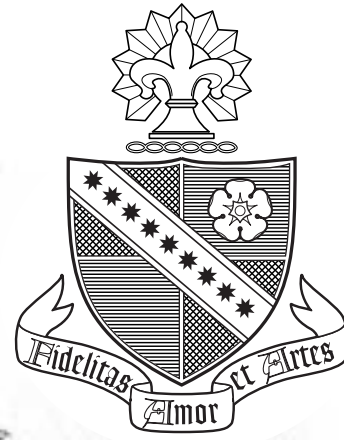


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**The Official Minutes of the  
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Fraternity for Architecture and the Allied Arts  
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## **Call to Order**

Grand Worthy Architect, Brother Gregory Pelley  
March 30, 2001 – 9:07 a.m. EST

## **Credentials**

Delegates listed as present and in good standing by Credentials Committee  
(19 in order at opening):

Andronicus	Maureen Brown	Andronicus AA	Mike Rabinara*
Anthemios	Scott Strnad	Anthemios AA	Katie Majchrowski
Apollodorus	Lucas London		
Daedalus	James Welby Smith*		
Iktinos	Hillary Leonard	Demetrios AA	Jennifer Fritz
		Iktinos AA	Dana Habel
		Metagenes AA	Laura Gagliano
Pytheos	Kellie Hall	Pytheos AA	Corey M. Hoelker
Rabirius	Sean P. Bender**		
Rhoecus	Katie Griffiths		
Satyros	Evan E. Hoxsie*	Satyros AA	Ted A. Ertl
Seshait	Shawn Vann	Seshait AA	Wm. Jermaine Richardson
Vitruvius	Benjamin Gerald	Vitruvius AA	Joe Matyaz
		Xenocles AA	Preston Kyle Horton
		Grand Council	J. Scott MacKay

\* *seated later*

\*\* *Jay C. Blackburn designated proxy for Saturday's session*

**Credentials Committee Report is accepted by Convention.**

## **Delegate Roll Call**

Motion to accept Andronicus Alumni delegate without credentials – passes  
Motion to accept Daedalus Chapter delegate without credentials – passes

## **Election of Convention Officers**

President of the Convention

Vicki Horton nominates Liz Laske (Anthemios Chapter) for President of the Convention.  
Vote is unanimous. Bro. Laske is installed and seated as President of the Convention.

Secretary of the Convention

Vicki Horton nominates Richard Jenkins (Metagenes A.A.) for Secretary of the  
Convention. Vote is unanimous. Bro. Jenkins is seated as Secretary of the Convention.

Appointments by the President

- Sgt. At Arms – Karen Williams (Seshait Chapter)
- Parliamentarian – Aaron Feldman-Grosse (Vitruvius Chapter)

Installation of Convention officers follows.

## Appointment of Committees

**President requests volunteers to serve as members of the Audit Committee** to review the WGE's report to the Convention. Dana Habel (Iktinos AA), Sharlee Seeley (Metagenes AA) and Jason Wright (Rabirius) are accepted by the Convention. This Committee will submit their report to the Convention during Saturday's business session.

**President requests volunteers to serve as members of the Resolutions Committee** for the Convention. These volunteers shall be responsible for the review and submission of all motions received and shall distribute copies of these motions to all delegates. Jennifer Fritz (Demetrius AA) and Jay Blackburn (Rabirius) are accepted by Convention. The President states that 3:00 p.m. is the deadline for resolutions to be submitted to the Resolutions Committee for consideration of the Convention. The President instructs the Resolutions Committee to meet with the Secretary after the deadline to prepare and copy the resolutions in advance of the next business session.

**President requests volunteers to serve as members of the Nomination Committee** to collect Nominations for next year.

- Dana Habel (Iktinos AA)
- Katie Griffiths (Rhoecus)
- Laura Gagliano (Metagenes AA)

Accepted by the Convention.

**President requests volunteers to serve as members of the Chapter Maintenance Committee.**

- Jennifer Fritz (Demetrius AA)
- Ryan Binkowski (Vitruvius)

Accepted by Convention.

## Report of the Grand Council

**Worthy Grand Architect, Greg Pelley submits the report for Grand Council.** *See Grand Council Reports section.*

Read by Bro. Pelley in summary. Motion to accept the WGA's report. Seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

**Worthy Grand Estimator, Nicole Morris amends the report** to add Fiscal Year 1999-2000 and FY 2000-2001 reports. Bro. Morris summarizes the financial reports.

Motion made to receive\* the WGE's report. Seconded. Motion carries unanimously. \*The decision to accept or reject the WGE's report will be made by the Convention upon receipt of the Audit Committee's report on Saturday.

## Report of the Chapters and Alumni Association Reports

*Please see Chapter and Alumni Association Reports section.*

Andronicus Chapter  
Andronicus Alumni Association  
Anthemios Chapter  
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Apollodorus Chapter  
Daedalus Chapter  
Demetrios Alumni Association  
Iktinos Chapter  
Iktinos Alumni Association  
Metagenes Alumni Association  
Pytheos Chapter  
Pytheos Alumni Association  
Rabirius Chapter  
Rhoecus Chapter  
Satyros Alumni Association  
Seshait Chapter  
Seshait Alumni Association  
Vitruvius Chapter  
Vitruvius Alumni Association  
Xenocles Alumni Association

Romina Tonucci, President of the Detroit-Mercy Colony, reports at end. A chapter name, "Vegoia," and a cadency mark proposed. Symposium of Women architects held. Working to foster communication between upper and lower classes and with AIAS and Beaux-Arts. *Information packet found with Chapter and Alumni Association Reports.*

**Motion to accept standing rules of the Convention.** Seconded. Passes unanimously.

**Motion to reschedule.** Laura Gagliano (Metagenes AA), proposes to reschedule business session #2 of the Convention to 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday. J. Scott Mackay (GC) seconds. Passes unanimously.

**Motion passes to reschedule Vision 2002 meeting.**

**Motion passes to receive report of the APX Foundation.**

See attached.

Bro. Chuck Nickel (Demetrios), President of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation presents the report. *See Officer and Committee Reports section*

## Old Business

**Report of the Image Committee.**

Aaron Feldman-Grosse (Vitruvius Chapter) presents report. *See Officer and Committee Reports section.*

**Report of the National Expansion Coordinator**

Not present at this time. (Presents his report during the next day's session.)

## **New Business**

**President solicits reports from the floor.** *See Officer and Committee Reports section.*

### **Report from Grand Lecturer**

Ted Ertl, Grand Lecturer, delivers report.

### **Chapter Maintenance Committee**

Jennifer Fritz, Committee chair, delivers report.

### **Web Master Report**

Dana Habel, Webmaster, delivers report

**Motion to recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday.** Passes unanimously.  
**Convention recessed at noon.**

## **Saturday, March 31**

**President calls the Convention to order at 9:15 a.m.**

Roll call

Proxy for Rabirius Chapter delegate accepted.

Satyros Chapter delegate seated, asked to present report.

Reports from Appointees

### **National Expansion Program Coordinator**

Bro. Frank Kitchel (NEPC) presents report. *See Officer and Committee Reports section.*

### **Report of Audit Committee**

Presented by Bro. Sharlee Seeley (Metagenes AA). *See Grand Council Reports section.*

### **Report of Resolutions Committee**

Bro. Jennifer Fritz reports 21 motions were submitted to the committee. Motions are distributed to delegates, convention officers, and gallery.

## **New Business Continues**

### **Motion 1**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that the Nominating Committee’s charge be expanded to include providing a pool list of members interested in serving as Grand Council appointees and Convention officers as well as members interested in participating in committees and special projects. The pool list is to be continuously updated and a report be submitted to the WGA on a quarterly basis (July, October, February, May).”

Motion made by: Gregory S. Pelley, WGA  
Seconded by: J. Scott MacKay, Grand Council Delegate

WGA explains how the list would assist the GC in identifying interested parties for executing projects. Metagenes AA delegate says this list help with delegating effort and reducing difficulty in finding help at the last minute as well as grooming future leaders and inviting people to participate. Iktinos AA delegate suggests that this call for help be communicated to the Fraternity at a whole.

Passes unanimously.

## **Motion 2**

Secretary reads the motion:

- “I move that a Committee of the Convention be formed, the Awards Committee. The committee shall be comprised of not less than three and not more than seven members (Active and Alumni). The committee shall be chaired by the WGA (as an ex-officio). The committee’s charge is as follows:
- A. Review, revise (upon approval of the Grand Council), and disseminate to all Chapters and Alumni Associations the policies and procedures for the award and recognition programs sponsored by Alpha Rho Chi (with the exception of the APX Bronze Medal Program.)
  - B. Develop the necessary forms and schedules to apply for and/or nominate persons for the awards and/or recognition.
  - C. Make recommendations to the Grand Council and the Convention for new awards and recognitions to be sponsored by Alpha Rho Chi.

Motion made by: Gregory S. Pelley, WGA  
Seconded by: J. Scott MacKay, Grand Council Delegate

WGA declares that Awards programs are vital to the fraternity and that he requests assistance with maintaining existing and developing the programs. This is a year-long committee. The committee would not be in charge of identifying recipients; it would be solely charged to create policies and communicate those policies to memberships. Satyros AA delegate reminds members of the PFA award program.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **Motion 3**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that National (Grand Council, Foundation) publish written information pertaining to the availability of all scholarships, awards, grants, etc., as well as the means by which to obtain and submit.”

Motion made by: James Welby Smith, Worthy Architect, Daedalus Chapter  
Seconded by: Mackenzie Bray, Worthy Superintendent, Daedalus Chapter

Daedalus delegate explains that the chapter was unaware of many existing programs. Metagenes AA delegate points out that APX Foundation is different organization, and not

bound to the Convention. Chuck Nickel, President of APX Foundation, says that the Foundation publishes that information and reports on balances and available funds and scholarships. He concedes that internal communication should be improved. Satyros AA delegate (Foundation VP) emailed each WA on scholarship availability and requesting applications. The Foundation received 17 nominations and applications from 5 chapters, information published on the WWW site.

Motion withdrawn by maker.

#### **Motion 4**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that a residence committee be formed.”

Motion made by: James Welby Smith, Worthy Architect, Daedalus Chapter

Seconded by: Casey Visintin, Daedalus Chapter

Daedalus delegate expresses desire to open discussion on assisting chapters on housing and building a base of knowledge on the issue. Demetrios AA notes that maintaining a house can be an obstacle for the chapter, and suggests chapters weigh both the pros and the cons. Rob Ford (Apollodorus alum.) in favor, but suggests motion should be better defined; suggests friendly amendment. Kim Clark (Metagenes AA) says the chapters require active guidance, not a report filed away. Contacts in holding corporation and alumni associates could be made available as knowledgeable resource. Point of inquiry to WGA: Do we have that in a database? WGA reply: not in a database, but has some information on individual members and bodies. Maker declines friendly amendment.

Metagenes AA delegate notes that individual chapters have widely different circumstances, guidelines may not be as helpful as knowledgeable advice. Sean Bender (Rabirius) suggests holding a future open forum with a facilitator to discuss issues and options. Frank Kitchel (NEPC) suggests maintaining a list of control corporations and other resources. Seshait delegate suggests the motion is too general. Itkinos AA delegate suggests control corporations be added to master directory.

Motion amended:

“I move to add a list of control corporations past and present to the master directory.”

Kim Clark (Metagenes AA) suggests past control corporations may not be useful resources; active resources are needed.

Motion amended:

“I move to add a list of control corporations immediate past and present to the master directory.”

Vitruvius AA delegate notes that he would be happy to help, but listings on the master directory may not be the appropriate forum for this information. Master directory lists Grand Council members and appointees, but not committees. They have not been asked whether they wanted name published nor screened for availability or knowledge.

Vitruvius delegate suggests chapters communicate directory to the Grand Council and other resources. Daedalus delegate notes that the chapter is looking for permanent

information. Rhoecus suggests master directory is appropriate place since it is widely distributed. Anthemios AA suggests information be permanently applicable. WGE points out that this list may contain the best contacts, since many houses do not have a control corporation, and that the Grand Council would be willing to track this information without this directive. Brian Swilling WGAA notes chapter houses are in master directory and that chapter members could provide references.

Motion withdrawn by maker.

### **Convention takes short recess**

### **Motion 5**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that a Marketing Committee of three (minimum) be established, with one member being Nicole Morris, that will dedicate themselves to organize, finalize a design, work with the designers, approve, and oversee publication of a national marketing material/brochure to be issued to every chapter, colony and the NEPC for distribution before September 30, 2001.”

Motion made by: Nicole A. Morris, WGE

Seconded by: Jennifer Fritz, Demetrios Alumni Association

WGE explains the task for this committee is to finish the work of the Image Committee and get new marketing materials ready. There are many types of marketing material needed, and they need to be available every year. These marketing materials would help chapters, but chapters could supplement it with their own Rush materials. Funding will be addressed by next motion; a budget line item already exists. This motion establishes who will do the work.

Rhoecus delegate points out that marketing includes planning and image, not just brochures; a marketing plan should be included. WGE explains her intention is to limit the scope of work in order to get it done. Metagenes AA delegate says existing committees can handle a marketing plan, and that this committee can be left to handle its specific task. Apollodorus delegate hopes it is completed sooner than Sept. 30. Frank Kitchel plans to develop a marketing plan as NEPC. Seshait delegate in favor because chapter has found professionally developed tools to be helpful.

In a Point of Clarification, WGE explains the preliminary design work done.

Satyros delegate suggests striking the words “Marketing Committee.” Committee jokingly referred to as “The Morris Commission.”

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that a committee of three (minimum) be established, with one member being Nicole Morris, that will dedicate themselves to organize, finalize a design, work with the designers, approve, and oversee publication of a national marketing material/brochure to be issued to every chapter, colony and the NEPC for distribution before September 30, 2001.”

Motion passes unanimously.

## **Motion 6**

Motion amended by maker.

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that the committee may hire, if necessary, a professional graphic artist, with the approval of the Grand Council, for a specified amount not to exceed the \$3,000 from Accrued Expense Liability Account #2521.”

Motion made by: Nicole A. Morris, WGE

Seconded by: Jennifer Fritz, Demetrios Alumni Association

Rob Ford requests an attempt be made to develop that within the Fraternity. WGE replies that she wants to make sure that the work is done professionally, and that may require outside help. WGA points out that hired help can be pushed harder than volunteers, so outside assistance may be necessary. Iktinos AA delegate declares this is an opportunity for someone to step up to help. Rhoecus delegate suggests a charette be held by a certain date. WGE replies that charettes may have expenses and problems of their own.

Sue Behrens (Xenocles AA) this is recurring issue, professional may be required to get this project done. Metagenes AA delegate relates that \$3000 is about 45 hours of professional work, and a large time commitment for a volunteer. WGAA notes that as a professional issue, we should not be against hiring a professional. Anthemios delegate says an effort should be made to find a member to design this, so that the fraternity can demonstrate its work. Rabirius delegate suggests that needing outside designers would show a failure on the part of the Fraternity. Satyros delegate councils that wanting a brother to design the materials should not preclude this motion passing.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **Motion 7**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that a report be administered during this, the 54<sup>th</sup> Nation Convention of Alpha Rho Chi, as to the status of all past motions of the 53<sup>rd</sup> National Convention.”

Motion made by: Scott Swanson, Worthy Scribe, Daedalus Chapter

Seconded by: Drezden Martin, Professional Director, Daedalus Chapter

Daedulus Chapter delegate amends motion to following:

“At each national convention a committee should present a report on the status of the motions passed at the previous convention.”

Chuck Nickel (Demetrios) suggests that this is the procedure of Old Business. The WGA declares that the Grand Council is prepared to answer any questions and has filed a report for the Grand Council detailing their activities for the past year.

Motion withdrawn by Daedalus Chapter delegate.

### **Motion 8**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that quarterly financial and budgeting reports be mailed to every chapter (W.E.) so as to inform chapters as to the current state of fiscal affairs. Each shall be an itemized report.”

Motion made by: Scott Swanson, Worthy Scribe, Daedalus Chapter

Seconded by: James Welby Smith, Worthy Architect, Daedalus Chapter

Daedalus delegate explains that the chapter wanted to know this information, and that the WGE and the Audit committee were very helpful in explaining this information.

Motion withdrawn by Daedalus delegate.

### **Motion 9**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that a national Master Directory be compiled and updated on a quarterly basis to include such information as the name, address, phone number, email, and any additional contact information of each Chapter, Alumni Association, Grand Council members and appointees, Foundation, and any additional members as needed. The duty to submit information shall be the responsibility of each aforementioned entity.”

Motion made by: Scott Swanson, Worthy Scribe, Daedalus Chapter

Seconded by: David Brown, Worthy Associate Architect, Daedalus Chapter

Daedalus delegate explains that the Chapter had out of date contact information on file and that former chapter officers were still receiving information from the Grand Council, despite the attempts of the Worthy Scribe to have the records changed.

WGS explains that in this case, she had received wrong address and apologizes for the Grand Council's error. A current, corrected directory has been posted on the WWW site.

Motion withdrawn by Daedalus delegate.

**Discussion follows of member database updates and process.**

### **Motion 10**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that correspondence or documents received from National be void of any personal tags, mottos, mantras, or phrases which are not recognized as official statements or marks of the Fraternity.

Motion made by: James Welby Smith, Worthy Architect, Daedalus Chapter

Seconded by: Mary Lawrence, Pledge Trainer, Daedalus Chapter

Daedalus Chapter explains that motion is not intended as personal attack. Many of these documents are distributed outside the Fraternity and there is concern that inappropriate messages may be reaching faculty and others, tarnishing the Fraternity's professional image.

WGS declares the motto intended for internal use only and used as such. Grand Council delegate explains that the Value and Vision 2000 exercise developed mission and vision statements for the Grand Council and that these internal messages were intended to charge up the internal membership.

Discussion continues about public versus private nature of e-mail correspondence. Note is made of the paid advertisement in the *Archi*.

Sharlee Seely (Meta. AA.) suggests that motion be amended to include the word "official." Vitruvius delegate reminds the officers of the Fraternity of the impression their words have on the Active membership.

WGA notes member concern, apologizes for misunderstanding, and invites members to contact the Grand Councils with your concerns or problems.

Motion amended

"I move that official correspondence or documents received from National for the public be void of any personal tags, mottos, mantras, or phrases which are not recognized as official statements or marks of the Fraternity."

Motion passes (12 aye, 6 nay, 3 abstaining).

## **Motion 11**

Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that National Convention be moved to the time period between July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>."

Motion made by: James Welby Smith, Worthy Architect, Daedalus Chapter  
Seconded by: Ryan Rosen, Asst. Pledge Trainer, Daedalus Chapter

Daedalus delegate explains intent to better align with school schedules and perhaps adding the summertime retreat or event.

WGA details problems with scheduling of officer installations and the fiscal year.

Anthemios AA suggests that a summer Convention would make it more difficult for actives to travel together. Anthemios delegate notes there is never a perfect time in school year, summer is needed by many students to work and save money for the next school term. During the school year, the chapter can meet and discuss issues and gain the point of view of the chapter. Seshait chapter is opposed because it would be more difficult getting funding from the school if the date is moved outside the school year.

Motion fails to pass.

## **Motion 12**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that the Worthy Architect conference be attached to the National Convention and no longer held separately in the fall.”

Motion made by: James Welby Smith, Worthy Architect, Daedalus Chapter  
Seconded by: Ryan Rosen, Asst. Pledge Trainer, Daedalus Chapter

Daedalus delegate suggests combining the two events to ease scheduling and save money. Seshait delegate observes that scheduling more time in a block would place a higher burden on WAs and other officials, and may not save much in travel costs. Metagenes AA suggests it is better to keep continual contact between chapters and the national fraternity. Demetrios AA notes that this motion may make Convention too difficult to schedule, and that the WA conference attendance has been excellent. Rhoecus delegate notes benefits of holding and finds the renewal beneficial. WGAA points out that the Fall schedule helps WAs plan for oncoming year.

Motion fails to pass.

## **Motion 13**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that the Regular Convention fees be waived for the members of the Grand Council”

Motion made by: Nicole A. Morris, WGE  
Seconded by: Jennifer Fritz, Demetrios Alumni Association

Maker amends the motion:

“I move that the minimum regular Convention lodging costs be waived for the members of the Grand Council Executive Board. Funds should come from Expense Account #5102, annual meeting lodging.”

WGE explains that the Grand Council had waived stipends to help with the financial situation of the Fraternity. With the stipend, Grand Council members would be less likely to be serving double duty as delegates for their Alumni Associations – and thereby occupying many of the seats at Convention. The annual meeting is separate from the Convention, but held at about the same time.

Satyros AA delegate says Grand Council officers should recognize the costs they may incur. Anthemios delegate notes that Grand Council members are not privileged as officers while Convention is in session and should be held to same rules and fees as other brothers. Rhoecus delegate appreciates effort by the GC, but notes other delegates bear costs and financial obligations. WGS suggests that the executive board should be treated like other delegates, many who are supported by their chapters or alumni associations.

Seshait AA delegate notes motion does not reflect annual meeting, suggests motion be amended. After a series of amendments to handle specific issues, the motion reads:

“I move that the Annual Meeting lodging costs be paid for the members of the Grand Council Executive Board. Funding provided by budget for Convention

Expense Account #5102. If said annual meeting lodging costs exceed the minimum regular convention fee, the lesser amount should be reimbursed.”

Chuck Nickel notes that the Constitution and By-Laws set that annual meeting costs shall be reimbursed, and suggests the motion is unnecessary. WGE replies that it has been a policy that lodging costs are not paid from the budget. Point of Inquiry: How much would this cost? Would the difference prevent Grand Council members from attending? WGE: It is not inexpensive, and most officers would probably carry the burden in any case.

Sharlee Seeley (Metagenes AA) notes that many delegates receive assistance from their local organization, and suggests that it is the national fraternity’s responsibility to help the Grand Council come and listen to the membership.

Motion passes (10 aye, 8 nay, 4 abstain).

**Motion to read Motion 16 next.** Accepted.

**Motion 16**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that Article XIII, Section 03 of the Alpha Rho Chi By-Laws be amended to change the title of Regional Deputy to *Regional Director* to wit:

**Section 03: Duties of the Regional Directors**

A Regional Director (RD) shall be appointed in each region having at least on active Chapter or Alumni Association. A Regional Director may be appointed in a region having no active Chapters or Alumni Associations if deemed necessary and beneficial by the Grand Council. Each Regional Director shall assist the Grand Council in the performance of its duties. Each Regional Director shall maintain frequent contact wit the Chapters and Alumni Associations within his/her respective region. The Regional Directors shall work with the National Director of Development and Maintenance and the National Director of Expansion Activities.”

Motion made by: Robert Ford, Regional Deputy  
Seconded by: Jennifer Fritz, Demetrios Alumni Association

Rob Ford explains that Regional Deputies and Grand Council members feel that the term regional deputy may be antiquated or confusing. Regional Director may be more appropriate. This change would also better define the regions in the by-laws.

Amended to delete final sentence from motion.

“I move that Article XIII, Section 03 of the Alpha Rho Chi By-Laws be amended to change the title of Regional Deputy to *Regional Director* to wit:

**Section 03: Duties of the Regional Directors**

A Regional Director (RD) shall be appointed in each region having at least on active Chapter or Alumni Association. A Regional Director may be appointed in a region having no active Chapters or Alumni Associations if deemed necessary and beneficial by the Grand Council. Each Regional Director shall assist the Grand Council in the performance of its duties. Each Regional Director shall maintain frequent contact wit the Chapters and Alumni Associations within his/her respective region.”

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **Motion 14**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that Article XIII, Section 02 of the Alpha Rho Chi By-Laws be amended to change the title of the National Inspector to *National Director of Development and Maintenance* to wit:

**Section 02: Duties of the National Director of Development and Maintenance**

The National Director of Development and Maintenance (NDDM) shall assist the Grand Council in the performance of its duties as they pertain to the development and maintenance of Chapters and Alumni Associations. The National Director of Development and Maintenance shall work with the Worthy Grand Scribe to coordinate the activities and programs of the Regional Directors.”

Motion made by: Robert Ford, Regional Director

Seconded by: Jennifer Fritz, Demetrios Alumni Association

Rob Ford explains that, as a title, National Inspector seems antiquated and sounds like an investigator. National Director may also be an appropriate term.

Sue Behrens (Xenocles AA) title comes from use of Architectural titles, (e.g., Estimator)

Amendments

“I move that Article XIII, Section 02 of the Alpha Rho Chi By-Laws be amended to change the title of the National Inspector to *National Director* to wit:

**Section 02: Duties of the National Director**

The National Director (ND) shall assist the Grand Council in the performance of its duties as they pertain to the development and maintenance of established colonies, Chapters and Alumni Associations. The National Director shall work with the Worthy Grand Scribe to coordinate the activities and programs of the Regional Directors.”

WGA points out that no inspection duties performed by National Inspector, and that director is a common term in use in architectural firms.

Motion passes unanimously.

**President announces 10 minute recess.**

#### **Motion 15**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that Article XIII, Section 04 of the Alpha Rho Chi By-Laws be amended to change the title of the National Expansion Programs Coordinator to *Expansion Director* to wit:

**Section 04: Duties of the National Director of Expansion Activities**

The Expansion Director (ED) shall assist the Worthy Grand Scribe in the execution of the Expansion Plan and Programs of the Fraternity. The Expansion Director shall work with the Regional Directors to identify and contact prospective sites for the establishment of new colonies.”

Motion made by: Robert Ford, Regional Director  
Seconded by: Jennifer Fritz, Demetrios Alumni Association

Rob Ford explains that this is another attempt to make the titles in line with the others.

Amended title from “National Director of Expansion Activities” to “National Expansion Director”

Point of Inquiry: Does NEPC want to change title? NEPC replies that he has no desire for a particular title, but that the new title may make a better impression with college deans and other potential contacts. Vitruvius delegate notes conflict with the title National Director (Motion 14).

Amended to “Expansion Director”

“I move that Article XIII, Section 04 of the Alpha Rho Chi By-Laws be amended to change the title of the National Expansion Programs Coordinator to *Expansion Director* to wit:

**Section 04: Duties of the Expansion Director**

The Expansion Director (ED) shall assist the Worthy Grand Scribe in the execution of the Expansion Plan and Programs of the Fraternity. The Expansion Director shall work with the Regional Directors to identify and contact prospective sites for the establishment of new colonies.”

Rob Ford notes that although marketing may be involved in the duties, the word “marketing” may carry negative connotations with some audiences. Iktinos AA delegate asks if there is an idea of changing WGA, WGE, etc. Ford replies that he has no desire to change those titles, but these being changed would make establishing contacts outside the Fraternity easier for those officers.

Motion passes unanimously.

**Motion passes to extend schedule as necessary to finish business of Convention.**

**Motion 17**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that the Grand Council Delegate be recused from voting during election of officers.

Motion made by: J. Scott MacKay, Grand Council Delegate  
Seconded by: Jennifer Fritz, Demetrios Alumni Association

Grand Council delegate explains that the Grand Council should not be electing those who would be joining their body. This also creates a conflict of interest when Grand Council members run against each other.

Point of information: Metagenes AA. Is a similar motion on the books? None known.

Satyros delegate says the Grand Council's place in Convention is established, and the Grand Council should not be removed from their role. Sean Bender (Rabirius) suggests that abstaining from voting would be preferable to legislating it away. Chuck Nickel notes the intent to have collective vote of Grand Council voting, not the individual delegate alone. Vitruvius delegate suggests if the delegate is not present at the time of vote, abstaining would not necessary (In this case there is no vote).

Motion fails to pass.

### **Motion 18**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that the National By-Laws of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity be amended to add an article concerning the following:

**Procedure to Amend the Ritual**

Section 01 – No amendment, alteration, or addition to the Fraternity's Ritual shall take effect until it is presented to the Convention at a regular or special session after sixty (60) days reasonable notice of any proposed amendment, and adopted by an unanimous vote.

Section 02 – The Grand Council and each Chapter shall possess copies of the Fraternity's Ritual.”

Motion made by: Kellie R. Hall, Pytheos Chapter

Seconded by: Corey Hoelker, Regional Director

Non-members asked to leave the room by the Sgt.-at-Arms.

[Esoteric discussion removed.]

WGA identifies a suitable section of the National By-Laws for the motion.

Motion amended

“I move that the Nation By-Laws of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity be amended to include:

**Article XXV: Procedure to Amend the Ritual**

Section 01 – No amendment, alteration, or addition to the Fraternity's Ritual shall take effect until it is presented to the Convention at a regular or special session after sixty (60) days reasonable notice of any proposed amendment, and adopted by an unanimous vote.

Section 02 – The Grand Council and each Chapter shall possess copies of the Fraternity's Ritual.”

Motion passes (18 aye, 4 nay).

## **Motion 19**

[Esoteric motion and discussion removed.]

Motion fails to pass (4 aye, 18 nay).

Sgt. Admits guests in the room.

## **Motion 20**

Secretary reads the motion:

“I move that the national Constitution of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, Article VII, Section 02, be amended to state:

‘Each Chapter of the Fraternity shall be designated by the name of a prominent Ancient Egyptian, Greek, or Roman architect, or Deity of the same cultures, such name having been selected by he prospective Chapter and approved by the Grand Council.’”

Motion made by: Kellie R. Hall, Pledge Educator, Pytheos Chapter

Seconded by: Lenora Nelson, Worthy Architect, Pytheos Chapter

Hall amends the motion:

“I move that the national Constitution of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, Article VII, Section 02, be amended to state:

‘Each Chapter of the Fraternity shall be designated by the name of a prominent Ancient Egyptian, Greek, or Roman architect, or Deity relating to the profession of architecture or the allied arts, such name having been selected by he prospective Chapter and approved by the Grand Council.’”

Hall explains that this motion has precedent with Seshait’s namesake.

Anthemios delegate suggests the amendment read “...of the same cultures...” for increased consistency. Rob Ford suggests amending the motion by deleting the comma between “architect” and “or deity”.

Motion amended

“I move that the national Constitution of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, Article VII, Section 02, be amended to state:

‘Each Chapter of the Fraternity shall be designated by the name of a prominent Ancient Egyptian, Greek, or Roman architect or Deity of the same cultures relating to the profession of architecture or the allied arts, such name having been selected by he prospective Chapter and approved by the Grand Council.’”

Andronicus AA delegate Fundamentally, this an Architecture fraternity, and that the namesakes should not stray from that

Metagenes AA delegate asks how many names are available in the context of Egyptian, Greek or Roman Architects and if the list needs to be expanded. WGA presents a list of available names. Metagenes AA delegate asks if there is a reason that none of these names are acceptable?

Romina Tonucci, President of the Detroit-Mercy Colony, observes that the motion limits the spirit with which the colony wishes to establish their chapter and pass to their successors.

Sharlee Seeley (Metagenes AA) notes additional Egyptian names were added recently to expand the breadth of the Fraternity and that no women are on the existing list. WGA explains the list includes suggestions and is not comprehensive. Seeley replies that the opportunities to find women namesakes are still very limited.

Romina Tonucci tells the convention that the colony looked for a female architect, but could not find a name that was established in any literature. Choice of a deity was one of the only options available.

Demetrios AA delegate suggests adding Etruscan to the list of acceptable cultures. (Detroit-Mercy's suggested namesake "Vegoia" is not of the three cultures in the motion.)

Sgt. At Arms directs non-members to leave the room for esoteric discussion.

[Esoteric discussion removed.]

Motion amended

"I move that the national Constitution of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, Article VII, Section 02, be amended to state:

'Each Chapter of the Fraternity shall be designated by the name of a prominent Ancient Egyptian, Greek, Etruscan, or Roman architect or Deity of the same cultures relating to the profession of architecture or the allied arts, such name having been selected by the prospective Chapter and approved by the Grand Council.'"

Motion fails to pass (5 aye, 17 nay).

## **Motion 21**

Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that the National Convention accept the Detroit-Mercy Colony's petition to become the Vegoia Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi.

Motion made by: Ted Ertl, Grand Lecturer

Seconded by: Jennifer Fritz, Regional Director, Region 4

Ted Ertl, Grand Lecturer, speaks in favor of the Detroit-Mercy Colony.

WGA declares that this motion is out of order since the Grand Council has not yet received a petition. The only reason for rejection is procedural and that he has spoken with colony and has worked out the requirements for completion of the petition. The petition should be completed in 30-40 days. The WGA then explained the process for approval to the Convention.

End of New Business

### **Nominations for Awards committee**

- Dana Habel, Iktinos A. A.
- Tom Salaki, Vitruvius
- Wm. Germaine Richardson, Seshait A. A.
- Jeff Chandler, Anthemios

Accepted by the Convention

## **Report of the Nominating Committee**

Dana Habel (Iktinos AA) reports two nominees for office, distributes résumés of nominees. The committee also submits a Handguide for the APX National Nominations Committee to assist future Nominating Committees. *See Officer and Committee Reports section.*

Nominee for Worthy Grand Associate Architect:  
Nicole A. Morris, Vitruvius Alumnae

Nominee for Worthy Grand Estimator:  
Robert E. Ford , Apollodorus Alumnus

**Motion passes to receive the report of the Nominating Committee.**

## **Election of Officers to the Grand Council**

The President requests additional nominations for Worthy Grand Associate Architect from the floor.

Brian Swilling, Seshait Alumnus

The President requests additional nominations for Worthy Grand Estimator from the floor.

Nicole A. Morris, Vitruvius Alumna

The President closes nominations from the floor.

### **Nomination Speeches for WGAA**

Vicki Horton (WGS) gives a three-minute nomination speech in support of Brother Morris. Laura Gagliano (Secretary, Metagenes Alumni Association) gives a one-minute seconding speech. Brother Morris delivers a five-minute nomination acceptance speech.

Wm. Jermaine Richardson (Seshait Alumni Association) gives a three-minute nomination speech in support of Brother Swilling. Ryan Binkowski (Vitruvius Chapter) gives a one-minute seconding speech. Brother Swilling delivers a five-minute nomination acceptance speech.

**Questions are posed to the candidates.**

**Voting ballots are then issued to the delegates** and collected by the tallying committee. The Secretary and the other two talliers exit the room to count the votes. One vote is cast as no vote. Twenty-one votes are cast. Votes necessary for election at this Convention are 11. Brother Morris receives 11 votes. **Brother Nicole A. Morris elected to the position of WGAA.**

**Brother Robert Ford is elected as Worthy Grand Estimator by acclamation.**

## **Suggestions for the Betterment of the Fraternity**

Romina Tonucci, President of the Detroit-Mercy Colony, makes a presentation on their proposed chapter name and cadency mark.

Parliamentarian suggests that a “satellite” convention be held by Brothers in Europe to greet the 55<sup>th</sup> National Convention from across the ocean.

Greg Pelley, WGA, notes that Anthemios Alumnus Scott Utter has volunteered to edit a book on the Master Architects of Alpha Rho Chi and has submitted a paper on Nathan Clifford Ricker. Calls for additional papers. Publication of the book could serve as a fund raiser.

Kyle Horton, Xenocles AA delegate, suggests that once per quarter during conference call, that one Active member participate in the Grand Council’s conference call.

Ted Ertl, Satyros AA, asks the assembled Convention to thank Bro. Swilling for his work organizing the Convention and for his service as WGAA.

Benjamin Gerald, Vitruvius delegate, to share an instant messaging (IM) list or establish an Internet chat room for fraternal discussions. Also declares that he was impressed by the Convention’s turnout and brotherhood and made a call for leadership.

Lucas London, Apollodorus delegate, thanks non-delegate attendees for their support and assistance during convention.

Sean Bender, Rabirius WA, says that he’s seen that the members have great ideas around and they should be make them happen, but councils the Fraternity to mind the direction of our efforts and strive towards a common mission, not just the task at hand.

Laura Gagliano, Metagenes AA delegate, reminds graduating members to inform the Fraternity where they will be after graduation and to keep involved with Alpha Rho Chi.

Brian Swilling, WGAA, extends his appreciation to Edgardo Martinez, Michele LeTourneur, and John Peterson for hosting tours at the Convention.

Sharlee Seeley suggests that a Ritual competition be held at a future convention, and offers the help of the Metagenes Alumni Association to make it happen.

J. Scott MacKay, Grand Advisor, suggests that the Grand Council disseminate a Guidebook for Convention for future delegates and convention officers.

Dana Habel, Iktinos AA delegate, thanks the officers of the Convention for doing a fabulous job.

## **Suggestions for Meeting Places for Future Conventions**

Grand Council delegate reports on findings for hotels in and around Las Vegas, Nevada.

Karen Williams (Seshait) offers Talahassee, Florida to be sponsored by Seshait chapter. Having a chapter host the convention would be favorable, and Seshait would be pleased to host.

Eric Johnson (Anthemios) suggests alternating between chapter locations and other cities. WGE discusses possible patterns for rotating convention.

WGS explored New Orleans as possibility and can provide additional information. Cancun also explored as an option; Cancun hotels highly receptive as potential sites.

Frank Kitchel proposes using Convention to coincide with possible expansion sites and recounts interest and contact at UNLV.

Rhoecus delegate observes that new sites stimulate interest, inside and outside the Fraternity.

Lance Karutz (RD-8) offers that if Las Vegas is selected, chapters in the region are willing to assist.

Vitruvius suggests that chapter locations are an attraction and foster closeness as well as reduced cost through use of university facilities.

Sue Behrens notes that Conventions in locations without a chapter motivates Actives to attend and spares chapter from burning out hosting the Convention. Some cities would also be attractive for more Alumni members and may provide opportunities for families to do things while members attend.

WGAA observes that the Las Vegas estimates are less expensive than most other opportunities and that constitutionally, the Convention is under the auspices of the WGAA.

WGA notes that the decision will be made by the Grand Council on Sunday, with an eye to begin planning conventions two years in advance. The Grand Council is looking to investigate sites for 2003 and 2004.

Other mentioned sites for future conventions:

- Boston
- Charleston, SC
- New York
- Phoenix
- Albuquerque
- Hawaii

**Motion to adjourn:** President of Convention. Seconded by many. Motion carries unanimously. So adjourned.

**The 54<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the Alpha Rho Chi Professional Architecture Fraternity is adjourned at 5:02 p.m. EST**

We, the undersigned, do attest and affirm that the above text is an accurate record of the proceedings of the 54<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the Alpha Rho Chi Architecture Fraternity, held in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, March 30 – 31, 2001.

\_\_[signed]\_\_\_\_\_

Liz Laske  
Convention President

\_\_[signed]\_\_\_\_\_

Richard Lyle Jenkins  
Convention Secretary