

Awards



Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity
Architecture and the Allied Arts



MASTER ARCHITECT

The title of "Master Architect" shall be conferred at Convention upon such individual brothers who have gained National prominence in the field of Architecture or the allied arts, or who have made significant contributions to the built environment; who have been members of Alpha Rho Chi for not less than two years; and have met criteria as set forth by the Convention and verified by the Nominating Committee. Such individuals shall be proposed by the Grand Council and approved by a majority of the Chapters and Alumni Associations. A Chapter, Alumni Association or the Grand Council may nominate an individual for the title. Nominations must be approved by a three-quarters (¾) majority vote of the Chapters and Alumni Associations.

Criteria for nomination:

1. **Desirous of brotherhood** – The candidate should embody the ideals of this brotherhood. The candidate should be willing and able to serve the Fraternity in the capacity of Master Architect for a period of at least ten years. The candidate must be willing to aid the Fraternity in securing speakers and prominent individuals for conventions, programs, and awards.
2. **National renown** – The candidate should have at least two nationally recognized projects that have been published in media other than architectural publications (i.e. news broadcasts, newspapers, or magazines) within the last ten years. The individual should be published in contemporary architectural journals or books. The candidate should have the level of success in the field of architecture commensurate with Fellowship in the AIA, the APX Gold Medal, or other prestigious awards and honors. The majority of completed works should be located within the United States.
3. **Professional credentials** – The candidate should be a member of at least one other professional organization (e.g. AIA, NOMA, ASID, AGS, CSI.) The candidate should be a principal, managing partner, corporate officer, or owner of the firm where he/she maintains professional practice. The individual should be a serving, or have served on a governmental council or board concerning itself with the advancement of the profession, or actively working as a lobbyist for the profession.
4. **Educational credentials** – The candidate should be a faculty member of an NAAB accredited university, a visiting faculty member of and NAAB accredited school, or a guest lecturer at least twice annually at architecture schools in the U.S. The candidate shall have a professional architectural degree from a university, either nationally or internationally.
5. **Youth involvement** – The candidate should have demonstrable teaching or mentoring experience and ability to interact well with students. The candidate should be able to teach the younger members of the profession through publication, teaching, or paid internship programs.
6. **Community service** – The candidate should be involved in public service and leadership roles within their community. He/she should be sensitive to environmental technology concerns and environmental responsibility. The candidate should actively participate in community efforts to help those less fortunate, such as Habitat for Humanity or pro-bono work.
7. **Fair treatment of interns and employees** – The candidate should hire at least one intern per year and pay that intern an hourly or salaried basis equal to or more than the current minimum wage standard in the U.S.
8. **Personal Charisma** – The candidate should be a well-spoken conversationalist, a dynamic lecturer, and demonstrate ability to inspire.

To submit a nomination:

Complete:	Bio Form A-100 and Petition A-102
Submit (5) nominations to:	Nominations Committee
Submissions due by:	January 1
For Approval by:	The Convention
Recognition in form of:	Certificate

APX SILVER MEDAL



The Alpha Rho Chi Medal was established by the 20th National Convention in 1941 to recognize fraternal distinction of outstanding merit. Active chapters or alumni associations with the signatures of ten brothers can propose honorees. The Grand Council reviews the nomination and, if appropriate, formally submits the nomination to a vote of the chapters and alumni associations for a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote.

To submit a nomination:

Complete:	Bio Form A-100 and Petition A-101
Submit (5) copies of nomination to:	WGA
Submissions due by:	January 1
For Approval by:	The Convention
Recognition in form of:	Medal

APX GOLD MEDAL



The Gold Alpha Rho Chi Medal is awarded by the fraternity to honor an outstanding practitioner of architecture or an allied art. Originally created to honor an outstanding alumni brother who has offered extraordinary service to Alpha Rho Chi, the 37th national Convention voted to open up the qualifications for the Gold Medal to all professional architects. The Gold Medal is awarded by the Grand Council, with the approval of a majority of the chapters.

To submit a nomination:

Complete:	Bio Form A-100 and Petition A-101
Submit (1) copy of nomination to:	WGA
Submissions due by:	January 1
For Approval by:	The Convention
Recognition in form of:	Medal



DWIGHT “POP” ELY AWARD

The “Pop” Ely Award is given by the chapter to a deserving brother, as agreed upon by a vote of the chapter. To award the “Pop” Ely Award, the chapter must agree that the recipient meets those fraternal qualifications exemplified by “Pop” Ely:

- Love for and dedication to the fraternity
- Diligence in strengthening and broadening the fraternity’s interest locally in the university, nationally with other chapters and with the architecture community as a whole.
- Unselfishness in giving of time to his or her brothers

For notification of an award:

Complete:	Bio Form A-100
Submit (1) Bio form & notice of award to:	WGA
Submissions due by:	Continuous
For publication in:	National Publications



NATIONAL FRATERNAL SERVICE AWARD

The National Fraternal Service Award is presented by the Grand Council to recognize those exemplifying service to Alpha Rho Chi at a national level.

Background: the Pop Ely Award affords chapters the opportunity to locally recognize brothers for their service, commitment and love for Alpha Rho Chi. The National Fraternal Service Award recognizes brothers for significant service to the Fraternity on a national level, including work conducted by appointees, those in untitled positions assisting the Grand Council in the performance of its duties and goals, and those facilitating special projects.

- The National Fraternal Service Award recognizes brothers for significant service to the Fraternity as Grand Council appointees, whether serving in a titled position, or for the betterment of the Fraternity at a national level.
- Nominations may be submitted by a Grand Council officer throughout the course of the year, for approval by a majority of the Grand Council.

To submit a nomination:

Complete:	Bio Form A-100
Submit (1) copy of nomination to:	Grand Council
Submissions due by:	Continual
For Approval by:	Grand Council
Recognition in form of:	Lapel pin bearing the Fraternity’s crest



HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary members are members of the faculty and other distinguished professionals who reflect the honor of the fraternity. The Grand Council must approve all proposed honorary brothers before they are asked to become a member, or initiation is held. Like all brothers, honorary brothers must be initiated by a chapter of the fraternity. All Honorary Members become members of their Alumni Association upon completion of initiation.

To submit a nomination:

Complete:	Bio Form A-100 and Petition A-102
Submit (1) nomination to:	WGA
Submissions due by:	Continuous
For approval by:	Grand Council
Recognition in form of:	Membership Certificate and Badge



PATRON OF ARCHITECTURE

The Patron of Architecture Award recognizes the achievements of those individuals, or groups of individuals, who have demonstrated a positive impact on:

- The general public's awareness of the issues of the built environment
- The advancement of the art of architecture
- The public awareness of architecture and the profession
- The civic responsibility to create a better-built environment
- The education of the younger members of the profession

To submit a nomination:

Complete:	Bio Form A-100 and Petition A-102
Submit (1) copy of nomination to:	WGA
Submissions due by:	January 1
For Approval by:	The Convention
Recognition in form of:	Certificate



KENNETH KOHLEN NATIONAL FACULTY ADVISOR AWARD

The Kenneth Kohlen National Faculty Advisor Award shall be presented at Convention to one Faculty Advisor who best exemplifies the principles embodied by Brother Ken Kohlen:

- devotion to the Fraternity and its members
- passionate about furthering the careers and lives of students
- enthusiastic educator, motivational example, caring mentor
- dedication and commitment to providing valuable advice and encouragement to students

Active chapters, alumni associations, Grand Council appointees or officers, with the signatures of at least ten brothers, may propose honorees. The nominating party shall pay the travel expenses of the nominee's trip to convention for presentation of the award.

Eligibility

1. The nominee must be a Brother of Alpha Rho Chi, having completed the Ritualistic work of the Fraternity.
2. The nominee must be an Alpha Rho Chi Chapter Faculty Advisor or co-Advisor, who has served at least four years in this capacity.
3. The nominee must have participated in Alpha Rho Chi activities.
4. At the time of nomination and presentation, the chapter must have been active and in good standing with Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity as outlined in the National Constitution and Bylaws.
5. The nominee must be recognized for contributions to Alpha Rho Chi and their respective profession at the state, regional, and/or national level (e.g., scholarly activities, professional activities, active participation with professional organizations).
6. The nominee must have motivated students at the chapter level, helping them to develop a sense of fraternalism, professionalism and mentorship.
7. Previous recipients are not eligible for the award.

To submit a nomination:

Complete:	Bio Form A-100 and Petition A-101
Submit (1) copy of nomination to:	WGA
Submissions due by:	January 1
For Approval by:	Chapters and Alumni Associations
Recognition in form of:	At the discretion of the nominating party



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The National Community Service Award was created to recognize leadership, encourage community service, and foster the personal and professional growth of our members. It is intended to recognize the organized activity of an active chapter or alumni association in performing a service in the public good.

To submit a nomination:

Complete:	Bound documentation of a summary of activities, and observations of the results of their community service project. This should include the following information: 1. conceptual statement 2. project objectives 3. principal beneficiary 4. sponsor 5. organizational structure 6. schedule 7. budget 8. graphic documentation (photographs, drawings, etc.) 9. letter, certificate, or other form of acknowledgement from beneficiary and/or sponsor
Submit (1) copy to:	WGA
Submissions due by:	January 1
For approval by:	Grand Council
Recognition in form of:	At the discretion of the Grand Council



SO WHITTEN AWARD

The George "So" Whitten Scholastic Achievement Award is to recognize the active chapter of Alpha Rho Chi which has demonstrated the most outstanding academic and professional accomplishments of each school year. It is to encourage the individual and collective scholastic efforts of our members and support the setting of high academic and professional excellence standards and goals for our chapters.

To submit a nomination:

Complete:	For prior academic year provide documentation of the following: 1. Combined Grade Point Average for all Active Members (required) 2. All University Grade Point Average (if available) 3. All Fraternity GPA and Chapter ranking (if available) 4. Basis for calculation of the Grade Point System 5. Academic and Professional Awards received by individual active members 6. Any supporting documentation of Scholastic Achievements. The Chapter Faculty Advisor or Dean shall attest to the documentation. (required)
Submit (1) copy to:	WGA
Submissions due by:	January 1
For approval by:	Grand Council
Recognition in form of:	Rotating Engraved Plaque

Biographical Statistics Form

Standard Biographical Statistics form for all individual honors and awards. The intent of this form is to provide basic contact information as well as information for publication in the APX Letter and Archi. Please attach additional pertinent information, as well as a recent photograph (b/w, color, or digital file) that may be used in conjunction with publication.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Company Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Chapter Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone (home): _____ Telephone (office): _____

Telephone (cell): _____ Facsimile: _____

Email: _____ Email (alt): _____

Website: _____

Education (List schools, degrees & dates): _____

Professional honors and awards: _____

Published projects, books, articles, etc: _____

Distinguished service to Alpha Rho Chi and/or Architecture and the Allied Arts: _____

Other attainments and achievements of the nominee: _____

Petition for Award

Form A-101

The Standard Petition for Award is to be used for nomination to the Silver or Gold Alpha Rho Chi Medal.

Date: _____

M. President,

Whereas we believe that _____

[name]

has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of leadership, service, professionalism, and fraternalism in Architecture and the Allied Arts and/or to Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity by:

therefore, be it here resolved that we nominate _____

[name]

for (the) _____

[award]

Attached is the documentation of the qualifications of the Nominee.

	Signature	Name (Print)	Affiliation
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	_____
8	_____	_____	_____
9	_____	_____	_____
10	_____	_____	_____

Nomination Form

The Standard Nomination Form is to be used for Chapter or Alumni Association nomination for Honorary Membership, Master Architect, or Patron of Architecture.

Date: _____

Worthy Grand Architect,

The _____ at its meeting held on _____
[Chapter or Association] [date]
nominated _____ for _____
[name of nominee] [honor/award]

We thereby certify the resolution as follows:

Be it resolved that the _____
[Chapter or Association]
of Alpha Rho Chi does hereby nominate _____
[name of nominee]
for _____ and does direct the
[honor/award]

President and Secretary to prepare nomination papers and forward them to the
Worthy Grand Architect, and do all things proper to forward this nomination.

Attached is documentation of the qualifications of the Nominee.

President

Secretary

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