

**MINUTES OF LAMBDA HOUSE, INC.  
ANNUAL MEETING**

September 23, 2006

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The annual meeting of the Membership of Lambda House, Inc. was held at 115 South Darling Street in Angola, Indiana on Saturday, September 23rd, 2006 after proper notice of the meeting was sent to the membership. The meeting was called to order by President Chad Gramling at 10:20am.

The minutes from the October 8th, 2005 annual meeting were read and are amended with one correction. The statement "The actives recently voted unanimously to become a Balanced Man chapter, effective September 2005" is amended to read as follows: The actives recently voted unanimously to begin implementing principles of the Balanced Man process.

**SECRETARY.....Jim Schneider**

- Bryan Law Office has provided an estimate of \$300 to give Lambda House legal advice on the bylaw change being proposed by Nationals. A letter dated November 9, 2004 was sent to Bill Bybee from Bryan Law Office with some feedback on the proposed bylaw change.
- Jim does not feel it is necessary to spend \$300 for additional feedback from Bryan Law Office, the change needs to be put to vote.
- Minutes are all up to date with the corporate book maintained by Bryan Law Office.

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE.....Gordon Cooper**

- No report.

**TREASURER.....Ken Schneider**

- Current account balances:
  - Building fund \$4,667.53
  - Checking \$1,678.92
  - Money Market \$10,901.90
  - Total: \$17,248.35
- Requests have been made of Tri-State University and Sig Ep Nationals to obtain the latest alumni mailing and email addresses.

**VICE PRESIDENT.....Bill Bybee**

- Bill presented a draft re-write of the Lambda House, Inc. bylaws. Primary purpose is to incorporate changes in the titles of officers and structure of the Board of Directors, making the bylaws consistent with the way we have been operating for some time. While making these updates, Bill clarified some of the confusing language and simplified the text.
- As has been discussed in our Board meetings between annual meetings over the past few years, there is a likelihood that the bylaws have been updated to reflect the present structure already but were not filed in the corporate book with our lawyer. This effort has been taken to remedy that oversight.
- Subsequent to this effort, Bill forwarded the draft to our lawyer for his opinion as to the re-write and as to how we should proceed to get the draft officially part of the books. Additionally Bill included a

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proposed change to Article VIII (Dissolution) that has been requested by Sigma Phi Epsilon's National Headquarters and asked for his opinion on that as well.

- Bill also presented the letter from Bryan Law Office that states his opinion on these matters.
- Bill's recommendation to the Board of Directors is that we proceed with a proxy vote to the membership, requesting a two-part vote:
  1. Vote on the revised bylaws in their entirety as presented by the re-write draft
  2. Vote on replacing Article VIII with the "proposed" Article VIII from Bryan Law
- Discussion ensued around the Balanced Man process. The active chapter has issues with up-front initiation / membership of new brothers into the chapter under the Balanced Man process (no pledge process as was used in the past).
- There was a recommendation from alumni that the proxy vote must go out with sufficient background information to clarify the proposed bylaw change from Nationals.

**PRESIDENT**.....Chad Gramling

- Chad commended the actives on all of their hard work for being so successful in increasing the membership of the active chapter. Chad also commended John Milliken for all of his hard work and dedication.
- Chad thanked Dayne Haight for his work in organizing the alumni cookout this weekend.

## ACTIVE CHAPTER REPORTS

- There are currently 36 brothers in the active chapter.
- There are 15 rushes and 5 potential pledges this coming semester.
- The Balanced Man Scholarship will be started back up again and will offer two \$500 scholarships.
- For community service the actives are looking to set-up a cancer day with Cameron Hospital and will potentially be conducting a blood drive in the fall.
- Dorm costs are currently \$3300 per semester, including meals. Fees for Sig Ep are \$2400 per semester, including meals and dues.
- There are still 8 fraternities on campus.
- The actives will contact Dan Mahan to get the Indiana Theta website updated and linked from the TSU website. Contact information for Dan was provided.
- The university won't let students out of the dorms until junior year or until they turn 21.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Lambda House has been approached by the university to discuss a potential project to build fraternity housing for Sigma Phi Epsilon.
  - An investment group out of Fort Wayne could provide the financing for new housing.
  - Ingledue Construction / Architects have provided *preliminary* plans for a new house to allow discussion and review of this potential project. These *preliminary* plans were presented at the meeting.
  - The *preliminary* plans provide 11 bedrooms that could each be triple occupancy; total of the initial design is 13,600 square feet with a directional estimate of \$1,000,000 in cost with no kitchen cabinets / appliances and no furnishings.
  - The house at 108 S. Superior needs to be boarded up or a renovation plan needs to be provided to the city of Angola fire marshall.
  
- Capacity concerns were raised by alumni at the meeting, the active chapter is striving to be a 50-man chapter in the next couple of years and a new house with a capacity of 33 could limit recruiting efforts. One suggestion was to investigate potential for a third floor.
- Additional feedback from the university and the investment group is expected within 2 weeks.

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- The President noted that the last order of business was to consider electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year. Upon nominations duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following persons were elected as Directors of the Corporation, to serve for the period of one year and until such time as their successors are elected and qualify:
    - Dayne Haight – President
    - Bill Bybee – Vice President
    - Ken Schneider – Treasurer
    - Gordon Cooper – Secretary
    - Sean Hofherr – Member at Large
  - Upon closing New Business and verifying that there were no further items of discussion, President Gramling closed the meeting at 12:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Schneider  
Secretary (Outgoing)  
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Gordon Cooper  
Secretary (Incoming)  
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