

Saturday, April 14, 2012

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

This year's committee is comprised of the following members:

- Rhen C. Bass, Los Angeles Alumni
- Larry Clayton, Riverside Alumni
- Shannon Faulk, Los Angeles Alumni
- Derek Hamilton, Los Angeles Alumni
- A. C. Jones, Esq., Riverside Alumni
- Parin Patel, Beta Omega

The Resolutions Committee submits the following resolutions to the 65th Western Province Council for consideration:

Resolution relative to:

- Commendation of the 65th Western Province Council Host Chapters
- 2012 Voter Registration & Voter Turnout
- Election of Province Polemarchs

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward J. Sanders
Chairman, Resolutions Committee



Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

WESTERN PROVINCE RESOLUTION

Relative to

2012 VOTER REGISTRATION AND TURNOUT

Whereas voter participation is consistent with Kappa Alpha Psi's principles of patriotism; and

Whereas, despite numerous studies that show that reports of voter fraud are extremely rare, state legislatures have recently enacted laws that require voters to show a photo identification (ID) at their polling place; and

Whereas, in a study of the 2008 presidential election, the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project found that African-Americans and Hispanic voters were asked to produce a picture ID significantly more often than Whites; and

Whereas the same study found that Blacks, Hispanics and Asians were between three and nine times more likely to cite "wrong ID" as a reason for not voting; and

Whereas proposed changes to early voting rules may disproportionately affect African-American voting practices in communities where churchgoers participate in so-called "Souls to the Polls" campaigns; and

Whereas concerns of voter disenfranchisement and the manipulation of voting laws for partisan effect are significant; and

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi's Voter Awareness and Social Action committee encourages voter education and registration in a nonpartisan manner; therefore

Be It Resolved that the Western Province of Kappa Alpha Psi opposes efforts to discourage voter turnout, and;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Western Province of Kappa Alpha Psi encourages its members and chapters to participate in 2012 "Get Out The Vote" registration activities.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2012

Samuel B. Knight
Western Province Polemarch

Timothy C. Woods
Western Province Keeper of Records & Exchequer



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WESTERN PROVINCE RESOLUTION

Relative to the **ELECTION OF PROVINCE POLEMARCHS**

Whereas Grand Polemarch William “Randy” Bates stated in the October 2011 Journal that, “if there are places we should go where we haven’t been yet, let us know. Read the Constitution and Statutes, policies and laws, so that you can help your Polemarchs, Province Polemarchs and the Grand Polemarch and his immediate team to address these issues and help us implement what’s needed to improve upon them”; and

Whereas all historically African-American sororities and fraternities except Kappa Alpha Psi and Iota Phi Theta Fraternities elect their respective regional directors, regional representatives, district representatives, regional vice presidents, and state directors; and

Whereas the Fraternity should always have input from the grass roots members to determine the interest of the Fraternity policies and programs; and

Whereas the Grand Polemarch serves at the pleasure of the membership through its delegates utilizing the election process during the Grand Chapter Meeting; and

Whereas Province Polemarchs should serve the interest of their respective Provinces’ Chapter memberships; and

Whereas the Grand Polemarch asked the membership to “go where we haven’t been yet”;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Western Province encourages the Grand Chapter and the Provinces to give serious discussion and deliberation regarding the pros and cons of the concept of the election of Province Polemarchs.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2012

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WESTERN PROVINCE RESOLUTION

Relative to the
**COMMENDATION OF THE 65TH WESTERN PROVINCE COUNCIL HOST
CHAPTERS**

Whereas the Sixty-Fifth Western Province Council was held in Oakland, California from April 11th through April 15th, 2012; and

Whereas the host chapters of Berkeley Alumni, Gamma Alpha, Nu Sigma, and the Berkeley Alumni Silhouettes welcomed the brothers of the Western Province in the true “Kappa Spirit”; and

Whereas the brothers and guests of the Western Province had a wonderful time in Oakland while conducting business and socializing with one another;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Western Province commends the host chapters of the 65th Western Province Council.

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