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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH TRIENNIAL COUNCIL

The 47th Triennial Council of The Phi Beta Kappa Society met in Baltimore, Maryland on August 1-3, 2024, at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront. In addition to three plenary sessions, there were meetings of the Phi Beta Kappa Senate, its Executive Committee, the District officers, the Association Delegates, Chapter Delegates, and the Council committees. There were also a series of breakout sessions for all delegates, a Welcome Awards Reception, a Democracy Opening panel, and a Closing Banquet featuring three Visiting Scholars in conversation moderated by Dr. Kathleen McGarry.

The following Society officers attended the 47th Council:

Peter Quimby, President
Esther Jones, Vice President
Frederick M. Lawrence, Secretary/CEO
Amy Mulnix, Associate Secretary/COO
Jeanette Garretty, Treasurer

Senators in Attendance

Bernadine Barnes
Susan Carlisle
Raj Chaudhury
Ron Crutcher
Jeanette Garretty
Esther Jones
Vera Junkers
Bridget Keegan
Karen Koster
Jenni Lewton-Yates

Kathleen McGarry
Steven Miller
Eric Nye
Carol O'Donnell
Suzie Park
John Pope
Peter Quimby
Pamela Reid
Janet Thornburg

Past Presidents in Attendance

Catherine Berheide
Allison Blakely
Lynn Pasquerella

Niall Slater
Kate Soule

Chapter Delegates

Agnes Scott College
Albion College Kimberly Arndts
Alfred University
Allegheny College Briana Lewis

Alma College	Michael Selmon
American University	Laurie Felton
Amherst College	
Arizona State University	Paul Lepore
Auburn University	Elijah Gaddis
Augustana College	Anne Earel
Austin College	
Bates College	
Baylor University	
Beloit College	Robert Lafleur
Birmingham-Southern College	Susan Hagen
Boston College	
Boston University	Allison Blakely
Bowdoin College	Sue O'Dell
Bowling Green State University	Jeffrey Snyder
Brandeis University	
Brooklyn College – CUNY	Matthew Moore
Brown University	Esther Jones
Bucknell University	
Butler University	Shelley Etnier
California State University, Long Beach	Steve Yamarik
Carleton College	Kathleen Galotti
Carnegie Mellon University	Joseph Devine
Case Western Reserve University	Eleanor Blackman
Centre College	William Weston
Chapman University	Heather Breen
Chatham University	Allie Reznik
City College of New York	
Claremont Mckenna College	John Pitney
Clark University	Laura Robinson
Clemson University	Katherine Weisensee
Coe College	David Nordmann
Colby College	Joseph Reisert
Colgate University	Jason Meyers
College of Saint Benedict and St John's University	Clark Cotton
College of The Holy Cross	
College of Wooster	Jennifer Bowen
Colorado College	
Colorado State University	
Columbia University - Barnard College	Anne Higonnet
Columbia University - Columbia College	
Columbia University - School of General Studies	Mandeep Singh
Connecticut College	
Cornell College	David Yamanishi

Cornell University	
Creighton University	Alistair Cullum, Mackenzie Taylor
Dartmouth College	Kate Soule
Davidson College	Richard Neidinger
Denison University	Jordan Fantini
DePauw University	
Dickinson College	Tara Vasold Fischer
Drake University	Karen Wallace
Drew University	Joanna Miller
Duke University	
Earlham College	
Eckerd College	Lisa Bonner, Benjamin Chemel
Elmira College	Charles Mitchell
Elon University	Lorraine Ahearn
Emory University	James Morey
Fairfield University	Julie Mughal
Fisk University	Phyllis Freeman
Florida International University	Amy Reid
Florida State University	Bryant Chase
Fordham University	Kirsten Lee
Franklin & Marshall College	Carrie Landfried
Furman University	Nathan Brown
George Mason University	Rick Davis
George Washington University	Bethany Kung
Georgetown University	Heidi Elmendorf
Gettysburg College	Christopher Zappe
Goucher College	Jamie Mullaney
Grinnell College	Andrew Hamilton
Gustavus Adolphus College	
Hamilton College	Tara McKee
Hamline University	
Hampden-Sydney College	Cristine Varholý
Harvard University	Karen Thornber
Haverford College	Stanton Miller
Hendrix College	Jennifer Peszka
Hiram College	
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Kristen Welsh
Hofstra University	Sarah McCleskey
Hollins University	
Hope College	
Howard University	Emily Kugler, Teresa Redd, Caroline Stark

Hunter College – CUNY	Scott Gentile
Illinois College	
Illinois Wesleyan University	Rebecca Roesner
Indiana University	Deborah Sauer Cohn
Iowa State University	Michael Bailey
James Madison University	Susan Halsell
Johns Hopkins University	Heather Mildner, Kathleen Sindt, Kelly Singleton
Kalamazoo College	
Kansas State University	Louise Benjamin
Kent State University	Alison Smith
Kenyon College	Joseph Murphy
Knox College	Katie Stewart
Lafayette College	
Lake Forest College	
Lawrence University	Amy Nottingham
Lehigh University	Ziad Munson
Lehman College - CUNY	
Lewis & Clark College	Roger Nelsen
Louisiana State University	Les Butler
Loyola Marymount University	Nicolas Rosenthal, David Sapp
Loyola University Chicago	Jonathan Mannering
Loyola University Maryland	
Luther College	Jonathon Struve
Macalester College	Louisa Bradtmiller
Manhattan College	Jennifer Edwards
Marietta College	Kathryn McDaniel
Marquette University	
Mary Baldwin University	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Anne McCants
McDaniel College	Michele Gribben
Mercer University	Katharine Northcutt
Miami University	Zeb Baker, Leah Wasburn-Moses
Michigan State University	Matthew Zierler
Middlebury College	Don Wyatt
Mills College	Cynthia Jackson
Millsaps College	Jenni Lewton-Yates
Mississippi State University	Molly Zuckerman
Morehouse College	David Morrow
Mount Holyoke College	Jim Hartley
Muhlenberg College	Kate Richmond
New York University	

North Carolina State University	Jeff Braden
Northwestern University	Elizabeth Lewis Pardoe
Oberlin College	
Occidental College	
Ohio University	
Ohio Wesleyan University	Andrea Colvin
Oklahoma State University	Jonathan Comer
Oregon State University	Andrew Gerkey
Pennsylvania State University	Elizabeth Mansfield
Pomona College	Janel Hastings
Princeton University	Michael Littman
Providence College	Paul Herron
Purdue University	Stephen Goodwin
Queens College – CUNY	Taruna Sadhoo
Randolph College	Kaija Mortensen
Randolph-Macon College	Mark Malin
Reed College	David Sacks
Rhodes College	Elaine Frawley
Rice University	John Greiner
Ripon College	Martin Farrell
Roanoke College	Travis Carter
Rockford University	James Marshall
Rollins College	Dexter Boniface, Sarah Kistler
Rutgers University – Douglass	
Rutgers University – New Brunswick	Anne Wallen
Rutgers University – Newark	John Loftin
Saint Joseph's University	
Saint Louis University	
Saint Michael's College	Nathaniel Lew
San Diego State University	Clare Colquitt
San Francisco State University	
Santa Clara University	Deidre Frontczak
Scripps College	Winston Ou
Sewanee: The University of the South	Heidi Siegrist, Lauryl Tucker
Skidmore College	Catherine Berheide
Smith College	
Southern Methodist University	
Southwestern University	John Ross
Spelman College	Michelle Hite
St. Catherine University	Holman Tse
St. Lawrence University	
St. Louis University	Allen Brizee
St. Mary's College of Maryland	Angela Draheim

St. Olaf College	
Stanford University	
State University of New York At Albany	Anthony DeBlasi
State University of New York At Binghamton	Jeremy Dibbell
State University of New York At Buffalo	Megan Stewart
State University of New York At Geneseo	Sheryl Larson-Rhodes
State University of New York At Stony Brook	Richard Gerrig
Stetson University	Michael Denner
Swarthmore College	
Sweet Briar College	Lynn Laufenberg
Syracuse University	
Temple University	H. Frank Thornton
Texas A&M University	Nancy Klein
Texas Christian University	Carrie Currier
Texas Tech University	Joshua Tropp
The Catholic University of America	Jennifer Paxton, Pamela Tuma
The College of New Jersey	Felicia Steele
The College of Wooster	
The Ohio State University.....	Mary Jenkins
Trinity College (CT)	
Trinity University	Theresa Incampo
Trinity Washington University	Vincent Sherry
Truman State University	Roberta Donahue
Tufts University	
Tulane University	Brian Brox
Union College	
University of Alabama	Sadie Keller, Molly Thomas
University of Arizona	Ike Chinyere
University of Arkansas	Tammy Lorince
University of California – Berkeley	Donald Mastronarde
University of California – Davis	Karen Olson
University of California – Irvine	Gwendolyn Black
University of California - Los Angeles	Rebecca Blustein
University of California – Riverside	Carl Cranor
University of California – San Diego	Nancy Groves
University of California – Santa Barbara	
University of California – Santa Cruz	Fiona Weigant
University of Chicago	
University of Cincinnati	Todd Herzog
University of Colorado	
University of Connecticut	
University of Dallas	Michael West
University of Delaware	Lisa Gensel

University of Denver	Thomas Walker
University of Florida	Ira Fischer
University of Georgia	Margaret Amstutz
University of Hawaii at Manoa	Eve Millett, Todd Sammons
University of Houston	Ben Rayder
University of Idaho	
University of Illinois At Chicago	Dagmar Sweeney
University of Illinois At Urbana-Champaign	Joseph Hinchliffe
University of Iowa	
University of Kansas	Harry Swartz
University of Kentucky	Chelsea Brislin
University of Maine	Melissa Ladenheim
University of Mary Washington	
University of Maryland – Baltimore	Christine Mallinson, Justin Webster
University of Maryland - College Park	Christina Walter
University of Massachusetts	Kirby Deater-Deckard
University of Miami	
University of Michigan	David Burkam
University of Minnesota	Meaghan Stein
University of Mississippi	Sandra Spiroff
University of Missouri	Nicole Monnier
University of Nebraska	Melissa Homestead
University of New Hampshire	Dante Scala
University of New Mexico	Angela Beauchamp
University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill	
University of North Carolina At Charlotte	Lori Gossett
University of North Carolina At Greensboro	Michael Broache
University of North Dakota	Amanda Nagy
University of Notre Dame	Helen Cawley
University of Oklahoma	Susannah Livingood
University of Oregon	Jacy Barlett
University of Pennsylvania	Rebecca Poyourow
University of Pittsburgh	Ellen Kelsey
University of Puget Sound	Julie Christoph
University of Providence	Joan Branham
University of Redlands	
University of Rhode Island	Cheryl Foster
University of Richmond	Angela Hilliker
University of Rochester	Michael Pettinato
University of San Diego	Daniel Sheehan
University of South Carolina	Kathryn Snediker
University of South Dakota	Karen Koster
University of Southern California	Robin Romans

University of South Florida	Megan Braunstein
University of Tennessee	Jeffrey Kovac
University of Texas at Austin	Rosanna D’Souza
University of the Pacific	Dari Tran
University of Tulsa	Brett McKinney
University of Utah	
University of Vermont	Elizabeth Dunbar
University of Virginia	
University of Washington	Debra Glassman
University of Wisconsin – Madison	Alison Rice
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee	Erin Winkler
University of Wyoming	Carol Frost
Ursinus College	
Valparaiso University	Patrick Sullivan
Vanderbilt University	David Golann
Vassar College	
Villanova University	Doug Norton
Virginia Tech	Anndal Narayanan
Wabash College	Shamira Gelbman
Wake County	
Wake Forest University	Mark Vail
Washington & Jefferson College	Mark Harris
Washington And Lee University	
Washington College	Suzanne Thuecks
Washington State University	
Washington University	
Wayne State University	Shooshan Danagouliau
Wellesley College	Corrine Taylor
Wells College	Daniel Rosenberg
Wesleyan University	
West Virginia University	Amy Gentzler
Western Michigan University	Pablo Pastrana-Pérez
Wheaton College	Geoffrey Somes
Whitman College	Andrea Dobson
Willamette University	Robert Chenault
William & Mary	Ann Marie Stock
Williams College	Steven Miller
Wilson College	Kelly Spiese
Wittenberg University	
Wofford College	Phillip Stone
Xavier University	
Yale University	George Levesque

Association Delegates

Arizona	
Phoenix Association	Ann-Marie Anderson
Tucson Area Association	
California	
Northern California Association	Audrey Utchen
San Diego Association	Sonja Helton
Southern California Association	Bette Harris
Colorado	
Denver Association	Kristin Adcock
District of Columbia	
DC Area Association	Briggs Burton, Christina Hughes, Niku Neshati
Florida	
Northeast Florida Association	
Sarasota-Manatee Association	
South Florida Association	
Tampa Bay Association	Charles Adams
Georgia	
Metropolitan Atlanta Association	Alec Francen
Coastal Georgia-Carolina Association	George Pruden
Middle Georgia Association	
Illinois	
Chicago Area Association	Arthur Kasowski
East Central Illinois	Nora Heist
Indiana	
Indianapolis Association	Josh Levesque
Kentucky	
Kentuckiana Association	Jeremy Wells
Louisiana	
Southwest Louisiana	Jeremiah Fisher
Maine	
Greater Maine	
Maryland	
Greater Baltimore Association	Pam Malester, Hannah Ravenscroft
Massachusetts	
Boston Association	Thomas Laage
Michigan	
Detroit Association	Jonathan Jan
Southwest Michigan	
Minnesota	
Twin Cities Association	Barry Lawson
Missouri	
St. Louis Association	Laurie Hegeman

Montana	
Montana Association	
Nebraska	
Omaha Association	Jenni Schlossman
Nevada	
Southern Nevada Association	
New Hampshire-Vermont	
Northern New England Association	
New Mexico	
Los Alamos	Wendee Brunish
New York	
New York City Association	Allen Grafman
North Carolina	
Central Carolina	
Eastern Carolina	
Wake County Association	
Ohio	
Cleveland Association	
Oklahoma	
Oklahoma Association	
Oregon	
Oregon Association	
Pennsylvania	
Delaware Valley Association	Shea Sandifer
Pittsburgh Association	
South Carolina	
Lowcountry Association	Heyward Knotts, David Zoellner
Tennessee	
Chattanooga	
Nashville Association	
Texas	
Greater Austin Association	Joyce Pulich
Greater Houston Association	Bill Monroe
North Texas Association	
West Texas/East New Mexico	
Virginia	
Richmond Association	Brett Degnan, Scott Laws
Washington	
Puget Sound Association	Dennis Yamashita
International	
London Association	

Conference of Association Delegates Officers

Elizabeth Marshall Anderson, Chair
Austin Deakins, Secretary

Committee on Qualifications

Charles Adams
Kirk Besmer
Raj Chaudhury
Kelly Damphouse
Paul DePalma
Andrea Dobson

Heather Galloway
Catherine Jaffee
Bridget Keegan
Bill Monroe
Doug Norton
Gregory Starrett

Committee on Chapters

Jenni Lewton-Yates, Chair

Committee on Resolutions and Motions

Jeremiah Fisher, Chair
Amy Reid

Council Nominating Committee

Susan Hagen
Paul LePore

Credentials, Tellers, and Rules Committee

Angela Draheim
Andrew Hamilton
David Morrow, Chair
Joyce Pulich

Parliamentarian

Susan Eads Role

Guests

Richard Alley, Visiting Scholar Speaker
Edward Ayers, Visiting Scholar Speaker
Austin Deakins, Speaker
Marta Tienda, Visiting Scholar Speaker

Gwendolyn Black, Nominee
Elizabeth Marshall Anderson, Nominee
Matt Cuzzo, Nominee
Andrea Dobson, Nominee

Roberta Donahue, Nominee
Amy Ferrer, Nominee
Tara Vasold Fischer, Nominee
Gabrielle Foreman, Nominee
Susan Halsell, Nominee
Robert LaFleur, Nominee
Sheryl Larson-Rhodes, Nominee
Anne McCants, Nominee
Steven Mintz, Nominee

Bill Monroe, Nominee
Pablo Pastrana-Pérez, Nominee
Sandra Spiroff, Nominee
Calvin Van Niewaal, Nominee
Julie Gebauer, Donor
Eli Reinhard, Donor
Madelyn Gonnerman Torchin, Donor

Robert Rice, Consultant
Eliza Huleatt, Consultant

Robert Kolvoord, Guest

Michael Boland, Hand & Hammer
Chip DeMatteo, Hand & Hammer

Applicant Chapter Attendees

Texas State University William Kelemen, Beth Sundstrom
Gonzaga Thayne McCulloh
College of Charleston Beth Meyer-Bernstein

Triennial Award Winners

Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Triennial Awardee
Susan Hagen, John Hope Franklin Awardee
Lynn Pasquerella, President’s Awardee
Ayanna Thompson, Triennial Awardee

First Plenary Meeting

Friday, August 2, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Grand Ballroom Salon 5

1. The Council convened for its first plenary session on Friday August 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom Salon 5 of the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront in Baltimore Maryland. President Peter Quimby greeted the delegates and called the 47th Triennial Council to order. He extended special greetings to past presidents in attendance: Niall Slater, Allison Blakely, Kate Soule, Catherine White Berheide, and Lynn Pasquerella.
2. The President acknowledged the delegates in the room, expressing thanks for their attendance. He introduced Secretary Frederick M. Lawrence and registered Parliamentarian Susan Eads Role.
3. David Morrow, Chair of the Committee on Credentials, Tellers, and Rules presented the credentials report for the Plenary Session. Chair Morrow reported that as of 8:00am on Friday, August 2, 234 delegates representing 228 chapters and 28 association delegates representing 27 associations were registered. 19 senators, 4 of whom are serving as delegates, and 5 past presidents were also registered and entitled to vote. The total voting body at this juncture was 286. The Credentials report was adopted.
4. Chair Morrow moved for the adoption of the Standing Rules of the Council (Appendix 1) to be used during the Triennial Council, which was adopted with no objections. Chair Morrow moved for the adoption of the Triennial Program, which was adopted with no objection.
5. Susan Hagen, Chair of the Council Nominating Committee presented the Nominating Committee's Report for the Offices of President and Vice President. The nominees were: Esther Jones for President and Ronald Crutcher and Dolores Duran-Cerda for Vice President. Esther Jones was elected as President, and Ronald Crutcher was elected as Vice President.

Chair Hagen, then presented the Nominating Committee's Report for District Senators and Senators-At-Large. The Committee submitted the following nominations for District Senators: for the New England District: Anne McCants and Carol O'Donnell; for the South Atlantic District: Bernadine Barnes and Susan Halsell; for the South Central District: Jennifer Lewton-Yates and Bill Monroe; North Central District: Roberta Donahoe and Robert LaFleur. Anne McCants, Bernadine Barnes, Jennifer Lewton-Yates, and Robert LaFleur were elected by vote.

The nominees for Senators-At-Large were: Margaret Amstutz, Elizabeth Marshall Anderson, Gwendolyn Kuhns Black, S. Raj Chaudhury, Matt Cuzzo, Andrea Dobson, Amy Ferrer, Tara Fischer, Gabrielle Foreman, John Harkless, Sheryl Larson-Rhodes, Kathleen McGarry, Steven J. Miller, Steven Mintz, Pablo Pastrana-Perez, Pamela Trotman Reid, Judith Shapiro, Sandra

Spiroff, Calvin Van Niewaal, and Anne Wallen. Elizabeth Marshall Anderson, S. Raj Chaudhury, Amy Ferrer, Tara Fisher, Gabrielle Foreman, John Harkless, Steven Miller, Pablo Pastrana-Perez, and Pamela Trotman Reid were elected as Senators-At-Large.

6. President Quimby next presented the Senate's Report which highlighted the creation of the Future's Taskforce Committee to tackle larger long term topics and issues, the creation of the Ad Hoc Committee on the planning of the 250th Anniversary, and the financial challenges facing higher education. He provided updates on the Resolution to Diversify from the 2018 Triennial, including the revised stipulations for membership to provide for diversity of excellence, adding chapters at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and the Student Induction Fee Fund. He finished with a discussion on the context in which PBK operates today and a formal acknowledgment of the national office staff.
7. Treasurer Janette Garretty presented the Report on the Financial Activities of the Society. The current level of the endowment is \$45 million, an all-time high. The Society is a signatory of the UN Resolution for Responsible Investing.
8. Secretary Lawrence gave his Report on the Activities of the Society over the last three years. His report highlighted the connection between the liberal arts and the elements of a democracy, PBK's impact on campuses and online, the problem of language study and universities getting rid of language requirements. He committed to raising the value of inclusive excellence, the importance of lifelong learning, and hope and excitement for the future.
9. Chair Dobson gave the Committee on Qualifications Report, which introduced and recommended Texas State University, Gonzaga University and Charleston College for new chapters.
10. President Quimby congratulated all the new Officers and Senators and called the First Plenary Meeting to a close at 10:31 a.m.

Second Plenary Meeting

Friday, August 3, 2024

2:00 p.m.

Grand Ballroom Salon 5

1. President Quimby called the Second Plenary Meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and welcomed Chair Morrow to give the Report for the Committee on Credentials.
2. Chair Morrow reported that as of 1:00pm on Friday, August 2, 234 delegates representing 228 chapters and 28 association delegates representing 27 associations were registered. 19 senators, 4 of whom are serving as delegates, and 5 past presidents were also registered and entitled to vote. The total voting body at this juncture was 286. Chair Morrow moved the Official Roll of Voting Members of the Council be adopted. There were no objections and the report was adopted.
3. The President then presented the consideration of amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws (Appendix II). The proposed amendments would address voting procedures for PBK's Senate at future Triennial Councils. The amendments sought to allow virtual voting for PBK Senators in the month leading up to the future Triennial Councils. This would allow for the new Senate to be in place prior to when the Triennial occurs. Specifically, the proposed amendment would:
 - a. The proposed amendments would add a new section to Article four of the Constitution which would read: "A ballot for the election of Senators and for President and Vice President shall be transmitted electronically to every Council member two months prior to each regular Council meeting. Council members shall indicate on the ballot their choice of candidates for the offices to be filled and return the ballot by electronic transmission within 14 days of the date of the ballot. The returned ballots shall be electronically tallied, and the vote tallies shall be submitted to the President. The President shall direct the Secretary to notify all candidates of the results of the election no later than one month prior to each regular Council meeting, and the results of the election shall also be disseminated to the Council."
 - b. Second, the proposed amendments would amend Article 5, section 2, sentence 3 by striking "eight months before the Council meeting at which a Senator from the district is to be elected," and replace this text with "four months before each regular meeting of the Council meeting."
 - c. Third, the amendments would amend Article ten, section 4, sentences 11-13 to read: "The committee shall solicit recommendations for potential nominees from all chapter and associations at least six months before each regular Council meeting and notify the Council of its nominations at least three months prior to each regular Council meeting. The Nominating Committee shall be the exclusive source of nominations for Senators-At-Large, President, and Vice President. Vacancies occurring in the list of nominees subsequent to the notification to the Council shall be filled by the Nominating Committee."

- d. Fourth, the amendments would strike “Election of officers and Senators” from Bylaw three, section three. And finally, the proposed amendments would add “Election of the President and Vice President shall be by plurality vote” to Bylaw 4, Section 4.

President Quimby moved for the adoption of the amendment and opened the floor for discussion. A lively discussion as to the pros and cons of the amendment commenced for several minutes. A formal vote on the adoption of the amendment was conducted, and the negative won. The amendment was lost.

4. President Quimby welcomed Chair Dobson to present the Results on the Model Chapter Constitution and Bylaws Vote which took place during the Chapter Delegates Meeting. The new Model Constitution was adopted, and the Committee will begin work on the new model.
5. Chair Dobson gave presentations on each of the proposed new chapter schools which comprised of Texas State University introduced by Charles Adams, Gonzaga University introduced by Bridget Keegan, and the College of Charleston introduced by Gregory Starrett. All of the Universities were approved for new chapters by vote.
6. President Quimby provided closing remarks and closed the Second Plenary Meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Third Plenary Meeting

Saturday, August 3, 2024

1:30 p.m.

Grand Ballroom Salon 5

1. President Quimby called the third plenary meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. He gave opening remarks and welcomed Chair Morrow to present the final Report of the Committee on Credentials, Tellers, and Rules.
2. Chair Morrow reported that as of 11:30am on Saturday, August 3, 234 delegates representing 228 chapters and 28 association delegates representing 27 associations were registered. 19 senators, 4 of whom are serving as delegates, and 5 past presidents were also registered and entitled to vote. The total voting body at this juncture was 286.
3. Chair Morrow moved the Official Roll of Voting Members of the Council be adopted. There were no objections and the report was adopted.
4. President Quimby welcomed Jeremiah Fisher to present the Committee on Resolutions and Motions Report on the resolutions proposed to the Senate under Article X Section 3a.
5. President Quimby gave remarks on the importance of chapters and associations and introduced Chair Lewton-Yates to announce chapter awards on behalf of the Committee on Chapters. Davidson College and Gettysburg College were awarded for being Outstanding Small Liberal Arts Colleges. Drew University and Mercer University were awarded for being Outstanding Private Universities. Iowa State and SUNY Geneseo were awarded for being Outstanding Public Universities.
6. Chair Park announced the association awards on behalf of the Committee on Associations. Metropolitan Atlanta Association, Association of Greater Austin, Association of Kentuckiana, Puget Sound Association and Richmond Association were awarded for excellence.
7. President Quimby thanked Senators Steven Miller and John Pope for their work on the Senate Awards Committee.
8. The 2024 John Hope Franklin Award was presented to Susan Hagen. The 2024 President's Award and Krug Medal were presented to Lynn Pasquerella.
9. Secretary Lawrence gave remarks on President Quimby's term in office. Followed by President Quimby's reflection on his term. He then passed the gavel to President Elect Esther Jones.
10. President Elect Jones gave remarks thanking Peter Quimby for his service and expressed her goals as she looks forward to her term as president.
11. President Jones invited the delegates to that evening's closing reception and banquet and brought the Third Plenary Meeting to a close at 2:52 p.m.

Appendix 1

The Phi Beta Kappa Society
47th Triennial Council
July 31 – August 4, 2024

PROPOSED STANDING RULES OF THE COUNCIL

1. Only credentialed delegates shall be permitted to make motions, debate, or vote. Credentialed delegates are defined by the Constitution of the Phi Beta Kappa Society:

“Except as otherwise provided, each chapter, chartered association, Senator, and past presidents shall have one vote in the Council. If a chapter or chartered association is represented by more than one delegate, the delegates may divide their one vote (into halves or thirds).” (Art. IV, Sec.3)

2. All questions concerning institutions recommended for the installation of a chapter must be submitted electronically to the Committee on Qualifications by 12:00pm ET (noon) on Friday, August 2, 2024. Any questions not submitted by this deadline will not be considered by the Committee.
3. All resolutions must be submitted electronically to the Committee on Resolutions by 12:00pm ET (noon) on Friday, August 2, 2024. Any resolutions not submitted by this deadline will not be considered by the Committee. The Committee will review submitted resolutions and either refer to the Senate or bring to the floor of the Council as described in Art. X, Sec. 3, of the Constitution of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, and Bylaw 10 of the Bylaws of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.
4. All motions, except interrupting motions (i.e.: points of order, parliamentary inquiries, points of information, etc.), shall be presented in writing to the President, who serves as presiding officer, and the Secretary and shall be signed by the maker of the motion.
5. A delegate who wishes to speak shall address the President; when recognized by the President, a delegate shall state their name along with their affiliation and speak from the area of their seat using the microphone provided.
6. Attendees shall not record any session or workshop but should be aware that some sessions and workshops are being formally recorded by the Phi Beta Kappa Society for internal purposes and external sharing.
7. For each debatable question, no delegate shall speak for longer than two minutes at any one time, and no delegate shall speak more than twice to the same debatable question. No delegate may speak a second time on the same debatable question so long as any delegate who has not spoken on that question desires the floor.
8. The minutes of the Council meetings shall be approved at the subsequent meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa Senate and distributed electronically as approved.

9. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the meetings in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Phi Beta Kappa Society and these standing rules.

Appendix II

The Phi Beta Kappa Society **Memorandum**

To: Delegates to the 47th Phi Beta Kappa Triennial Council
From: Frederick M. Lawrence, Secretary and CEO, on behalf of the Phi Beta Kappa Senate
Re: Proposed Amendments to the PBK Constitution and Bylaws
Date: May 15, 2024

At its meeting on March 27, 2024, the Phi Beta Kappa Senate voted unanimously to recommend a set of Constitution and Bylaw amendments to be considered at the 47th Triennial. The motion that the Senate adopted states:

The Phi Beta Kappa Senate recommends the Society's Constitution and By-laws be amended to replace the current system of in-person voting for Officers and the Senate at Triennial Council meetings with electronic voting in advance of the Triennial Council meeting. If approved, the amendments would be effective as of the 2027 Triennial.

The primary rationale for these amendments is to devote the time currently spent on in person voting to programming that examines the national educational landscape of a liberal arts and sciences education, which celebrates the enduring values of the Society, or that addresses the needs and challenges experienced by chapters and associations. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws require a two-thirds approval by the Triennial Council (PBK Constitution Article XII).

In summary, the amendments (detailed on the following pages), would:

- Authorize Officer and Senate elections to be held electronically
- Authorize Officer and Senate elections to be held prior to the Triennial
- Change Council Nominating Committee (CNC) rules as to timing (resulting in the CNC soliciting nominations from chapters and associations six months in advance of the Council meeting and notifying the Council of its nominations at least three months prior to the Council meeting).
- Establish the CNC as the sole source of nominations, that is, eliminating Officer and Senate nominations from the floor, a process that exists *de jure* in our current rules but *de facto* has not been used in over two decades.

The attached proposal document employs the format commonly used by parliamentarians for consideration of amendments. As you will see, it contains three columns, listing the current provisions, the proposed amendment, and the “clean version” of how the new section would read as amended. The document also includes a rationale for each proposed amendment.

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Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

AMENDMENT 1: Amend by inserting a new Art. IV, Sec. 5, in the Constitution, “A ballot for the election of Senators and for President and Vice President shall be submitted by electronic transmission to every Council member two months prior to each regular Council meeting. Council members shall indicate on the ballot their choice of candidates for the offices to be filled and return the ballot by electronic transmission within 14 days of the date of the ballot. The returned ballots shall be electronically tallied, and the vote tallies shall be submitted to the President. The President shall direct the Secretary to notify all candidates of the results of the election no later than one month prior to each regular Council meeting, and the results of the election shall also be disseminated to the Council.”

CURRENT ART. IV, SEC. 5	PROPOSED ART. IV, SEC. 5	IF ADOPTED, ART. IV, SEC. 5, WOULD READ
	<u>A ballot for the election of Senators and for President and Vice President shall be transmitted electronically to every Council member two months prior to each regular Council meeting. Council members shall indicate on the ballot their choice of candidates for the offices to be filled and return the ballot by electronic transmission within 14 days of the date of the ballot. The returned ballots shall be electronically tallied, and the vote tallies shall be submitted to the President. The President shall direct the Secretary to notify all candidates of the results of the election no later than one month prior to each regular Council meeting, and the results of the election shall also be disseminated to the Council.</u>	A ballot for the election of Senators and for President and Vice President shall be submitted by electronic transmission to every Council member two months prior to each regular Council meeting. Council members shall indicate on the ballot their choice of candidates for the offices to be filled and return the ballot by electronic transmission within 14 days of the date of the ballot. The returned ballots shall be electronically tallied, and the vote tallies shall be submitted to the President. The President shall direct the Secretary to notify all candidates of the results of the election no later than one month prior to each regular Council meeting, and the results of the election shall also be disseminated to the Council.

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PROPOSED BY: Phi Beta Kappa Senate
RATIONALE: To authorize holding elections electronically prior to the triennial Council meetings.
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Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

CONFORMING AMENDMENT 1A: Amend by striking out in Sentence 3 of Art. V, Sec. 2, in the Constitution the phrase, “eight months before the Council meeting at which a Senator from the district is to be elected” and inserting, “four months before each regular meeting of the Council meeting.”		
CURRENT ART. V, SEC. 2, SENTENCE 3	PROPOSED ART. V, SEC. 2, SENTENCE 3	IF ADOPTED, ART. V, SEC. 2, SENTENCE 3 WOULD READ
Each district entitled to the election of a Senator shall, consistent with the requirements of the Bylaws, nominate two candidates for Senator from the district by submitting their names to the Nominating Committee for inclusion in the list of nominees, at least eight months before the Council meeting at which a Senator from the district is to be elected.	Each district entitled to the election of a Senator shall, consistent with the requirements of the Bylaws, nominate two candidates for Senator from the district by submitting their names to the Nominating Committee for inclusion in the list of nominees, at least eight months before the Council meeting at which a Senator from the district is to be elected <u>four months before each regular meeting of the Council meeting.</u>	Each district entitled to the election of a Senator shall, consistent with the requirements of the Bylaws, nominate two candidates for Senator from the district by submitting their names to the Nominating Committee for inclusion in the list of nominees, at least four months before each regular meeting of the Council meeting.
PROPOSED BY: Phi Beta Kappa Senate		
RATIONALE: To change the reference to the election of Senators at the Council meeting and the timing of district nominations in order to hold elections other than at triennial Council meetings and do so in an efficient manner.		
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CONFORMING AMENDMENT 1B: Amend by striking out Sentences 11-13 of Art. X, Sec. 4, in the Constitution and inserting, “The committee shall solicit recommendations for potential nominees from all chapters and associations at least six months before each regular Council meeting and notify the Council of its nominations at least three months prior to each regular Council meeting. The Nominating Committee shall be the exclusive source of nominations for Senators at large, President, and Vice President. Vacancies occurring in the list of nominees subsequent to the notification to the Council shall be filled by the Nominating Committee.”		
CURRENT ART. X, SEC. 4., SENTENCES 11-13	PROPOSED ART. X, SEC. 4., SENTENCES 11-13	IF ADOPTED, ART. X, SEC. 4., SENTENCES 11- 13, WOULD READ
<p>the committee shall solicit recommendations for potential nominees from all chapters and associations at least three months before making nominations, and shall notify all chapters and associations of its nominations at least two months prior to the election. Vacancies occurring in the list of nominees subsequent to the notification to the chapters and associations shall be filled by the Nominating Committee. Nominations for Senators at large, for President and Vice President, and for members of the Nominating Committee may be added to the list from the floor of the Council.</p>	<p>The committee shall solicit recommendations for potential nominees from all chapters and associations at least three months before making nominations and shall notify all chapters and associations of its nominations at least two months prior to the election. Vacancies occurring in the list of nominees subsequent to the notification to the chapters and associations shall be filled by the Nominating Committee. Nominations for Senators at large, for President and Vice President, and for members of the Nominating Committee may be added to the list from the floor of the Council. <u>The committee shall solicit recommendations for potential nominees from all chapters and associations at least six months before each regular Council meeting and notify the Council of its nominations at least three</u></p>	<p>The committee shall solicit recommendations for potential nominees from all chapters and associations at least six months before each regular Council meeting and notify the Council of its nominations at least three months prior to each regular Council meeting. The Nominating Committee shall be the exclusive source of nominations for Senators at large, President, and Vice President. Vacancies occurring in the list of nominees subsequent to the notification to the Council shall be filled by the Nominating Committee.</p>

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	<u>months prior to each regular Council meeting.</u> <u>The Nominating Committee shall be</u> <u>the exclusive source of nominations for</u>	
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	<u>Senators at large, President, and Vice</u> <u>President. Vacancies occurring in the list of</u> <u>nominees subsequent to the notification to</u> <u>the Council shall be filled by the Nominating</u> <u>Committee.</u>	
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<p>RATIONALE: To change (1) when the Nominating Committee should solicit recommendations for potential nominees from chapters and associations, (2) when and who should be notified of the nominations by the Nominating Committee, and (3) the source of nominations in order to hold elections other than at triennial Council meetings and do so in an efficient manner.</p>

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CONFORMING AMENDMENT 1C: Amend by striking out Item e in Bylaw 3, Sec. 3, in the Bylaws.		
CURRENT BYLAW 3, SEC. 3	PROPOSED BYLAW 3, SEC. 3	IF ADOPTED, BYLAW 3, SEC. 3, WOULD READ
<p>In the regular Council meetings, business shall generally be ordered as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report on credentials b. Report on the Standing Rules of the Council c. Adoption of the agenda d. Announcement of committee membership* e. Election of officers and Senators f. Report of the Senate g. Consideration of the minutes of the previous Council h. Amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws i. Report on the Committee on Qualifications j. Reports of other committees k. Other business 	<p>In the regular Council meetings, business shall generally be ordered as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report on credentials b. Report on the Standing Rules of the Council c. Adoption of the agenda d. Announcement of committee membership* e. Election of officers and Senators f. Report of the Senate g. Consideration of the minutes of the previous Council h. Amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws i. Report of the Committee on Qualifications j. Reports of other committees k. Other business 	<p>In the regular Council meetings, business shall generally be ordered as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report on credentials b. Report on the Standing Rules of the Council c. Adoption of the agenda d. Announcement of committee membership* e. Report of the Senate f. Consideration of the minutes of the previous Council g. Amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws h. Report of the Committee on Qualifications i. Reports of other committees j. Other business <p>*As previously appointed by the President.</p>
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PROPOSED BY: Phi Beta Kappa Senate		
RATIONALE: To delete election of officers and Senators from the Council meeting's order of business when elections are to be held other than		

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at the triennial Council meeting.

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AMENDMENT 2: Amend by inserting between Sentence 1 and Sentence 2 in Bylaw 3, Sec. 4, in the Bylaws, "Election of the President and Vice President shall be by plurality vote"		
CURRENT BYLAW 3, SEC. 4	PROPOSED BYLAW 3, SEC. 4	IF ADOPTED, BYLAW 3, SEC. 4, WOULD READ
<p>Election of Senators shall proceed by approval voting, whereby Council members may vote for as many candidates as they wish, and candidates who receive the greatest number of votes are elected.</p> <p>Any tie shall be broken by random selection; no runoff elections shall be held.</p>	<p>Election of Senators shall proceed by approval voting, whereby Council members may vote for as many candidates as they wish, and candidates who receive the greatest number of votes are elected.</p> <p><u>Election of the President and Vice President shall be by plurality vote.</u> Any tie shall be broken by random selection; no runoff elections shall be held.</p>	<p>Election of Senators shall proceed by approval voting, whereby Council members may vote for as many candidates as they wish, and candidates who receive the greatest number of votes are elected.</p> <p>Election of the President and Vice President shall be by plurality vote. Any tie shall be broken by random selection; no runoff elections shall be held.</p>
PROPOSED BY: Phi Beta Kappa Senate		
RATIONALE: To conduct elections efficiently by adding that election of the officers is by plurality vote and clarifying all election ties are to be broken by random selection without additional balloting.		
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