

Minutes of Grand Chapter

The Eighteenth National Convention of the Mu Phi Epsilon Sorority was called to order by the National President, Persis Heaton, at 10:30 o'clock, Tuesday morning, June 24, 1924, at Christmas Lake, Minnesota.

Doris Benson, Past National President, was invited to preside as Grand Chaplain during the sessions.

The Opening Ceremony was followed by the singing of the Triangle Song.

Mrs. Bertha Marron King, President of Mu Epsilon, welcomed the Convention. Anne MacPhail, Central Province President, extended a few words of greeting and was followed by Prof. W. S. Sterling, Founder of the Sorority, who greeted the Convention and delegates as a whole.

The roll was called by chapters—six officers and sixty-five delegates were present.

The National Secretary read the minutes of the Council Meeting held June 22, 23, 1924.

The National Secretary read all resolutions adopted by Council during the past two years.

Motion made by the National Secretary and seconded by National Vice-President, that only accredited voting delegates shall have the privilege of discussion on Convention floor without permission of the Grand Chapter. Carried.

The president appointed the Convention committees as follows: Committee, No. 1—Rules of Order and Order of Business. Mu Epsilon, Chairman; Mu Theta, Mu Tau, Mu Lambda, Mu Rho.

Committee, No. 2—Credentials and Secret Signs. National Secretary, Chairman; Beta, Lambda, Mu Zeta, Mu Iota.

Committee, No. 3—Visiting Members. National Vice-President, Chairman; Gamma, Kappa, Pi, Mu Nu.

Committee, No. 4—Finance and Auditing. National Treasurer, Chairman; Alpha, Tau, Mu Delta, Mu Pi.

Committee, No. 5—Unrepresented and Delinquent Chapters. Blanch Brown, Secretary and Treasurer N. A. A., Chairman; Nu, Mu Omicron, Rho Beta, Phi.

Committee, No. 6—General Music Work Contest, etc. National Musical Advisor, Chairman; Iota Alpha, Upsilon, Mu Alpha, Mu Mu.

Committee, No. 7—Secret Work. Central Province President, Chairman; Delta, Zeta, Mu Gamma, Mu Kappa.

Committee, No. 8—Extension. National Musical Advisor, Chairman; Epsilon, Xi Omega, Mu Eta.

Committee, No. 9—Constitution, Rulings. Western Province President, Chairman; Theta, Sigma, Mu, Psi.

Committee, No. 10—Alumna Clubs. National Alumnae Secretary, Chairman; Lincoln, New York, Cincinnati, Boston, Los Angeles, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Washington, Epsilon, Indianapolis, Ann Arbor, Cleveland, Des Moines.

Committee No. 11—Place of next Convention. Eastern Province President, Chairman. Mu Beta, Mu Xi, Omicron, Mu Sigma.

The report of the National Vice-President, was read, accepted. Carried.

The report of the National Secretary was read, moved and seconded that it be accepted. Carried.

The report of the National Musical Adviser was read, moved and seconded that it be accepted. Carried.

The report of the National Alumnae Officer was read, moved and seconded that it be accepted. Carried.

The report (following) was read by Harriet Allen (Mu Epsilon), Chairman of Committee, No. 1.

The Committee on Rules of Order and Order of Business begs to submit the following recommendations:

"We recommend that the business of the second day be a continuation of the business of the first session; that the business of the third day be the same as that required for the Second Session with the addition of Nomination and Election of National Officers which is given as No. 5 in the Constitution under the Third Session; that the business of the fourth day be the same as that of the Third Session with the omission of No. 5.

We further recommend that the Business Sessions begin at 9 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

We also recommend that each delegate, when speaking, give the name of chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) MU THETA, MU LAMBDA, MU RHO, MU TAU,
HARRIET ALLEN (Mu Epsilon),
Chairman.

Motion made and seconded that this report be accepted. Carried.

National Secretary read greetings from Past National Presidents: Elizabeth Mathias Fuqua, Roxielette Taylor Yeats, Alice Bradford, Mary Pfau, Harriet Wright and from Frieda Gagel of Detroit.

Meeting adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Afternoon Session of Tuesday, June 24, 1924, opened at 1:55 P. M. Radisson Inn, six officers and forty delegates present.

The report of election of members to Nominating Committee from Provinces was read as follows: Oda Speidel, Alpha, East Province; Marjorie Gallagher, Sigma, Central Province; Lucille Cook, Theta, Western Province.

The Chair appointed Maude Huston, Chicago Alumnae Club, Chairman, and Desta Hanks Smith, Chi, to serve on the same committee.

The report of the National Treasurer was read.

The report of the Auditor was read.

Motion made and seconded that report of National Treasurer as audited be accepted. Carried.

The report of National Historian was read.

The report of Business Manager of the Triangle was read.

Motion made and seconded that reports of National Historian and Business Manager be accepted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn.

LUCILLE EILERS,
National Secretary.

SECOND DAY, JUNE 25, 1924.

The morning session, June 25th was called to order by the National President at 9:20 A. M., with the singing of the Triangle Song—six officers and 65 delegates present.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

National Vice-President was asked to take the Chair, while the National President read her report.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and recommendations be acted upon separately. Carried.

Following recommendations considered:

1. That Mu Phi Epsilon celebrate its 25th Anniversary in 1928 by raising a \$50,000 Endowment Fund.

Chicago Alumnae Club recommended the striking out of the words, "on its 25th Anniversary." seconded. Carried.

Motion as amended, carried.

2. In planning the Budget for 1924-26 an increase be allowed in the Triangle budget of \$200 (two hundred dollars) to be paid the Business Manager. President moved the adoption of this resolution, seconded. Carried.

3. That Mu Phi Epsilon use its influence in every way possible against the growing evil of smoking and drinking among the young women of our Colleges, Universities and Conservatories. Carried, after being moved and seconded that this resolution be adopted.

4. That the names "Supreme Council" and "Supreme Officers" be changed to "National Council" and "National Officers," and the Constitution so amended.

National President moved the adoption of this resolution; seconded; carried.

5. All chapters that have joined a Local Pan-Hellenic during the past year withdraw from same—not to be allowed to join any in the future except those of honorary standing, and all clauses relating to same be stricken out from Constitution and By-Laws.

National President moved the adoption of this resolution, seconded. Carried.

6. That all clauses pertaining to the other musical sororities in our rituals and by-laws be stricken out.

President moved the adoption of this resolution, seconded, carried.

Report of Eastern Province President read. Moved and seconded this report be accepted. Carried.

Report of Central Province Secretary read; moved and seconded that this report be accepted. Carried.

Report of Western Province Secretary read, moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Carried.

Chapter reports read as follows: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon. Check presented by Epsilon for \$50 for Needy Members.

Reports read from Zeta, Mu Mu, Theta.

Secretary moved that chapter reports be accepted. Seconded, Carried.

Adjournment until 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON, JUNE 25

The meeting was called to order by the National President at 1:45 P. M.

Roll was called by National Secretary. Six officers, 53 delegates present.

Chapter reports read as follows: Mu Beta, Mu Pi, Iota Alpha, Lambda.

Report of Nominating and Elections Committee:

National President—Persis Heaton.

National Vice-President—Edna Werdehoff.

National Secretary—Lucille Eilers.

National Treasurer—Mary Whitson.

National Musical Adviser—Gail Martin Hauke.

National Historian—Marguerite Bieber Hicks, Detroit Alumnae Club.

Business Manager—Hattie Elliott.

National Alumnae Officer—Doris Benson.

Chair asked for nominations for National President from the floor. Moved and seconded that nominations be closed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that nominations for National Vice-President be closed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that nominations for National Secretary be closed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that nominations for National Treasurer be closed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that nominations for National Musical Adviser be closed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that nominations for National Historian be closed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that nominations for National Alumnae Officers be closed. Carried.

Chapter reports resumed. The following read: Mu, Nu, Boston Alumnae Club, Psi, Omicron, Xi, Pi, Rho Beta, Sigma, Tau, Upsilon, Phi, Chi, Omega, Mu Alpha, Mu Gamma, Mu Delta, Mu Epsilon, Mu Zeta, Mu Eta, Mu Theta, Mu Iota, Mu Kappa, Mu Lambda, Mu Nu, Mu Xi, Mu Omicron, Mu Rho, Cincinnati Alumnae Club, Ann Arbor Alumnae Club, Detroit Alumnae Club, Toledo Alumnae Club, Chicago Alumnae Club, Los Angeles Alumnae Club, New York City Alumnae Club, Indianapolis Alumnae Club.

National Secretary moved that these reports be accepted. Seconded. Carried.

Telegram from Lillian Braden read.

Meeting adjourned until Thursday morning 9:30 A. M.

LUCILLE EILERS,
National Secretary.

THIRD DAY, JUNE 26, 1924

The morning session, June 26th, of Grand Chapter was called to order by the National President, Persis Heaton, at 9:45 A. M., with the singing of the Triangle Song.

The Secretary called the Roll, six officers, 53 delegates present.

The minutes of the previous session were read and accepted after being corrected as follows:

"The words Reserve Fund substituted for Sinking Fund. After Doris Benson's name be changed to read Chicago Alumnae Club.

Report of Committee No. 2, Credentials and Secret Signs, given by National Secretary, Chairman. Moved and seconded that this report be accepted. Carried.

Report of Committee No. 10, Alumnae Clubs, given by National Alumnae Club Officer. Moved and seconded that it be accepted and recommendations be acted upon separately. Carried.

First Recommendation—That the dues for membership in the National Alumnae Association be one dollar (\$1.00) per annum, this to be divided as follows:

National Alumnae Association Treasury	\$.50
National Treasury25
Scholarship Fund25

Moved and seconded that this be adopted. Carried.

2. That Club members pay, in addition, tax of one dollar (\$1.00) per annum, this to be paid over to the National Treasury before May 15 each year.

Moved and seconded that this be adopted. Carried.

3. That subscribing to the Triangle be not compulsory for N. A. A. members but that each one be strongly urged to take out a life membership subscription.

Moved and seconded that this be adopted. Carried.

4. That every Alumnae Club guarantee that a third of its members subscribe to the Triangle.

Moved and seconded; carried.

5. That life membership in the N. A. A. be \$25.00.

Moved and seconded; carried.

6. That life membership in the N. A. A. be \$15 when taken out by a life subscriber to the Triangle.

Moved and seconded and carried.

7. That all N. A. A. life memberships go into a reserve fund. Moved and seconded and carried. Amended by the addition of the words National Alumnae Association Treasury.

Recommendation as amended moved and seconded and carried.

8. That the traveling expenses of the assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the N. A. A. to Convention be paid from the N. A. A. Treasury. This to begin include the expense of the trip to the present convention (1924). Adoption of the resolution moved, seconded and carried.

9. That a complete card-file index of all alumnae be kept in

the office of the N. A. A. Officer, same to be compiled from the lists furnished by chapters.

Adoption of this resolution moved, seconded and carried

10. That each Chapter be required to keep a card-file of its Alumnae which shall contain the following information: (a) Full name, maiden name, and if married, husband's initials. (b) Address. (c) Date of initiation. (d) Membership in the N. A. A. (Yes or no.)

Adoption of this resolution moved and seconded; carried.

11. That each Alumnae Club demand a demit card from all alumnae members and prospective members. This card to be obtained both from the chapter of initiation and the last affiliation, (Chapter or Club).

Adoption of this resolution moved, seconded and carried.

12. That resignation from active membership in the chapter of initiation be made in the following form:

.....Chapter Date.....

Dear Sisters:

Of Mu Phi Epsilon.

I wish to tender my resignation as an active member inChapter of Mu Phi Epsilon.

I hope to represent my chapter creditably in the National Alumnae Association.

Loyally,

Moved to accept adoption of this resolution.

Moved to amend by substituting the word "withdrawal" for "resignation." Resolution as amended carried.

13. That each chapter send a list of its retiring members to the nearest Alumnae club.

Adoption of this resolution moved, seconded and carried.

Report was signed by Orah Ashley Lampke, Helen Dildane, Asel Spellman Stitt, Marguerite Ringo, Maude Huston, Gilderoy Scott, Genevieve Baal, Blanche Brown, Ethelynn Wilson Knorpp, Sarah Craig Macleod, Grace Johnson Konold, Marguerite B. Hicks.

The following motion in the committee. First—That life membership in the N. A. A. be \$25 when taken out by a life subscriber to the Triangle.

Report of Committee No. 3 on Visiting Members read by National Vice-President, Chairman.

National Secretary moved that the report be accepted. Carried.

Musical Adviser suggested that name Helen Morse, Sigma, be added. As corrected, carried.

Report of Committee on Place of Next Convention, read by Eastern Province President, Chairman.

Three bids for 1926 Convention have been received by Committee, Omicron Chapter, Lambda Chapter and Epsilon Chapter. The Committee suggested that delegates submit their formal bids to the Grand Chapter. Moved the report be accepted, seconded, carried.

Invitation submitted by Epsilon delegate, also Epsilon President and National Vice-President.

Invitation extended by Omicron chapter.

Invitation extended by Lambda chapter.

Moved that vote be taken by written ballot. Seconded. Carried.

The Chair appointed the following Tellers: Alpha, Iota Alpha, Gamma.

Report of Committee, No. 5 on Unrepresented and Delinquent Chapters.

All chapters represented. Portland and Washington Alumnae Clubs unrepresented

Motion that report be accepted, seconded, carried.

Report of Nominations and Elections Committee:

Number of votes cast62

Necessary to elect32

Results as follows:

National President, Persis Heaton.....	61
National Vice President, Edna Werdehoff.....	61
National Secretary, Lucille Ellers	61
National Treasurer, Mary Whitson	62
National Musical Adviser, Gail Martin Haake	62
National Historian, Marguerite B. Hicks.....	61
National Alumnae Officer, Doris Benson	61
Business Manager, Hattie Elliott	62

Motion made and seconded that report of Nominations and Elections Committee be accepted. Carried.

Report of Tellers on place of next convention was received which showed votes as follows: Epsilon, 17 votes; Omicron, 19 votes; Lambda, 26 votes.

Report of Endowment Fund Committee, Mary Whitson, Chairman. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept report.

1. The Endowment Fund shall be a separate fund from the National Treasury and shall be placed in a Trust Co. as a National Reserve, the interest of which shall be used at the discretion of the Grand Chapter after the full amount of \$50,000.00 shall have been reached

Adoption of this resolution moved, seconded, carried.

2. The departments in the development of the National Fund shall be as follows: 1. Fund for Traveling Delegate. 2. Fund for needy and deserving members. 3. Fund for life subscriptions to the Triangle. 4. Fund for National Club House.

Adoption of this resolution moved, seconded. Moved to amend by substituting words "Reserve Aid Fund." Resolution as amended Adopted.

3. Contributions to this fund shall be voluntary from active chapters, Alumnae Clubs, General Alumnae, Personal Donations and other sources.

Motion made, seconded and carried.

4. The promotion and financial progress of the Endowment Fund shall be the aim of the National Sorority under the guidance of the National Council, and the Endowment Fund Committee.

Adoption moved, seconded and carried.

5. A quarterly report of the Endowment Fund shall be published in the Triangle. Adopted.

6. A time limit for the raising of this money be determined by the collections for the first year Adopted.

National Treasurer moved that a gift of \$6,000 be given from the National Treasury to this fund. Seconded, carried.

Report of the Reserve Aid Fund read by Chairman of the committee as follows:

1. That a permanent fund be established to aid needy and worthy members of Mu Phi Epsilon. Adopted.

2. That the National Council appropriate the sum of \$500 (five hundred) annually toward said fund and that this amount be taken from the yearly net profit of the National Treasury.

Upon motion this resolution was adopted.

3. That the sum of \$50, gift from Alpha chapter to the National Treasury be made a part of this fund. Adopted.

4. That all interest on Liberty Bonds held by the Sorority and all accrued interest on checking account be used toward increasing this fund. Adopted.

5. That "Pledge Slips" be sent out to all chapters, clubs and individual members of the National Alumnae Association for contributions to this fund. Motion to amend, National Secretary to add "sent to all other sources." Motion as amended, carried.

6. That the accretions to this fund shall cease when the fund shall have reached an amount that the interest thereon shall be deemed sufficient to take care of such aid. Adopted.

7. That once this fund is established it be understood that only the interest on this money shall be given to needy and worthy members. Adopted. Moved to amend by substituting "in the nature of a loan" for "gratuitously." Carried

Moved and seconded to amend the amendment by adding "without interest." Amendment as amended carried.

8. That only such members as have been active in a chapter for a period of at least one year shall be entitled to make application for loans from the above mentioned fund. Adopted.

9. That all such applications shall be made by the Chapter, Club or Alumnae Association whose member is to be benefited and application shall then have to receive the approval of the National Council. Adopted.

10. That the amount of such gifts shall be determined by the National Council. Adopted

11. That the interest on this fund shall be used whenever necessary and if the interest be not sufficient, it can be augmented from the National Treasury should the Council deem it necessary.

Motion that consideration of the question be postponed until 10 o'clock, June 27. Carried.

12. All pledges to this fund shall be collected by the National Treasurer. Motion that consideration of the question be postponed until 10:15 A. M., June 27. Carried.

Telegram from Della Green read.

Adjournment until 1:30 P. M.

LUCILLE EILERS,
National Secretary.

The afternoon session, June 26, was called to order by the President, Persis Heaton at 1:40 P. M.

Roll call showed 4 officers, 33 delegates present.

The Chair appointed the following judges on chapter display: Doris Benson, Mr. MacLeod, Mr. King.

The Chair appointed the special committee on Thanks and Appreciation as follows: Edna Werdehoff, National Vice-President, Chairman; Toledo Alumnae Club delegate; Lambda Musical delegate.

Report of Committee No. 9 was read accepted and ordered placed on file

Motion made by National Secretary and seconded that National Historian act as chairman of National Committee on Publicity.

Report of Committee No. 7 on Secret Work was read, accepted and ordered placed on file.

Meeting adjourned until Friday morning at 9:00 A. M.

LUCILLE EILERS,
National Secretary.

FOURTH DAY, JUNE 27, 1924.

The morning session of June 27 was called to order by the National President, Persis Heaton, followed by the Triangle Song.

Roll call showed 6 officers and 45 delegates present.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved after the following corrections were made: Carol Hurlburt, Sigma; Beulah Porter, Iota Alpha, added to list of visitors.

National Treasurer moved, seconded, to reconsider Section 2 of the National Endowment Fund Committee. Carried

Motion made and seconded that the words "Reserve Aid Fund" be stricken out. Carried.

Motion made, seconded, that words "National Club House" be stricken out.

The National Vice-President took the Chair.

Motion made by National President that the departments of the Endowment Fund be reconsidered separately. Carried.

Upon motion, the assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole for ten minutes.

Motion made, seconded, that the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, i. e. That in working toward an Endowment Fund, the various departments be left to the discretion of National Council and Endowment Fund Committee be accepted Carried.

Motion made that Resolution No. 11 of Reserve Aid Fund be adopted. Carried.

Motion that Resolution No. 12, of Reserve Aid Fund, "All pledges be collected by Committee and sent to the National Treasurer" be adopted. Carried.

Report of Committee No. 8 read. Moved and seconded that resolutions be acted upon separately. Carried.

Report of Committee No. 6 was read, and upon motion, seconded. All recommendations were adopted.

Upon motion the theoretical requirements as revised were adopted.

Upon motion the voice requirements as revised were adopted.

Upon motion, seconded, the violin requirements as revised were adopted.

The report of the Song-Book Committee was read and accepted.

The report of Committee No. 4 on Finance and Auditing was read and accepted.

The report of the New York Club House Committee was read and accepted. The Chair appointed the following to serve on the Club House Committee: Marguerite Ringo, Mayme Baker Worley, Anna B. De Graw, Winifred Ralley and Ethelyne Knorpp.

Motion to adjourn.

LUCILLE EILERS,
National Secretary.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order by the President, Persis Heaton, at 1:45 P. M. Six officers and 50 delegates present.

The report of Committee on Thanks and Appreciation was read by the Chairman. Accepted.

The report of the Judges regarding Chapter displays was read by the Chairman, who awarded the prize to Beta Chapter for the best display at Convention.

The report of Kappa Chapter was read and accepted.

ARTICLE 6 CONVENTION.

Section 1. Each Club shall have the privilege of sending one business delegate to convention.

Section 2. Traveling expenses of (train fare) each delegate shall be pooled and equally divided among the Clubs.

Upon motion, seconded, these resolutions were accepted.

Motion, seconded that there be no mock initiations in any chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon. Accepted.

Motion that members of Mu Phi Epsilon give preference to Mu Phi sisters in placing artists and teachers. Carried.

The report of the Auditor for Alumnae Clubs was read and accepted.

Motion to retain Burr-Patterson and Balfour as their official jewelers. Carried

Telegram from June Donnelly read.

The National Vice-President, Chairman of Committee on awards, reported as follows: Beta, first prize for best display. Alpha, best kept Secretary's book. Mu Delta, best kept Treasurer's book. Mu Epsilon for the largest representation in the National Alumnae Association.

Motion made by National Vice-President that all Chapters be urged to join their State Federation of Music Clubs. Carried.

The minutes of the Fourth Session were read and approved.

The Pass-Word for 1924-26 was given, by the National President.

After the closing ceremony, followed by the singing of the Triangle Song, the Eighteenth Convention of Mu Phi Epsilon adjourned to meet in Ithaca, New York, June, 1926.

LUCILLE EILERS,
National Secretary.