

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority

REPORT OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD CONVENTION

June 25-June 28, 2008

Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel

Cincinnati, Ohio



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DIRECTORS, COORDINATORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Volunteers Reporting to International President

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Rebecca Boyd-Obarski
Virginia "Ginny" Place Myer
Elizabeth "Kiki" Sloan Phillips (2006-08)
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Jolene "Joey" Lessard Stiver
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Historian

Nominating Committee Chairwoman
Parliamentarian
Research Chairwoman
Sorority Director – Public Relations
Sorority Director – Regional Operations
Strategic Plan Chairwoman

Alumnae Department

Sorority Director – Alumnae Resources
Sorority Director – Alumnae Development
Sorority Director – Volunteer Recruitment
Sorority Coordinator – Volunteer Recruitment
Sorority Coordinator – SisterLink
Alumnae Leadership Consultant
(East – Regions 1-4)
Alumnae Leadership Consultant
(West – Region 5-8)

Shellie King Hodges
Megan Byrne Krueger
Suzanne Slinn-Higgins Lee (2006-07)
Whitney Rhys Moller
Helen Marine-Law

Cathy Boudreaux Griffin

Awards Committee Chairwoman

Suzanne Slinn-Higgins Lee (2007-08)
Roberta "Bobbie" Balthazor (2008)
Gwen McAdams (2006-2007)
Roxanne Rockwell (2007-2008)
Roxanne Rockwell (2007-08)
Tucky Hobbs
Grace Lin (2007-08)

Awards Committee Members

Collegiate Department

Sorority Director – Collegiate Resources
Sorority Director - Collegiate Resources

Braelin Pantel
Annabel Jones (2006-07)
Shannon Bradley (2008)

Sorority Director – Advisor Development
Sorority Director – New Chapters

Mary Vanier
Vada Mustion Baird (2006-07)
Mindy Sutton (2007-08)

Project Team Leader (Zeta Rho)
Sorority Coordinator – New Chapter (Zeta Sigma)

Barbara Hurt-Simmons
Jamie Hampton-Reitz (2006-07)
Sandra Bray (2008)

Sorority Coordinator – New Chapter (Zeta Tau)
Sorority Coordinator – New Chapter (Zeta Upsilon)
Sorority Coordinator – New Chapter (Zeta Phi)
Sorority Coordinator – New Chapter (Zeta Chi)
Sorority Coordinator – New Chapter (Zeta Psi)
Sorority Coordinator – New Chapter (Zeta Omega)
Discipline Committee Chairwoman
Discipline Committee Members

Kelly Brunner Swartz (2006-07)
Terri Kennedy Briggs (2007-08)
Esther Burns Hail (2006)
Ceatriss Smith Haviland (2006)
Jill Duty
Kristen Heine Slaughter
Angelle Hoffman Hall
Jamie Shultz
Kristen Worden (2006-07)
Jennifer Schoen Franks (2007-08)
Jennifer Schoen Franks (2006-07)
Carleen Rose Sullivan (2006-08)
Linda Babcock (2007-08)

Education Department

Sorority Director – Leadership Development
Sorority Director – Philanthropy Resources
Sorority Director – Education Resources
Sorority Coordinator – Alumnae Education
Sorority Coordinator – Collegiate Education
Sorority Coordinator – Crescent Values/PACE
Sorority Coordinator - Leadership
Sorority Coordinator – New Member Education
Sorority Coordinator – Scholarship

Megan Smiley
Rene Matz Thompson
Laura Mooney Mayville
Linda Christensen Ray (2006-07)
Leigh Ann Kudloff (2008)
Tanya Jordan (2006-07)
Danielle Alexandria Lively (2007)
Heather Chase Sheehan (2006-07)
Nicole Salo Allaire
Tanya Jordan
Erin Schaffer Giromini (2006-07)
Danielle Alexandria Lively (2007)
Jessica Jewell (2008)
Shelly Simmons Russell

Financial Department

Sorority Director – Financial Resources
Sorority Director – Housing Resources
Sorority Director – Automated Payment
Highway Implementation
Sorority Coordinator – Financial
Sorority Coordinator – Financial
Sorority Coordinator- Housing Resources

Christine Gaugler Ritger
Ann Hipskind Campbell
Leigh Ann Price (2006-07)
Marie “Christy” Gutzler Shafer (2007-08)
Georgina “Genie” Morgan Street
Molly Brown Noren
Tanya Coll Pardo (2006-07)

Financial Advisory Board

Chairwoman
Financial Vice President
Board Members

Joanne Callis Roman
Amy Peterson
Annabel Jones
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Amy Peterson
Vicki Dunn Vohs
Marie “Christy” Shafer
Ann Hipskind Campbell (2007-08)
Patricia M. Crowley
Leigh Ann Price (2006-07)
Sandra Nauman (2006)

Membership Department

Membership Vice President
Sorority Director – Recruitment Resources

Linda Lyons Malony
Jessica Jecmen Brummel (2006-07)
Nancy Ann Ostendorf Thompson (2008)

Sorority Director – Collegiate Extension

Jana Nobles (2006-07)
Fran Mayfield Lapham (2007)
Jessica Jecmen Brummel (2008)
Vonda Lynch Bryant (2006-08)
Robin Baskin (2008)
Whitney Powers (2006-07)
Susie Knetter (2007-08)
Taylor Estes (2007-08)

Sorority Director – Alumnae Extension

Caitlin Capozzi
Elizabeth Smith
Heather Foote Michaud (2006-07)
Cecilia “Cele” Hoffman Eifert
Trina Montalto Fox
Melanie Kelsey
Susan English Nobles
Jan Nobles (2007-08)

Sorority Coordinator – Collegiate Extension

Sorority Coordinator – Alumnae Extension

Sorority Coordinators – References

Elizabeth Ahlemeyer Quick

Panhellenic Department

Panhellenic Affairs Vice President

Sorority Director – Panhellenic Resources
(NPC 1st Alternate Delegate)

Margaret West Pape (2006-08)
Darla Click Dakin (2008)

Sorority Director – Panhellenic Resources
(NPC 2nd Alternate Delegate)

Karen Gamel Urette

Sorority Director – Panhellenic Resources
(NPC 3rd Alternate Delegate)

Darla Click Dakin (2006-07)
Jill Moore (2008)
Jill P. Pawelczyk (2008)

Sorority Director – Government Relations

Region 1 Team

Regional Director

Regional Coordinator – Alumnae

Sandra Biegelman Burba
Andrea Wolf Strike (2006-07)
Anne Layton (2007-08)
Elizabeth Close Null (2006-08)
Michelle “Shelley” Barnes (2008)
Patricia Horvath Mahan (2006-07)
Mary Jo Hope (2007-08)
Denise Vollert-Parrotto (2006-08)
Meaghan Tonkin Kirby (2008)
Maribeth Johnson (2006-07)
Elizabeth Coder (2007)
Renee Hirschberg (2007-08)
Grace Lin (2006-07)
Lina Macedo (2007-08)
Theresa Hanlon Nelson (2006-07)
Monika Sharma (2008)
Monica Bebie

Regional Coordinator – Collegiate

Regional Coordinator – Education

Regional Coordinator – Financial

Regional Coordinator – Panhellenic

Regional Coordinator – Philanthropy

Regional Coordinator- Public Relations

Regional Coordinator – Recruitment

Region 2 Team

Regional Director

Regional Coordinator – Alumnae

Regional Coordinator – Collegiate

Tracy Stack Johnson (2006-07)
Kelly Brown Dunne (2007-08)
Hillary Barker Stevens
Robin Thomas Baskin (2006-08)
Melissa Childress Ford (2008)
Carmela Carr
Callie Dover Cable (2006-07)
Jennifer Landry Herbert (2008)

Regional Coordinator – Education

Regional Coordinator – Financial

Regional Coordinator – Panhellenic	Kelly Brown Dunne (2006-07) Sharon Hitchcock Webb (2008) Jennifer Levy (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Philanthropy	Sara Hamilton Christopherson (2006-07) Megan Barclay (2007) Melissa Childress Ford (2008) Heather Swindells (2008)
Regional Coordinator- Public Relations	Juliana Grasser Simmons (2006-07) Teresa Sivertson Sebring (2008) Emily Lowry (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Recruitment	Lindsey Cooper

Region 3 Team

Regional Director	Fran Mayfield Lapham (2006-07) Amy Waller Apostol (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator – Alumnae	Jane Krabill Todd (2006-07) Natalie Black Muir (2007) Anne Wingfield (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator – Collegiate	Amy Waller Apostol (2006-07) Melinda Sutton (2007) Whitney Brady Bartle (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator – Financial	Judy Handrick Dyckman (2006-07) Jane Krabill Todd (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator – Panhellenic	Melinda “Mindy” Sutton (2007) Jill Moore (2007) Darby Frizzell (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Philanthropy	Jacy Thompson Douglas (2006) Stephanie Clark Box (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator- Public Relations	Whitney Brady Bartle (2006-07) Jennifer Costello (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator – Recruitment	Chandra Claasen (2006-07) Melissa “Mo” Kieffer (2007-08)

Region 4 Team

Regional Director	Julie Dunn Eichenberg (2006-07) Shauna Revello Wilson (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator – Alumnae	Susan Lutz Lupo
Regional Coordinator – Collegiate	Carolyn E. Smith Bruns
Regional Coordinator – Education	Jasmine Zarsecki Herbst
Regional Coordinator – Financial	Gaye Grimsley Bricker
Regional Coordinator – Panhellenic	Lydia Vierson (2006-07) Kelly Nelson Hane (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Philanthropy	Lynne Haberstroh
Regional Coordinator- Public Relations	Shauna Revello Wilson (2006-07) Lydia Anne Vierson (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Recruitment	Krista Hanna (2006-07) Elyssa Meade McCarthy (2007-08)

Region 5 Team

Regional Director	Harriett Bedwell Cogan (2006-08) Michelle L. Sotak (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Alumnae	Jeannine Sheldon Kallal
Regional Coordinator – Collegiate	Lori Biesen Suchomski (2006-08) Brooke Buntrock (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Education	Sara Shaw (2006-08)

Regional Coordinator – Financial	Ashley Lang (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Panhellenic	Rosemary Milew (2006-07)
Regional Coordinator – Philanthropy	Felicia Creel Uhler (2007-08)
	Michelle L. Sotak (2006-08)
	Daniele Schlumpf (2006-07)
	Gia DiGiacobbe (2007-08)
	Sara Shaw (2008)
Regional Coordinator- Public Relations	Shannon Bradley (2006-08)
	Whitney Powers (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Recruitment	Nancy Ann Ostendorf Thompson (2006-07)
	Megan K. Juffer (2008)
Region 6 Team	
Regional Director	Adra Mason Cheek (2006-07)
	Annabel Jones (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator – Alumnae	Leigh Ann Kudloff (2006-08)
	Shannon Ragsdale Muret (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Collegiate	Dawn Schriver McSavaney (2006-07)
	Ashriel Magee Lutz (2007-08)
	Mary Jo Hope (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Education	Kristen Heine Slaughter (2006-07)
	Paige White Illum (2007-08)
	Mitzi Ritzman (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Financial	Dena Brayley Suftko
Regional Coordinator – Panhellenic	Stefanie Brickman (2006-08)
	Danielle Alexandria Lively (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Philanthropy	Meghann Reed Lehn
Regional Coordinator- Public Relations	Courtney Becker (2006-08)
	Amanda Henriksen (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Recruitment	Mitzi Ritzman (2006-07)
	Sefanie D. Brickman (2008)
Region 7 Team	
Regional Director	Mary Knaup (2006-07)
	Jennifer Kurumada Chuang (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator – Alumnae	Roberta “Bobbie” Balthazor (2006-08)
Regional Coordinator – Collegiate	Kathleen Meadows Smith
Regional Coordinator – Education	Eloise “Ellie” Osborne (2006-07)
	Marianna Kolonelos (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator – Financial	Gretchen Haller Reiter
Regional Coordinator – Philanthropy	Cara Muccino (2006-07)
	Ginger Snapp Joy (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator – Public Relations	Leanne Orr
Regional Coordinator – Recruitment	Jennifer Kurumada Chuang (2006-07)
	Pamela Mayer (2007-08)
Region 8 Team	
Regional Director	Danielle Alexandria Lively (2006-07)
	Jennifer Heidal Willey (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator – Alumnae	Kathryn Bruggencate Kenny (2006-07)
	Laurie Eichelberger Leiva (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator – Collegiate	Karin Springer (2006-07)
	Merry Greig Cosgrove (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator – Education	Merry Greig Cosgrove (2007)
	Kathleen Amaro (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator – Financial	Therese “Terri” Ward (2006-07)
	Candice Dumbaugh (2007)

Regional Coordinator – Panhellenic	Chris Carney Kidwell (2008) Jennifer Heidel Willey (2006-07) Kathryn Bruggencate Kenny (2007-08) Katy Short (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Philanthropy	Calli Daly (2006) Brenda Stainfield Shea (2007-08)
Regional Coordinator- Public Relations	Katy Short (2007) Megan Link (2006-07) Amada Crepps (2007-08) Angela Schaben Johnson (2008)
Regional Coordinator – Recruitment	Jessica Jewell (2006-08) Bekki Rosholt Madron (2008)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairwoman	Ann Mullen Bronsing
Area A Delegate	Joan Braitsch
Area A Alternate	Kelly Brown Dunne
Area B Delegate	Nancy Enright
Area B Alternate	Susanne Newbauer Carlson
Area C Delegate	Ruth Ann Gray
Area C Alternate	Jolene “Joey” Lessard Stiver
Area D Delegate	Phyllis Donaldson Choat
Area D Alternate	Sally Beck
Area E Delegate	Cynthia “Gage” Hewes
Area F Delegate	Babara Boenzli
Area F Alternate	Susanne Best Williams
Collegiate Delegate (Delta Tau Chapter)	Kelly Dolan
Collegiate Alternate (Delta Tau Chapter)	Josie Miller
Collegiate Delegate (Gamma Epsilon Chapter)	Arlene Smith
Collegiate Alternate (Gamma Epsilon Chapter)	Lauren Shatz

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Chairwoman	L’Cena Brunskill Rice
Governance Committee Chairwoman	Verona Dilbeck Lynam (2006-07) Karen Wander Kline (2008) Paula Janis Dean
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Public Relations/Marketing Chairwoman	Dr. Ruth Seeler, M.D.
Grants Committee Chairwoman	Bonnie Brown Payne
Executive Director of the Foundation	Linda Daniel Johnson
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International Council Representative	Mary Ellen Porter Burchfield
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Executive Director of the Sorority	

Gamma Phi Beta Foundation Staff

Executive Director	Bonnie Brown Payne
Executive Manager	Sue Schley
Director of Major Gifts & Gift Planning	Janet Doolin
Director of Traditional Giving & Fund Development	Kristin Walker
Director of Marketing & Communications	MaryLynn Rector
Controller/Director of Operation	Sherry Ochoa-Rounkles
Grants Manager/System Director	Ryan Severts

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS SORORITY STAFF

Executive Director	Patricia Crowley
Executive Assistant	Maria Froehle
Event Manager	Christa Fruchtl
Event Assistant	Kate Sabo
Receptionist	Jane Kerr
Senior Technology Officer	John Rice
Technology Coordinator	Keith McKinley
Controller	Janet Martinez
Financial Assistant	Sandra Worley
Housing Coordinator	My Le Nguyen
Office Operations Assistant	Maria O'Quinn
Director of Marketing & Communications	Nina Dulacki
Editor	Mimi McMann
Staff Writer	Trish Dowling
Office Operations Assistant	Maria O'Quinn
Director of Member Services	Kendra Bocher
Alumnae Coordinator	Loraine Meech
CLC/Field Administrator	Brandy Cunningham
Collegiate Coordinator	Geneva Vallejo
Extension/Marketing Administrator	Lindsey Cope
Member Services Assistant	Maura Ryan
Membership Data Coordinator	Amy Dana
Collegiate Leadership Consultants	Kelsey Beckstrom
	Allison Chester
	Clarissa Ehmann
	Alexa Fornoff
	Amy Garwood
	Lauren Lehr
	Kristin Nielsen
	Isabella Rivera
	Caroline Rogers
	Lacretia Taylor
	Sashaun Wood

COLLEGIATE CHAPTER DELEGATES

Alpha	Margaret Walters	Gamma Tau	Molly Blaes
Gamma	Elizabeth Manofsky	Gamma Phi	Megham O'Dwyer
Delta	Nicole Thalheimer	Gamma Psi	Lindsey Bahr
Epsilon	Jennifer Ginsberg	Delta Delta	Suzanne Cohen
Eta	Nicole Ferris	Delta Eta	Gillian Barnes
Theta	Katharine Goodwin	Delta Theta	Gina Manfredi
Kappa	Laura Olson	Delta Iota	Stefanie Allen
Lambda	Nicole Sprunk	Delta Kappa	Dana Giallonardo
Nu	Michelina Estuesta	Delta Lambda	Rose Ericson
Xi	Mollie Baxter	Delta Mu	Anna Guarini
Omicron	Jennifer Kudirka	Delta Omicron	Lauren Migliaccio
Pi	Julianne Snyder	Delta Pi	Ashley Weston
Rho	Michele Pelzer	Delta Sigma	Tracey Frett
Sigma	Megan McCaddon	Delta Tau	Katherine Pezzella
Tau	Timpi Webber	Delta Upsilon	Joan Trefz
Psi	Aubrie Stephenson	Delta Phi	Elizabeth Scarbrough
Omega	Malley Chapman	Delta Chi	Joanna Buchowicz
Alpha Alpha	Tabatha Cyrus	Delta Psi	Brooke Campbell
Alpha Beta	Anastasia Ginda	Delta Omega	Danielle Pedersen
Alpha Delta	Megan Valli	Epsilon Beta	Brittany Anderson
Alpha Epsilon	Bridget Foley	Epsilon Gamma	Alicia Lovett
Alpha Iota	Heather Manske	Epsilon Delta	Elisabeth Flood
Alpha Lambda	April Chan	Epsilon Epsilon	Jessica Stein
Alpha Nu	Andrea Ipjian	Epsilon Zeta	Christina Liepold
Alpha Xi	Whitney Branson	Epsilon Eta	Julia Cain
Alpha Tau	Celina Shirazipour	Epsilon Theta	Kelley Gallo
Alpha Upsilon	Kirsten Fleming	Epsilon Iota	Jessica Proffitt
Alpha Chi	Kathleen Olsen	Epsilon Kappa	Emily Fox
Beta Alpha	Haley Hackendale	Epsilon Lambda	Amber Murphy
Beta Gamma	Crystal Glenn	Epsilon Mu	Madeline Mouldoux
Beta Delta	Kaitlin Roth	Epsilon Nu	Katie McKenzie
Beta Epsilon	Amanda Stepowoy	Epsilon Omicron	Elizabeth McBrearty
Beta Eta	Allison Feriozzi	Epsilon Pi	Kristi Decknick
Beta Kappa	Alexa Gold	Epsilon Sigma	Sara McCarty
Beta Lambda	Stephanie Hubbell	Epsilon Tau	Victoria Vignare
Beta Mu	Kristyn Monaghan	Epsilon Phi	Julianne Manoogian
Beta Omicron	Dori Neff	Epsilon Psi	Kimberley Beaver
Beta Pi	Megan Brammer	Zeta Alpha	Brooke Morrison
Beta Rho	Gina Anderson	Zeta Beta	Kristi Finley
Beta Sigma	Tasia Duske	Zeta Delta	Kristen James
Beta Upsilon	Jessica Miller	Zeta Epsilon	Mairin Petrone
Beta Phi	Brooke Tait	Zeta Zeta	Krista Bird
Beta Chi	Anne Crook	Zeta Eta	Katie Finkbeiner
Beta Psi	Jillian Jobe	Zeta Gamma	Katherine Grunert
Beta Omega	Kristi Howard	Zeta Theta	Jamyla McAdoo
Gamma Beta	Emily Simmons	Zeta Iota	Elyse Steuer
Gamma Gamma	Amanda Torbeck	Zeta Kappa	Nicole Bryant
Gamma Epsilon	Meghan Webking	Zeta Lambda	Mary-Cris Wilson
Gamma Zeta	Andrea McGee	Zeta Mu	Erin Mellynychuk
Gamma Eta	Amanda Arnold	Zeta Nu	Emily Cochran
Gamma Iota	Sarah Spaniel	Zeta Xi	Stephanie Burke
Gamma Kappa	Claire Bryan	Zeta Omicron	Sara Martin
Gamma Mu	Katie Miller	Zeta Pi	Julia Rodgers
Gamma Pi	Anna Becker	Zeta Rho	Yvette Alaniz
Gamma Rho	Danielle Engeman	Zeta Sigma	Christen Ruble

Zeta Tau
Zeta Upsilon
Zeta Phi
Zeta Chi
Zeta Psi
Zeta Omega

Amelia Mann
Elle Harvell
Kinlee Marley
Jessica Wickizer
Amanda Jackson
Danica Lempert

Chapters not represented:
Gamma Omega
Delta Epsilon
Epsilon Alpha
Zeta Pi

ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELEGATES

ARIZONA

Phoenix
Tuscan

Elizabeth Mayes Reynolds
Hilary Ashland Beggs

CALIFORNIA

Balboa Harbor
Balboa Harbor
Greater Orange County
Inland Empire
La Jolla
Long Beach
Pasadena
San Diego
San Fernando Valley
San Francisco
South Bay

Susan McIntyre
Kristen Summers
Amber Harrigan Alford
Catherine Coe Breyer
Marta Lombardi Brown
Teresa Jones Haney
Donoabeth Kemer Downey
Kelly Witt
Carolyn Stewart
Mariko Blakemore
Rosalind De'Prey

COLORADO

Denver

Carolyn Stimmel Hutchinson

FLORIDA

Jacksonville
Naples
Tampa Bay

Georgia Olsen O'Daniel
Marilyn Hubbel Lageschulte
Cathy Cochran

GEORGIA

Atlanta Southern Crescent

Nicola Pribich Jeffrey

ILLINOIS

Chicago
Chicago Far West Suburban
Chicago NW Suburban
Evanston-North Shore

Fraya Hirschberg
Tabitha Baines
Lori Biesen Suchomski
Beverly Gaabo

INDIANA

Indianapolis

Autumn Hansen

KANSAS

Greater Knsas City
Witcha

Linda Rosebraugh Neill
Emily Gleason

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston

Marissa Lewis-Sweazy

MICHIGAN
Great Rapids
Greater Lansing

Ellen Swart Schiller
Ashley Peschka

MINNESOTA
Minneapolis-St. Paul

Brooke Jacobson

MISSOURI
Columbia
St. Louis

Deborah Hanuscin
Carolyn Herwig Terry

NEBRASKA
Kearney
Lincoln

Nicole Beeson Mailahn
Vicki Asprooth Roy

NEW MEXICO
Albuquerque

Sharon Lauck Walsh

NEW YORK
Syracuse

Judy Ann Smith Kaspar

NORTH CAROLINA
Asheville

Jennifer Pierce

OHIO
Cleveland West

Dorothy Baxter Cibula

OKLAHOMA
Tulsa

Susan Williams

OREGON
Portland

Cheryl Speer

PENNSYLVANIA
Philadelphia North
Philadelphia West
State College

Jean Morrow McDaniel
Constance Butler Long
Lurene Jochem Frantz

TENNESSEE
Knoxville
Nashville

Jennifer Griffin Dell
Barbara Chadwick

TEXAS
Dallas
Houston
North Houston
San Antonio

Janice Raab
Angela Pinina
Judy Handrick Dyckman
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VIRGINIA
Northern Virginia

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Milwaukee

Lyn Hildenbrand

GAMMA PHI BETA SORORITY
73rd INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
BUSINESS MEETING

The 73rd International Convention of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority was held at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 25 through June 28, 2008.

Wednesday Evening, June 25, 2008
First Session

The 73rd International Convention of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority was called to order by Linda Daniel Johnson, International President, on Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. with the presentation of the flags.

ROLL CALL AND
PRESENTATION OF
THE FLAGS

Amy M. Peterson, Financial Vice President, and Krista Spanninger Davis, Collegiate Vice President, called the roll of collegiate chapter delegates with the presentation of chapter flags. Linda Lyons Malony, Membership Vice President, introduced the new collegiate and alumnae chapters installed during the biennium. Nancy J. Truesdale, Alumnae Vice President, called the roll of alumnae chapters. Kris L. Baack, Education Vice President introduced the Crescent Circles.

INTRODUCTIONS

The 2006-2008 International Council; five past International Presidents in attendance: Audrey Weldon Shafer, Karen Wander Kline, Ann Mullen Bronsing, Jolene Lessard Stiver, and L'Cena Brunskill Rice; the past International Council members in attendance: Terri Kennedy Briggs, Sandra Biegelman Burba, Barbara Chadwick, Phyllis Donaldson Choat, Angie Jordan Dimit, Barbara Hurt-Simmons, Annabel Jones, Sally Erikson Lewis, Cinda Keating Lucas, Corinne Martinez, Mary Jane Hipp Misthos, Sandra Rettke Nauman, Gloria Swanson Nelson, Elizabeth "Kiki" Sloan Phillips, Joanne Callis Roman, Marjorie Mills Shupert, and Karen Gamel Urette; the international officers and their departments; the regional teams; the International Headquarters staff; the collegiate leadership consultants; the Foundation Trustees; the parliamentarian and the court reporter in attendance were introduced.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Rebecca Boyd-Obarski, Credentials Chairwoman, presented the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee: 156 delegates plus 77 alternate delegates were accredited and registered for a total of 233. Quorum was established at 79.

The credentials report was accepted as presented.

RULES OF CONVENTION

Motion 1

Cheryl Leighty Hipp, Parliamentarian, read the Convention Rules. It was moved by Christine Howard, Beta Omega Chapter, Northern Arizona University, and seconded, to adopt the Rules of Convention as presented.

The motion was adopted.

CONVENTION AGENDA

Motion 2

It was moved by Michelina Estuesta, Nu Chapter, University of Oregon, and seconded, to adopt the Convention Business Meeting Agenda as printed on pages 16 through 25 of the 2008 Convention Program, as amended.

The motion was adopted.

CONVENTION

Linda Daniel Johnson, International President, announced the appointment of

COMMITTEES

the following Convention committees:

Tellers:

Chairwoman: Shellie King Hodges, Nu Chapter, University of Oregon, Sorority Director-Alumnae Resources.
Barbara Weiss Boenzli, Chi Chapter, Oregon State University, Regional Coordinator-Education, Region 8.
Ruth Ann Gray, Alpha Epsilon Chapter, University of Arizona, Nominating Committee member, Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Chapter.
Nancy Chuoke Enright, Alpha Zeta Chapter, University of Texas, Nominating Committee member.
Cynthia “Gage” Dennett Hewes, Alpha Epsilon Chapter, University of Arizona, Nominating Committee member.
Ann Hipskind Campbell, Epsilon Chapter, Northwestern University, Chicago Alumnae Chapter, Sorority Director-Housing Resources.
Jane Krabill Todd, Alpha Theta Chapter, Vanderbilt University, Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter, Regional Coordinator-Financial, Region 3.

Resolutions Committee:

Chairwoman: Rebecca Boyd-Obarski, Omicron Chapter, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Chicago Far West Suburban Alumnae Chapter, Bylaws Chairwoman.
Cheryl Leighty Hipp, Beta Gamma Chapter, Bowling Green State University, Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter, Parliamentarian.
Sandra Rettke Nauman, Alpha Epsilon Chapter, University of Arizona, Atlanta Alumnae Chapter.
Mary Knaup, Delta Delta Chapter, California State University-Fullerton, Greater Orange County Alumnae Chapter, Sorority Director-Regional Operations.
Autumn Hansen, Xi Chapter, University of Idaho.
Jillian Jobe, Beta Psi Chapter, Oklahoma State University, Beta Psi Chapter President.

Sergeant at Arms:

Chairwoman: Laura Mooney Mayville, Gamma Tau Chapter, St. Louis University, Atlanta Alumnae Chapter, Sorority Director-Education Resources.
Krista Hanna, Beta Omega Chapter, Northern Arizona University, Special Recruitment Consultant.
Stefanie Brickman, Psi Chapter, University of Oklahoma, Regional Coordinator-Recruitment, Region 6
Leigh Ann Kudloff, Theta Chapter, University of Denver, Denver Alumnae Chapter, Sorority Coordinator-Alumnae Education.
Christine Gaugler Ritger, Delta Delta Chapter, California State University-Fullerton, Sorority Director-Financial Resources.
Laura Eichelberger Leiva, Epsilon Mu Chapter, Loyola University-New Orleans, Regional Coordinator-Alumnae, Region 8.
Tanya Jordan, Delta Iota Chapter, Purdue University, Sorority Director-Leadership Development.
Elyssa “Ely” Meade McCarthy, Beta Gamma Chapter, Bowling Green State University, Regional Coordinator-Recruitment, Region 4.
Whitney Brady Bartle, Zeta Rho Chapter, Texas A&M University-College Station, Regional Coordinator-Collegiate, Region 3.

Convention Minutes Committee:

Chairwoman: Jolene Lessard Stiver, Alpha Omicron Chapter, North Dakota State University, Chicago Alumnae Chapter.

Krista Spanninger Davis, Beta Gamma Chapter, Bowling Green State University, Collegiate Vice President.
Linda Daniel Johnson, Alpha Theta Chapter, Vanderbilt University, North Houston Alumnae Chapter, International President.

Courtesy Resolutions Committee:

Co-Chairwomen: Jessica Jecmen, Beta Omicron Chapter, Oklahoma City University, Sorority Director – Collegiate Extension.
Co-Chairwomen Mary Vanier, Beta Upsilon Chapter, Kansas State University, Manhattan Alumnae Chapter, Sorority Director-Advisor Development.

Timekeepers:

Patricia M. Crowley, Epsilon Chapter, Northwestern University, Denver Alumnae Chapter, Executive Director.
Cheryl Leighty Hipp, Beta Gamma Chapter, Bowling Green State University, Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter, Parliamentarian.

Credentials Committee:

Chairwoman: Rebecca Boyd-Obarski, Omicron Chapter, University-of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Chicago Far West Suburban Alumnae Chapter, Bylaws Chairwoman.
Cheryl Leighty Hipp, Beta Gamma Chapter, Bowling Green State University, Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter, Parliamentarian.
Ann Mullen Bronsing, Beta Phi Chapter, Indiana State University, St Louis Alumnae Chapter, Nominating Committee Chairwoman.
Terri Kennedy Briggs, Chi Chapter, Oregon State University, Columbus Crescent Circle, Nominating Committee Chairwoman.

Parliamentarian

Cheryl Leighty Hipp, Beta Gamma Chapter, Bowling Green State University, Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter, Parliamentarian.

Initiating Chapter:

Beta Epsilon Chapter, Miami University.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Patricia M. Crowley, Epsilon Chapter, Northwestern University, Executive Director, read several letters of congratulations from the Mayor of Cincinnati, the Governor of Ohio and from various other Greek organizations.

Ann Mullen Bronsing, Beta Phi Chapter, Indiana State University, Nominating Committee Chairwoman, gave instructions regarding nominations from the floor.

Rebecca Boyd-Obarski, Omicron Chapter, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Bylaws Chairwoman, gave instructions regarding resolutions.

The business meeting was recessed to meet again at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2008.

Thursday Morning, June 26, 2008
Second Session

The business session was reconvened on Thursday, June 26, 2008, at 8:37 a.m. by the International President.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

The Credentials Chairwoman, Rebecca Boyd-Obarski, presented the credentials report: 167 delegates or alternates were accredited and registered. Quorum was established at 84.

The credentials report was accepted as presented.

MESSAGE OF
INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT

The International President gave the State of the Sorority address. (The complete text of this address is printed following the minutes.)

NOMINATING
COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee Chairwoman, Ann Mullen Bronsing introduced the members of the 2006 - 2008 Nominating Committee. She then read the criteria for slating candidates for the International Council and presented the slate of nominees.

2008 – 2010
INTERNATIONAL
COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

For International President	Linda Lyons Malony, Beta Alpha Chapter, University of Southern California, Northwest Arkansas Alumnae Chapter
For Alumnae Vice President	Mary L. Knaup, Delta Delta Chapter, California State University-Fullerton, Orange County Alumnae Chapter
For Collegiate Vice President	Annabel M. Jones, Psi Chapter, University of Oklahoma, Tulsa Alumnae Chapter
For Financial Vice President	Amy M. Peterson, Gamma Mu Chapter, Minnesota State University-Moorhead, Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumnae Chapter
For Education Vice President	Kris Baack, Ph.D., Pi Chapter, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln Alumnae Chapter
For Membership Vice President	Jeannette “J.J.” Stoll Kaelin, Beta Rho Chapter, University of Colorado-Boulder, Denver Alumnae Chapter
For Panhellenic Affairs Vice President	Elizabeth Ahlemeyer Quick, Beta Phi Chapter, Indiana University, Gulf Shores Alumnae Chapter

2008 - 2010
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee Chairwoman then presented the candidates slated for the 2008–2010 Nominating Committee.

Area A

Elizabeth “Kiki” Sloan Phillips, Phi Chapter,

Washington University, State College
Alumnae Chapter
Vonda Lynch Bryant, Epsilon Iota Chapter,
Christopher Newport University, Eastern
Virginia Alumnae Chapter

Area B

Jana Nobles, Beta Omicron Chapter,
Oklahoma City University, Dallas
Alumnae Chapter
Julie Dunn Eichenberg, Beta Mu Chapter,
Florida State University, Atlanta Alumnae
Chapter

Area C

Connie Cromwell Cibula, Beta Alpha
Chapter, University of Southern
California, Chicago Far West Suburban
Alumnae Chapter
Sally Erikson Lewis, Beta Eta Chapter,
Bradley University, Chicago Alumnae
Chapter

Area D

Ann Williams Ross, Psi Chapter, University
of Oklahoma, Norman Alumnae Chapter
Carolyn "Peggy" Stimmel Hutchinson, Tau
Chapter, Colorado State University,
Denver Alumnae Chapter

Area E

Bonnie Sue Lipow Jelinek, Epsilon
Chapter, Northwestern University,
Balboa Harbor Alumnae Chapter
Linda S. Babcock, Gamma Eta Chapter,
California State University Long
Beach, South Bay Alumnae Chapter

Area F

Heather Foote Michaud, Beta Pi Chapter,
Indiana State University, Puget Sound
Alumnae Chapter
Mariko Erin Blakemore, Epsilon Omicron
Chapter, University of California Santa
Cruz, San Francisco Alumnae Chapter

The International President called for any additional nominations from the floor for each of the International Council offices. There being none, the nominations for the 2008 – 2010 International Council were declared closed.

The International President called for any additional nominations for each of the Nominating Committee areas. There being none, the nominations for the 2008 – 2010 Nominating Committee were declared closed.

A brief recess was declared for the purpose of conducting a candidate forum.

Upon conclusion of the forum, the business session was reconvened.

Each member of the 2008 - 2010 International Council was elected by voice

vote.

The tellers distributed the ballots for the purpose of electing the Nominating Committee. Ballots were completed by the delegates and were collected by the tellers.

Amy M. Peterson, Financial Vice President, gave a short presentation to recognize the work of house corporation board volunteers.

A short PACE program about Crescent Values was given by Kris Baack, Education Vice President, and Laura Mooney Mayville, Sorority Director-Education Resources.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS

After recess for lunch, Shellie King Hodges, Teller Committee Chairwoman, presented the report of the tellers for the election of the 2008 – 2010 Nominating Committee.

Votes cast and returned:

<u>Area A</u>	166 votes cast
Elizabeth “Kiki” Phillips	143 votes
Vonda Bryant	23 votes

<u>Area B</u>	166 votes cast
Julie Dunn Eichenberg	101 votes
Jana Nobles Martin	65 votes

<u>Area C</u>	165 votes cast
Sally Erikson Lewis	118 votes
Connie Cibula	47 votes

<u>Area D</u>	166 votes cast
Ann Ross	87 votes
Peggy Hutchinson	79 votes

<u>Area E</u>	166 votes cast
Bonnie Lipow Jelinek	88 votes
Linda Babcock	78 votes

<u>Area F</u>	166 votes cast
Heather Foote Michaud	84 votes
Mariko Blakemore	82 votes

ELECTION RESULTS

The International President announced that the following members and alternate members of the Nominating Committee were elected to serve for two years beginning August 1, 2006.

<u>Area A</u>	Elizabeth “Kiki” Phillips, member Vonda Bryant, alternate
<u>Area B</u>	Julie Eichenberg, member Jana Nobles, alternate
<u>Area C</u>	Sally Lewis, member Connie Cibula, alternate
<u>Area D</u>	Ann Ross, member Peggy Hutchinson, alternate
<u>Area E</u>	Bonnie Jelinek, member Linda Babcock, alternate
<u>Area F</u>	Heather Michaud, member Mariko Blakemore, alternate

The business meeting was recessed at 2:01 p.m. to meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 27, 2008.

Friday Morning, June 28, 2008
Third Session

The business session was reconvened on Friday, June 28, 2008, at 9:20 a.m. by the International President.

CREDENTIALS REPORT The International President recognized the Credentials Chairwoman, Rebecca Boyd-Obarski, who presented the credentials report: a total of 167 delegates and alternates were accredited and registered. Quorum was established at 84.

The credentials report was accepted as presented.

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS Rebecca Boyd-Obarski, Bylaws Chairwoman, moved the adoption of each of the following proposed amendments to the Bylaws as they were presented.

Motion 3

BYLAWS
ARTICLE X – FUNDS AND FINANCE
SECTION 7: FEES
a. Individual Members
 1) Greek-letter
 c. Reserve or Building ~~Fund~~ Fee

The amendment was adopted.

Motion 4

BYLAWS
ARTICLE X - FUNDS AND FINANCE
SECTION 7: FEES
a. Individual Members
 1) Greek-letter
 c. Reserve or Building Fee
 3. Each new member shall pay an international building fee of **\$15 (effective August 1, 2009), \$20 (effective August 1, 2010), \$25 (effective August 1, 2011)**, which will become a part of the principal of the Loan Fund.

The amendment was adopted.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION Krista Spanninger Davis, Beta Gamma Chapter, Bowling Green State University, Collegiate Vice President and Mary Vanier, Beta Upsilon Chapter, Kansas State University, Sorority Director Advisor Development, recognized chapter advisors who have completed the online advisor training course. Each advisor was presented with a charm commemorating her membership in the new “H.M. Dodge Society.”

SPECIAL PRESENTATION Julie Pawelczyk, Omicron Chapter, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Sorority Director-Government Relations explained why it is so important for Gamma Phi Beta to have a presence in Washington D.C., and what each member can do to help make an impact.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION Nancy J. Truesdale, Delta Upsilon Chapter, University of Georgia, Alumnae Vice President and Mary Angela “Angie” Jordan Demit, Omicron Chapter, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign gave a presentation and demonstration about mysisterlink, a new online social networking Web site for exclusive use by Gamma Phi Betas.

The business meeting was recessed at 11:47 a.m. to meet again at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2008.

Saturday Morning, June 28, 2008
Fourth Session

The business session was reconvened on Saturday, June 28, 2008, at 8:46 a.m. by the International President.

CREDENTIALS
REPORT

The Credentials Chairwoman, Rebecca Boyd-Obarski, presented the credentials report: A total of 167 delegates and alternate delegates were accredited and registered. Quorum was established at 84.

The credentials report was accepted as presented and a quorum was declared present.

RESOLUTIONS
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Rebecca Boyd-Obarski, Chairwoman of the Resolutions Committee, Omicron Chapter, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, presented the report of the 2008 Resolutions Committee.

Resolution #2008-1

WHEREAS, Some alumnae chapters are experiencing an increased interest in the alumnae initiate program from women who do not have a personal contact with a member of an alumnae chapter, particularly because of the availability of internet information; and

WHEREAS, There is a detailed process for collegiate chapter membership selection but no similar process for alumnae initiate membership selection;

RESOLVED, That International Council appoint a task force, which shall include at least two alumnae chapter presidents, to develop membership selection guidelines to assist chapters with facilitating a mutual selection process for alumnae initiates.

Resolution #2008-1 was adopted.

Resolution #2008-2

WHEREAS, A mascot enhances the enthusiasm of sorority members for sorority endeavors; and,

WHEREAS, A mascot represents a sorority to the public and enhances the public awareness of the existence and endeavors of a sorority; and,

WHEREAS, In 1943, Mae Kathleen Sage (Alpha Epsilon) created the unofficial Gamma Phi Beta mascot, the Gammy Bug, for the Gamma Phi Beta *Pledge Manual*; and,

WHEREAS, the Gammy Bug has held a place of affection in the hearts of members and has adorned Gamma Phi Beta memorabilia across six decades; and,

WHEREAS, the Gammy Bug is a unique creation that sets apart Gamma Phi Beta and could hold particular appeal the children we serve in our many philanthropic endeavors; and,

WHEREAS, Gamma Phi Beta wishes to protect Sorority symbols with appropriate trademarks;

RESOLVED, That International Council task the Sorority Director of Public Relations with studying whether the Gammy Bug could be updated to fit our current Sorority brand, whether it should be adopted as the official mascot, and the suitability of trademark protection.

Resolution #2008-2 was adopted.

Resolution #2008-3

WHEREAS, The present criteria for alumnae chapter excellence does not always reflect the true successes and achievements of an alumnae chapter; and,

WHEREAS, The present criteria for alumnae chapter excellence may be outdated and in some instances rely on form over substance;

RESOLVED, That International Council appoint a committee to evaluate how we recognize alumnae chapter successes and develop criteria to more effectively encourage and affirm our chapters which are living our core values; and

RESOLVED, That the committee report to International Council by the Summer 2009 International Council meeting.

Resolution #2008-3 was adopted.

Resolution #2008-4

WHEREAS, The Nominating Committee plays a significant role in shaping the future of our Sorority; and

WHEREAS, It is important for the Convention delegates to have the opportunity to hear from all slated candidates in person;

RESOLVED, That International Council form a committee to study (1) better educating the membership and the voting body about the nominating process and the role of the nominating committee; (2) consistent presentation of candidate information; and (3) the desirability of partial funding of nominating committee candidates to enable each slated candidate to be present for the elections.

Resolution #2008-4 was adopted.

COURTESY
RESOLUTIONS

Jessica Jecmen Brummel, Courtesy Resolution Co-Chairwoman, and Mary L. Vanier, Courtesy Resolutions Co-Chairwoman, presented the report of the 2008 Courtesy Resolutions Committee.

WHEREAS, the 73rd International Convention of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority convened in the Queen City of Cincinnati, Ohio; and,

whereas, our original queens, the Four Founders, had the foresight to set four core values that are easy to remember;

RESOLVED, The Courtesy Resolution Committee has reviewed and suggests a few other “L” words that might have been chosen, had they been in attendance this week.

WHEREAS, our Nu Chapter at the University of Oregon recently celebrated their 100th anniversary; and whereas, Queen Mary Jane Misthos celebrated her 30th Convention;

RESOLVED, that “longevity” suggests our commitment to be around for at least another 134 years.

WHEREAS, the Foundation Trustees and staff kicked off a spectacular 50th anniversary celebration; and, whereas, the Cincinnati Convention Committee has done a fantastic job of planning our every move and worked seamlessly with the International Headquarters staff;

RESOLVED, that we are indeed a “lucky” group of women.

WHEREAS, John McCain’s Secret Service would have rather protected Gamma Phi Betas rather than the candidate; and whereas, 700 women needing to make at least one dozen costume changes battled elevator congestion;

RESOLVED, that where Gamma Phi Beta goes, so goes the “luggage.”

WHEREAS, our philanthropic partners now include Girl Guides of Canada; and whereas, two of our Carnation Award winners have achieved the Order of Canada;

RESOLVED, that the “leaf,” maple leaf that is, will always be an important part of the big picture of Gamma Phi Beta.

WHEREAS, forms can be submitted and advisors trained online; and, whereas, we can all connect and network through mysisterlink;

RESOLVED, that we are now “linked” together and logged on.

WHEREAS, our conventioners Walked by the Light of the Crescent Moon; and, whereas, we learned how much our money and time helps our Camp Fire USA friends;

RESOLVED, that we are reminded that, when lifting a heavy load, when helped by a sister or friend, that weight is so much “lighter.”

WHEREAS, the current International Council of Queens has given selflessly to us for the past biennium, we will miss you; and whereas, we honestly don’t think many people will notice the change because, hey, both Presidents are named Linda;

RESOLVED that we know the “leadership” of this Sorority is in very good hands.

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Pitcairn played her red violin beautifully and

even learned “I Love the Crescent Moon,” something Stradivarius probably didn’t have in mind; and whereas, Mary Ann Callais sang songs to celebrate our sisterhood, taught us the phrase “stride with of pride,” and questioned the fashion-forward nature of butt pants;

RESOLVED that, although each offered a different tune, it was our pleasure to “listen.”

WHEREAS, confirmed Conventioneer Emcee Margaret Pape should consider bigger font, fewer floral obstructions or, face it, keep her day job; and whereas Linda Johnson took a chance on a repeat performance of the Courtesy Resolution Committee because, hey, what are you going to do, fire her;

RESOLVED that “laughter” really is the best medicine.

WHEREAS, the red and green microphones will be removed so there can be no more debate; whereas, this is our final day together in the great State of Ohio; and whereas, I double-dog dare you to challenge me, eight months pregnant woman, on any of these;

RESOLVED, that the Courtesy Resolutions Committee, after a full two hours of sleep on this matter, recognizes the intelligence in keeping our four core values “Love, Labor, Learning and Loyalty,” perfect just the way they are.

The courtesy resolution was adopted.

INVITATION TO
CONVENTION 2010

Karen Gramel Urette, Psi Chapter, University of Oklahoma, 2010 Convention Arrangements Chairwoman, extended the invitation to attend the 74th Convention of Gamma Phi Beta during June 2010 in Orlando, Florida, at the Hilton Walt Disney World.

MENTOR'S REPORT

The International President read the Mentor's Report:

Dear Sisters,

Gamma Phi Beta is my home away from home. I pledged because she was genuine, smart, talented, beautiful. Ritual, just live it. I never would have made it through my recovery without those letters from my chapter. My whole life changed because of the Sorority, phenomenal women, amazing leaders, valued sisters.

Our values selected with care by Helen, Adeline, Frances and Mary ring true today, more relevant in this contradictory and complex culture enveloping us than ever before. When our Founders attended college, they held fast in their belief that women would stand together, feet firmly planted against the river's current. They believed they were stronger holding hands as they faced false assumptions about their abilities to grow, give, lead, and succeed. They believed in the power of women united to impact the world.

Although they may never have envisioned an internet, career networking, Political Action Committees, a Zeta Omega Chapter or a meeting with nearly 800 Gamma Phi Betas, our Founders very likely hoped and prayed that Gamma Phi Betas in the future would embrace those four little words selected in 1874: "Love, Labor, Learning and Loyalty." Until you know where you came from, you cannot know where you need to be. The mentor.

There being no further business, the International President declared the 73rd International Convention of Gamma Phi Beta adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

73rd Convention of Gamma Phi Beta
International President's Address
Business Session
Thursday, June 26, 2008