.



Grand Treasurer
MRS. ALICE POST ALLISON
ALPHA BETA CHAPTER

Alice Greet's You

Dear Sorority Sisters:

I feel deeply the great responsibility of my office and hope I can show myself worthy of the confidence which you have shown by electing me to the office of Grand Treasurer. Here's to one of the best Phi Beta years we have ever known.



Grand Inspectress
MISS DOROTHY DAVIS
LAMBDA CHAPTER

Dorothy Greet's You

Friends, Romans and countrymen lend me
your ears

Seriously tho' girls, I certainly do appreciate the
honor you have bestowed upon me. Only hope I can
do half as well as our past Inspectresses have done.



Grand Mercury Editress
MRS. LEMOYNE DAVIS
IOTA ALPHA CHAPTER

LeMoyne Greets You

Dear Girls:

I am truly grateful for the confidence you have placed in me and sincerely hope that I may prove my worth by serving you.

Minutes of the 29th National Convention, Phi Beta Psi

Marion, Indiana, June 9-10, 1933

RHO - Fairmount - Hostess

The first meeting of the 29th Annual National Phi Beta Psi Convention was held at the Hotel Spencer, Marion, Ind., Friday afternoon, June 9, 1933, with Rho chapter, Fairmount, Ind., Hostess.

The meeting was called to order at 3 P. M. by the Grand President, Mary Elizabeth Axby. Georgia Morehead, *Theta Delta*, was appointed doorkeeper for all meetings. The Grand President also appointed Olive Gidding, *Gamma*, and Elizabeth O'Mara, *Sigma*, to take the password and grip. This was done and reported as correct.

Elizabeth Dietz, Grand Secretary, called the roll. All members of Grand Council were present, with the exception of Mildred Krebs, Grand Treasurer. Delegates were present, with all chapters except *Alpha Gamma*, *Alpha Epsilon*, *Gamma Tau*, *Delta Alpha*, *Tau Alpha*, *Mu Alpha*, and *Delta Beta*. *Omicron*, *Alpha Beta* and *Alpha Gamma* were each represented by one delegate only.

Gladys Carpenter, Grand Vice President, conducted a short memorial service for the three absent members, Amelia Eberhart, *Sigma*; Lena Hughes, *Omega*; and Helen Cline, *Gamma*, whose deaths occurred within the past year.

The minutes of the final session of the 1932 convention were read and approved. The minutes of the Grand Council meeting held in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the Hotel Gibson, May 13, 1933, were read.

Elizabeth Dietz, Grand Secretary, reported that during her term of office she has ordered 78 robes, and issued 138 certificates of membership, 45 of which were for members who have been initiated previous to June 1, 1932.

In the absence of Mildred Krebs, Grand Treasurer, Frieda Drumm, *Delta*, past Grand Treasurer, read the Grand Treasurer's report. She also read the list of chapters delinquent in the payment of national dues.

The question of a mistake in the Grand Treasurer's report in connection with the payment of dues by the Springfield, Ill., chapter was presented, and it was taken by consent that Grand Council review the matter and pass upon it.

Vyola Canfield, *Xi*; Adelaide Conrad, *Iota Alpha*; and Dorothy Wittenberger, *Omega*; were appointed by the Grand President to audit the Grand Treasurer's books and report at the next session.

June Flynn, Grand Mercury Editor, reported on the year's work. She announced that in the next issue of the Mercury she will include an honor Page, to ascertain the names of the 10 chapter Mercury reporters who were most prompt in sending material. She asked that a complete roster of active and inactive members in each chapter be sent her immediately.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
of
PHI BETA PSI SORORITY
June 9-10, 1933
Marion, Indiana



Mae Garrison, Grand Inspectress, reported that during her term of office she has inspected all chapters. She read the names of the chapters having the highest averages on the sorority examination. She stated reasons why no new chapters have been installed in the past year.

The Grand President explained the difficulties involved in the matter of a contract regarding a sole official jeweler, stating that Balfour must necessarily serve as the sole official jeweler for the year, 1933-34, their contract being to that effect. This contract expires, however, in June, 1934, without the usual requirement of one year's notice before termination.

The Grand President explained the new method of obtaining reports from chapters, and read a summary of the reports from the individual chapters, as follows: number of active members, 809; number of inactive members 1,320; per cent of attendance at chapter meetings, 83 1/3; total amount raised for charity, \$3,637.30; total amount spent for charity \$3,422.07; charity balance, \$1,646.38; personal balance, \$595.90; savings total, \$2,324.92; average amount spent for charity, \$115.00. She instructed chapters to keep their personal and charity funds in separate accounts.

Moved by Anita Reichart, *Tau*, that the office of Grand Inspectress be abolished. Seconded by Gertrude Burnett, *Mu*. Discussion.

Moved by June Flynn that the motion be tabled until next session. Seconded by Edith Harrison, *Psi*. Discussion. Motion withdrawn.

Vote taken on the question before the convention. Motion lost.

Edith Harrison, *Psi*, asked for suggestions from the chapters regarding a method of providing for temporary inactivity of members. Discussion. *Psi* was instructed by the Grand President to handle the situation as seemed best.

Florence Kennedy, *Eta Beta*, moved that the following amendment be added to the Constitution, to supercede Article III, Section 5: "There may be one or more active chapters and an active Alumna chapter in the same city. An additional active chapter or chapters may be formed only with the unanimous consent of the existing active chapter or chapters, provided all members of the existing active chapter or chapters have been duly notified of the purpose of the meeting." Seconded by Mary Bogers, *Eta Alpha*. Discussion.

Moved by June Flynn, Grand Mercury Editor, that the amendment be amended by adding: "There shall be no more than one active chapter in cities of less than 50,000 population." Seconded by Edith Harrison, *Psi*. Carried.

Vote was then taken on the amendment as amended. Carried.

The Grand President entertained nominations for the office of Grand Inspectress.

Lucille Lewis, *Rho*, nominated Margaret Jean Stout, *Rho*.

Florence Parker, *Gamma*, nominated Olive Gidding, *Gamma*.

Edith Swanson, *Sigma*, nominated Elizabeth O'Mara, *Sigma*.

Alice Sortell, *Lambda*, nominated Dorothy Davis, *Lambda*.

Vera Craig, *Theta Alpha*, nominated Almeda Feeler, *Theta Alpha*.

Edith Ruhlman, *Theta Gamma*, moved that nominations be closed.

Seconded by Adelaide Conrad, *Iota Alpha*. Passed.

The Grand President next entertained nominations for the office of Mercury Editor.

Adelaide Conrad, *Iota Alpha*, nominated LeMoyne Davis, *Iota Alpha*.

Nell Wilson, *Theta Epsilon*, nominated Gladys Wallace, *Theta Epsilon*.

Mover by Mae Garrison, Grand Inspectress, that nominations be closed. Seconded by Edith Harrison, *Psi*. Carried.

The Grand President then entertained nominations for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Ruby Meyerose, *Xi*, nominated Vyola Canfield, *Xi*.

Janet Balentine, *Chi*, nominated Alice Alison, *Alpha Beta*.

Moved by Anita Reichart, *Tau*, that nominations be closed. Seconded by Wilma Howard, *Eta Alpha*. Carried.

Moved by Frieda Drumm that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Bernice Jones, *Tau*. Carried.

Adjournment at 5:30 P. M.

The second session of the 1933 convention was called to order by the Grand President Mary Elizabeth Axby, at 11:00 A. M., Saturday, June 10.

The Grand President appointed Edith Ruhlman, *Theta Gamma*, and Bernice Jones, *Tau*, to take the password and grip. This was done, and reported as correct.

Elizabeth Dietz, Grand Secretary, called the roll. All members of Grand Council, except Mildred Krebs, were present. Delegates were present from all chapter except *Gamma Tau*, *Alpha Epsilon*, *Delta Alpha*, *Tau Alpha*, *Mu Alpha*, and *Delta Beta*.

Elizabeth Dietz, Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the first session of the 1933 Convention. Olive Gidding asked that the name of Mary Catherine Schneider be placed with the group of absent members. The minutes were approved as read.

Dorothy Wittenberger, *Omega*, stated that the auditing Committee was not ready to report at this time.

Mr. Alexander of Myer & Alexander, jewelers, addressed the Convention on the jewelryship.

The Grand President explained again the reason for the misunderstanding in the matter of jewelryship. Discussion.

Moved by Edith Harrison, *Psi*, that at the termination of the present contract with Balfour the Sorority revert to the dual jewelryship, to include Meyer & Alexander. Seconded by Mildred Jones, *Theta*. Motion ruled out of order by the Grand President.

Moved by Edith Harrison, *Psi*, that the action of the Chair be set aside. Seconded by Ruth Brown, *Psi*. Motion lost.

Mary Selby, *Mu*, moved that Article XXI, Section 3, of the Constitution be stricken out, and the following substituted: "Subscription to the Mercury shall be optional with member." Seconded by Florence Parker, *Gamma*. Discussion. Motion lost.

Moved by Lucille Lewis, *Phi*, that the matter be referred to a committee. Motion withdrawn.

Moved by Thelma Staley, *Phi*, that Article XXI, Sections 1, 2, and 3, be stricken from the Constitution, and the following be substituted as Section 1: "Each active member shall subscribe to and pay for one copy of a Directory to be published each June, and containing pictures of Grand Officers only." Seconded by Anita Reichart, *Tau*. Discussion. Motion lost.

Moved by Alice Beiser, *Theta Beta*, that "Phi Beta News" be continued during 1933-34. Seconded by Elizabeth O'Mara, *Sigma*. Discussion. Motion carried.

Moved by Mae Garrison, *Psi*, that Article XXI, section 2 be amended to read: "The Mercury shall be printed each June, the total cost not to exceed 75 cents per member." Seconded by Alice Alison, *Alpha Beta*. Carried.

Bernice Jones, *Tau*, moved that the Constitution be amended by striking out Sections 2 and 6 of Article XX, and substituting for section 2 the following: "A desirable city or resort shall be selected for Convention, arrangements to be worked out by Grand Council and the chapter nearest the city selected. Expenses of the delegates shall be defrayed by their own chapters, and all members desiring to go may have convention privileges, at their own expense. The expenses of Grand Council shall be defrayed by Grand Council." Seconded by Elizabeth O'Mara, *Sigma*. Discussion. Carried.

Edith Garrison, *Psi*, moved that in Article IX, Section 7, the following be stricken out: "Grand Council shall expend yearly the sum of \$150.00 to further the work of some charitable or civic organization recommended by the entertaining chapter holding National Convention, provided such recommendation meets the approval of the entire Grand Council." Seconded by Mildred Jones, *Theta*. Carried.

Moved by Olive Gidding, *Gamma*, that there be stricken from the Constitution Article XII, Section 7, which read: "A Convention fee of \$10.00 per delegate shall be paid by each chapter to the treasurer of the entertaining chapter not later than May 1 of each year. In the event that no delegate is sent, a fine of \$20.00 must be paid to the entertaining chapter. Active Alumna chapter delegates shall pay guest fees." Seconded by Alice Alison, *Alpha Beta*. Carried.

Moved by Hazel Seacat, *Mu*, that in Article XX, Section 5 the words "entertaining chapter" be stricken out, and the phrase "Grand Treasurer" be inserted. Seconded by Edith Ruhlman, *Theta Gamma*. Carried.

Moved by Edith Harrison, *Psi*, that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Bernadine Wright, *Kappa*. Carried.

Adjournment at 12:50 P. M.

Model initiation of two pledges of *Rho* chapter was held at 3:00 P. M., under the very capable guidance of the following sorority members: May Leid Smith, Anita Reichart, Dorothy Whittenberger, Daphne Parker, Ruby Meyerose, Jean McDougal.

The third session of the 1933 Convention was called to order by the Grand President, Mary Elizabeth Axby, at 4 P. M., Saturday, June 10.

The Grand President appointed Mary Moore, *Theta Beta*, and Hazel Seacat, *Nu*, to take the grip and password. This was done and reported as correct.

Elizabeth Dietz, Grand Secretary, called the roll of Grand Council. All members were present except Mildred Krebs. All delegates were present except those from *Gamma Tau*, *Alpha Epsilon*, *Delta Alpha*, *Tau Alpha*, *Mu Alpha* and *Delta Beta*.

The Grand Secretary read the minutes of the previous session. They were approved as read.

Adelaide Conrad, *Iota Alpha*, moved that an auditor be authorized to audit the Grand Treasurer's books, due to some apparent irregularity. Seconded by Dorothy Wittenberger, *Omega*. Carried.

Moved by Elizabeth Dimity, *Beta*, that the national dues be \$20.00 for the coming year as they have been in the past. Seconded by Jean McDougal, *Phi*. Carried.

The Grand President appointed Florence Kennedy, *Eta Beta*, Ethel Haworth, *Pi*, and Mary Selby, *Mu*, to act as tellers, and to distribute the ballots at this time.

Mae Garrison, Grand Inspectress, reviewed the secret work.

Moved by Edith Ruhlman, *Theta Gamma*, that Grand Council investigate the possibility of reducing the cost of robes, and if it seemed feasible to take such action. Seconded by Gertrude Burtnett, *Mu*. Discussion. Carried.

The Grand President presented to *Rho* chapter the check for \$150.00 from Grand Council.

Edith Harrison, *Psi*, asked for the cooperation of all chapters in selling a Cook Book, compiled by *Psi* chapter.

The election returns were reported as follows: Grand Inspectress: Dorothy Davis, Grand Treasurer: Alice Alison, Mercury Editor: LeMoyne Davis.

Mae Garrison installed Dorothy Davis as Grand Inspectress. Frieda Drumm installed Alice Alison as Grand Treasurer. June Flynn installed LeMoyne Davis as Grand Mercury Editor.

An enthusiastic vote of thanks was given to the retiring Grand officers.

A representative of *Rho* expressed the chapter's pleasure at being able to entertain Convention.

Gertrude Burtnett, *Mu*, asked for an explanation by the Grand President of the irregularities in the Grand Treasurer's accounts. The Grand President

explained that they were probably caused by the failure of several chapters to meet their financial obligations to Grand Council.

Moved by Edith Harrison, *Psi*, that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Jean McDougal, *Pbi*. Carried.

Adjournment at 5:10 P. M.

The Convention was immediately called to order in extraordinary session for the sole purpose of approving the minutes of the last session of this Convention. The minutes were read and approved.

Moved by Alice Alison, *Alpha Beta*, that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Anita Reichart, *Tau*. Carried.

ELIZABETH DIETZ
Grand Secretary
Phi Beta Psi Sorority
June 10, 1933

Examination Report

1932-1933

MU ALPHA—87%. Jean Cunningham, 97%; Lorraine Eillers, 95%; Clara Wagner, 92%.

DELTA BETA—87%. Lavean Murrin, 92%; Vivian Pagliano, 90%; Helen Sullivan, 89½%.

DELTA ALPHA—93%. Donna Foust, 95%; Jo McKean, 95%; Ardath Nowlin, 95%; Velma Hood, 95%.

THETA GAMMA—96%. Louise Langdon, 100%; Agnes Cass, 100%; Gladys Schulz, 99½%; Edith Rullman, 99%; Ruth Smith, 99%.

TAU—98%. Following received 100%: Nell Elliott, Ruth Eberhart, Victoria Hayes, Irma Bobrink, Bernice Jones and Melba Ware.

OMEGA—94 2/3%. Greta Welch, 99%; Clara Zwickel, 98%; Donna Segner, 98%; Elizabeth Zwickel, 98% and Wanda Johnston 97%.

RHO—93%. Denise Smith, 99%; Josephine Knight, 98%; Treva Clanin, 98%; Martelle Kimes, 98%; Pearl Gale, 98%; Dea Hannon, 97½%.

THETA BETA—88%. Annabel Neftsger, 99%; Effie Dick, 96%; Ruth Brockey, 95%.

THETA—88%. Louise Culkins, 96%; Mary Donahue, 95%; Marie Graef, 93½%.

DELTA—90%. Edythe Mahan, 99%; Mary Roudebush, 98%; Josephine Rode, 93½%; Roberta Gordan, 93%; Marjorie Small, 93%.

THETA DELTA—96%. Following received 100%: Clara Meyer, Vivian Crail, Helen Brinegar, Margaret Bunch, Velma Meyer; following

received 99%: Roberta Ulrich, Ruth Spaulding, Catherine Huber, Dolores Rus.

PI—93%. Geneva Patterson, 100%; Mary Cullane, 100%; Ruth Covalt, 99%; Martha McFtridge, 98½%; Ruth Gudel, 98½%.

NU—93%. Laura Frederick, 99%; Naomi Crosby, 99%; Catherine Shuck, 99%; Vivian Gardner, 98%; Thelma Gilham, 98%; Hazel Seacat, 98%.

UPSILON—96%. Following received 100%: Virginia Fitch, Rowena Coulter, Corrine Brown, Elizabeth Moore, Minnie Hammond; following received 99%: Maude Payton, Alene Payton, M. L. Braxton and Maude Ham.

THETA EPSILON—98%. Following received 100%: Nelle Wilson, Opal Heise, Phyllis Jones, Rosa Wright, Grace Enright, Sylvia Burton, Pearl Moss, Jane Teagarden, Genevieve Hurlie, Marion Johnson, Geneva Hopper, Mildred Fidler, Mary Holmes, Lela Johnson, Helen Sanders and Frieda Pleasant.

BETA—86%. Mildred Phillips, 100%; Katherine Gallaher, 100%; Alice Wurster, 100%; Grace Dunkle, 99% and Truda Wissler, 99%.

GAMMA—95%. Mary Culhan, 99%; Kathleen Davis, 99%; Marjorie Evans, 99%; Emily Palmer, 99%; Mary Ford, 99%; Florence Craig, 99%; Lloyd Marion, 98% and Jeanette Keenan, 98%.

IOTA ALPHA—96%. Betty Brown, 100%; Adelaide Conrad, 99% and Anna-mae Mapes, 98%.

CHI—95%. Mildred Love, 100%; Kathryn Ruble, 99% and Helen O'Dea, 98½%.

XI—94%. Vyola Canfield, 100%; Naomi Hellmich, 100%; Verna Downey, 99%; Evelyn Roell, 99%; Roumilda Firsich, 99½%.

PHI—90½%. Gladys Emig, 100%; Nina Harrington, 100%; Thelma Staley, 98%; Ruth Gant, 97½%; Etta Roberston, 97½%.

THETA ALPHA—95%. Lois Enochs, 100%; Edith Moody, 99%; Edith Kinney 99%; Frances Clark, 99%; Alice Hedge, 98% and Grace Jones, 98%.

ALPHA GAMMA—93%. Margaret McCleary, 97%; Evelyn Smith, 97½%; Helen Myers, 96%.

GAMMA TAU—92½%. Gwendolyn McCartney, 100%; Steele Green, 100%; Peg Isenberg, 100%; following received 99%: Ruth Koch, Sara Fry, Helen Glover, Hilda Koch, Kathryn Welsh and Fannie Magee.

ETA BETA—94%. Webster Richards, 100%; Kathryn Harris, 100%; Eleanor Herzog, 98½%; Alice Harris, 97½%.

ALPHA BETA—95%. Edna Smalley, 100%; Alice Allison, 100%; Harriet Griffith, 99%; Helen Eshenour, 99%.

LAMBDA—92%. Alice Shortell, 99%; Betty White, 98%; Dorothy Shelgren, 97½%.

MU—93%. Ruth Hannah, 98%; Rose Leasure, 95½%; Gladys Diver, 95%.

Ohio State

Dear Ohio Chapters:

As Ohio State Chairman, may I ask you to start now to make plans for your delegates to be in Chillicothe, on October 8th, for the Ohio State Convention?

Please send them with plenty of constructive ideas for us to work on. For these Conventions can be only as successful as we, as a group, make them.

Yours in Phi Beta Psi,

Kathryne Hewitt Harmount

Indiana State

Dear Sisters:

We are indeed grateful to all of you for helping *Rbo*, an Indiana Chapter, put over a most successful National Convention.

Speaking of ourselves, our most important attribute is our spirit of cooperation which is evidenced throughout the state. This is our gift to Phi Beta Psi—our interest and sincere cooperation!

In behalf of the Indiana girls, we offer our service and cooperation toward the strengthening and perpetuation of our beloved Sorority and we, in turn, will gladly welcome advice and suggestions looking toward the upbuilding of our State Organization.

Lovingly and fraternally,
Frieda Pleasant, State Chairman,
Opal Heise, State Secretary,
Alice Mueller, State Treasurer

In Memory Of

Helen Cline, January 25th, 1933, *Gamma*

Amelia Eberhart, *Sigma*

Mrs. Lena Hughes, *Omega*

They dropped like flakes, they dropped like stars,
Like petals from a rose,
When suddenly across the June
A wind with fingers goes.

They perished in the seamless grass,—
No eye could find the place;
But God on his repealless list
Can summon every face.

Emily Dickinson.