

**The Official Minutes of the
56th National Convention of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity
for Architecture and the Allied Arts
Cincinnati, Ohio
March 28-29, 2003**

Call to Order

Worthy Grand Architect, Brother Gregory Pelley (Anthemios AA)

The 56th National Convention of the Alpha Rho Chi Professional Fraternity for Architecture and the Allied Arts is called to order on Friday 28 March 2003 – 2:00 p.m. EST.

Credentials

Delegates listed as present by Credentials Committee:

Andronicus	Pearl Hung*	Andronicus AA	Michael Ellars
Anthemios	Scott Ryan Stewart	Anthemios AA	Frank Kitchel
Apollodorus	Daniel Lee*		
Cleisthenes	Carlos Machado		
Daedalus	Bridget Blair		
Iktinos	Erin Russell*	Grand Council	J. Scott MacKay
Imhotep	Duke Walker	Iktinos AA	Dana R. Habel*
Pytheos	Nicole Schiermeyer	Metagenes AA	Michele LeTourneur
Rabirius	Jason Kasperek & Michael Shoup	Pytheos AA	Lenora A. Nelson
Rhoecus	Joellen Wang*		
Satyros	Frank G. Quijada	Satyros AA	Shani Redmond*
Seshait	Traci Jehan Watley*		
Vitruvius	Christine Brazill	Vitruvius AA	Gary Ehrlich
		Xenocles AA	Vicki J. Horton

*Seated by special consideration of delegates in good standing

Credentials Committee Report is accepted by Convention.

Delegate Role Call. All present.

Motion to accept Andronicus delegate (Pearl Hung) without credentials. Seconded. Motion Passes unanimously.

Motion to accept the following delegates without credentials as a whole by Brother Lenora Nelson (Pytheos AA). Seconded Motion passes unanimously.

Apollodorus	Daniel Lee
Iktinos	Erin Russell
Iktinos AA	Dana R. Habel
Rhoecus	Joellen Wang
Satyros AA	Shani Redmond
Seshait	Traci Jehan Watley

Election of Convention Officers

President of the Convention

The Worthy Grand Architect asks for Report from the Nominations Committee.

Nominating Committee gives report. Brother Jeffrey Chandler (Anthemios AA) and Brother Karen Williams (Seshait Chapter) nominated for President of Convention.

Worthy Grand Architect asks for additional nominations from the floor.

WGA closes nominations from the floor.

Brother Chandler gives speech.

Brother Scott Stewart (Anthemios Chapter) speaks on Brother Chandler's behalf.

Brother Williams gives speech.

Brother Tim Hoeft (Apollodorus Chapter) speaks on Brother William's behalf.

Voting ballots are issued to the delegates and collected by tallying committee. Votes are counted. 22 votes collected. Brother Chandler receives 15 votes and Brother Williams receives 7 votes. **Brother Chandler elected to the position of President of Convention.**

Secretary of the Convention

The President asks for Report from the Nominations Committee.

Nomination committee gives report. Brother Bethany Barta (Anthemios AA) nominated for Secretary of Convention.

The President calls for nominations from the floor.

The President closes nominations from the floor.

Brother Barta gives speech.

Motion to elect Brother Barta by acclamation. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Appointments by the President

The President calls for additional volunteers from the floor. None given.

?? Sgt. At Arms – Brother Nathan Mowry (Anthemios Chapter)

?? Parliamentarian – Brother Scott Strnad (Anthemios Chapter)

President calls for the acceptance of the Standing Rules of the Convention. So moved. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Appointment of Committees

President requests volunteers to serve as members of the Audit Committee to review the Worthy Grand Estimator's report to the Convention. Brother Frank Kitchel (Anthemios AA), Brother Duke Walker (Imhotep Chapter), Brother Scott Stewart (Anthemios) are accepted by convention.

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. Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA) and Brother Rick Jenkins (Metagenes AA) are accepted by the convention. The President states that 5:30 p.m. EST is the deadline for resolutions to be submitted to the Resolutions Committee for consideration of the Convention.

President requests volunteers to serve as members of the Nominations Committee to collect nominations for the 57th National Convention. Brother Pearl Hung (Andronicus), Brother Michael S. Ellars (Andronicus AA), Brother Christine Brazill (Vitruvius), and Brother Karen Williams (Seshait) are accepted by the convention.

Report of the Grand Council

Worthy Grand Architect, Brother Gregory Pelley submits the report for the Grand Council. *See Grand Council Reports Section.* Read by Brother Pelley in summary.

Worthy Grand Estimator, Brother Robert Ford submits the report of fiscal year 2003 report. *See Grand Council Reports Section.*

Motion to accept the Report of the Grand Council. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Report of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation

President of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation, Brother Chuck Nickel, submits the report of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation. *See Alpha Rho Chi Foundation Reports section.* Read by Brother Chuck Nickel in summary.

Motion to accept the Report of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Session recessed at 2:50 p.m. EST

Session reconvenes at 3:10 p.m. EST

Role call taken. All present.

Report of the Chapters' and Alumni Associations'

See Chapter and Alumni Association Reports Section.

Andronicus Chapter
Andronicus Alumni Association
Anthemios Chapter
Anthemios Alumni Association
Apollodorus Chapter
Apollodorus Alumni Association
Cleisthenes Chapter
Daedalus Chapter
Iktinos Alumni Association

Imhotep Chapter
Pytheos Chapter
Rabirius Chapter
Rhoecus Chapter
Satyros Chapter
Seshait Chapter
Vitruvius Chapter
Vitruvius Alumni Association
Xenocles Alumni Association

Motion to delay the Chapter and Alumni Association Reports until following business session by Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA). **Seconded. Motion passes: 20 in favor, 2 opposed.**

Report of Awards Committee

Brother Gregory Pelley (Worthy Grand Architect) submits the report of the Awards committee. Regretfully, not much advancement of the new "Chapter Commendation" award, work will continue, and hopefully be completed in the next 3 months.

Report of Alumni Expansion Committee

Brothers Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA) and Lenora A. Nelson (Pytheos AA) submit report of the "Rogue Alumni Associations Committee." *See Alumni Expansion Committee Report Section.*

As a response to motion 55-06, which was tabled at the 55th National Convention, a committee was developed to explore the expansion of alumni associations. The presentation is an overview of the work, research and purpose of the committee. The goal is to get alumni back into activities and to strengthen active chapters through strong alumni associations. The committee was initially developed for brothers who live in a different city than his original chapter alumni association.

A breakout session regarding this subject will be offered.

Unfinished Business

Motion to remove Motion 55-06 from the table. This will also abolish the Alumni Expansion Committee. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that Article XVII Section 01 of the National By-Laws of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity be amended to wit: Section 01: Alumni Associations of the Fraternity shall be incorporated as non-profit corporations and may be formed by the Alumni, Non-Graduate, Faculty, and/or Honorary Members of a Chapter, such authority having been first established by the granting of a petition presented to and approved by the Grand Council."

Motion made by: Brother Laura Schmidt (Anthemios AA)
Seconded by: Brother Michael Ellars (Andronicus AA)

Motion 55-06 withdrawn by Brother Laura Schmidt (Anthemios AA).

Motion to reinstate Alumni Expansion Committee as Rogue Alumni Committee by Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA). **Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion to remove Motion 55-08 from the table by Brother J. Scott MacKay (Grand Council). **Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that the National By-Laws of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity be amended to include a new sub-section to Article IV, Section 02 to read:

"(A) The Grand Council delegate shall be recused from voting during the election of Grand Council officers."

Motion made by: Brother Eric Heinsohn (Daedalus AA)
Seconded by: Brother J. Scott MacKay (Grand Council)

Brother MacKay speaks on behalf of Brother Heinsohn.

Brother MacKay referred the motion to an attorney who suggests reviewing the National Constitution and By-Laws for specifics on the Grand Council (GC) delegate. Brother MacKay states that the Constitution gives a vote to each Chapter, each Alumni Association and the GC at Convention, and that the GC is eligible to vote in GC elections. Robert's Rules of Order states in chapter XII that one should abstain from "voting on a question of direct personal interest." Brother MacKay continues that since members of the GC are also members of Alumni Associations, they are represented by that delegate, and allowing the GC delegate to vote is double representation. The GC should not have a vote to decide who will serve with them.

Brother Jason Kasparek (Rabirius Chapter) asks for clarification as to why the motion was tabled.

M. President responds that it was tabled because amendments to constitution must be proposed 60 days before convention.

Brother Ted Ertl (Satyros AA) states that from the research, it seems logical to remove the Grand Council delegate position all together.

Brother MacKay responds that the Grand Council should have voice at convention but not vote for its own members.

Call to question by Brother Jason Kasparek (Rabirius Chapter). **Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 55-08 passes unanimously.

Motion to remove Motion 55-09 from the table . Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that the National Constitution of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity be amended to include a new sub-section to Article V, Section 06 to read:

**"(A) Election of Grand Council Officers
The Grand Council delegate shall be recused from voting during the election of Grand Council Officers."**

Motion made by: Brother Eric Heinsohn (Daedalus AA)

Seconded by: Brother J. Scott MacKay (Grand Council)

Brother MacKay speaks on behalf of Brother Heinsohn. He points out that at this convention, two members of the Grand Council are delegates. Should all five Grand Council members someday be delegates, that would be 20% of the vote.

Brother Ted Ertl (Satyros AA) says the motion is redundant. The subject should be changed in the By-Laws only and not the Constitution.

Motion 55-09 withdrawn by Brother MacKay on behalf of Brother Heinsohn.

The President sets the agenda for Breakout Sessions. Topics include Fundraising, Rush, Alumni Associations, and Ritual. Breakout Sessions will be held from 4:00 to 5:30 and will be moderated and recorded. *See Breakout Session Notes Section.*

Session recessed at 4:00 p.m. EST until Saturday 29 March 2003.

Session reconvenes at 8:20 a.m. EST on Saturday 29 March 2003.

Roll Call. All present.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Brother Rick Jenkins (Metagenes AA) reports that as of 5:30 p.m. EST on 28 March 2003, the committee received eight resolutions. They have been distributed to the delegates and officers.

Report of the Audit Committee

Brother Frank Kitchel (Anthemios AA) submits the Audit Committee Report. *See Audit Committee report section.*

Read by Brother Kitchel in summary.

Motion to accept the Resolutions Committee Report and the Audit Committee Report as a whole by Vicki Horton (Xenocles AA). Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business

Motion 56-01

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that Article VIII and Article IX of the Alpha Rho Chi Constitution be renumbered to Article IX and Article X, respectively, and a new Article VIII be inserted to read:

ARTICLE VIII ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

"Section 01 FORMATION, MAINTENANCE AND OBJECTIVES

The Fraternity shall encourage the formation and maintenance of Alumni Associations. The Alumni Associations shall be incorporated under the laws of the applicable states and shall have included as a corporate purpose in their corporate charters that they shall at all times during their existence be bound and subject to the ALPHA RHO CHI FRATERNITY Constitution and By-Laws. Each Alumni Association shall be maintained by its members so as to remain financially solvent, in good standing with the Fraternity with all fees fully paid, and a corporate entity in good standing in the state of its incorporation. An Alumni Association shall not be considered to be in good standing with the Fraternity and shall not enjoy the status of an Alumni Association thereof unless all of the above requirements have been satisfied.

"Section 02 OFFICERS

Each Alumni Association shall have such officers and directors as are reasonably necessary for its orderly government in conformance with all applicable local laws.

"Section 03 MEETINGS

Each Alumni Association shall meet on a regular basis.

"Section 04 ESTABLISHMENT OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

Alumni Associations shall be established and instituted in accordance with the rules specified in the Constitution and By-Laws of this Fraternity. The Grand Council shall regulate and administer the procedures for the development and establishment of new Alumni Associations and shall promulgate such rules and requirements as it deems reasonable necessary to promote and encourage the establishment of new Alumni Associations, provided that such rules and requirements shall be consistent with, and not in contravention of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Fraternity and the edicts and directions of the membership duly assembled in Convention."

Motion made by: Brother Vicki Horton (Xenocles AA).

Seconded by: Gregory Pelley (Worthy Grand Architect).

Brother Horton (Xenocles AA) speaks on behalf of the motion. This is a housekeeping issue to put Alumni Associations in the constitution for logistic purposes.

Brother Michael S. Ellars (Andronicus AA) asks how will this motion affect current Alumni Associations that do not meet some of the requirements. For example an association who's constitution is not bound to that of Alpha Rho Chi.

Brother Horton (Xenocles AA) responds that the Alpha Rho Cho charter supersedes an Alumni Association charter in all cases, so there is no effect.

Brother Frank Kitchel (Anthemios AA) states that the wording is no different than the section about formation of chapters.

Motion 56-01 passes: 21 in favor, 1 abstention.

Motion 56-02

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that the National By-Laws of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, Article XVII, be amended as follows:

"Amendment 1: Section 01, the words "such authority having been first established by the granting of a petition presented to and approved by the Grand Council" be deleted.

"Amendment 2: A new Section 02 is inserted following Section 01 to read: "The form of the petition for establishment of a new alumni association shall be as adopted by the Grand Council."

"Amendment 3: Old Section 02 is to be changed to Section 03.

"Amendment 4: A new Section 04 is inserted following Section 03 to read: "The petition for affiliation shall be sent to the Grand Council for ballot. Upon approval by the Grand Council, the Worthy Grand Architect, or his designee, shall either obtain a three-quarters approval by the Chapters and Alumni Associations, in writing, of the petition, or shall place a motion before the next Convention to accept the pe tition, which petition must be approved by a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of the delegates."

"Amendment 5: Old Section 03 is to be changed to Section 05.

"Amendment 6: Old Section 04 is to be changed to Section 06.

"Amendment 7: Old Section 05 is to be changed to Section 07.

"Amendment 8: Old Section 06 is to be changed to Section 08."

Motion made by: Brother Frank Kitchel (Anthemios AA)

Seconded by: Brother Gregory Pelley (Worthy Grand Architect)

Brother Kitchel (Anthemios AA) speaks on behalf of the motion. He says it is housekeeping from the previous Convention. The Constitution is inconsistent with recognition of alumni associations, stating that an association needs only five members and be accepted by the Grand Council. This motion makes the requirements for an alumni association consistent with those of a chapter.

Brother Lenora A. Nelson (Pytheos AA) supports the motion because it removes some worries and concerns for rogue and individually formed alumni associations.

Brother Michael S. Ellars (Andronicus AA) opposes the motion because it merely creates an obstacle for restarting an alumni association. An alumni association should be included and inherent in the $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of accepting a chapter.

Brother Rick Jenkins (Metagenes AA) says that $\frac{3}{4}$ vote is not high and will not hinder the formation of new alumni associations.

Brother J. Scott MacKay (Grand Council) asks the Imhotep delegate to speak regarding the motion because they will be forming an alumni association soon.

Brother Duke Walker (Imhotep Chapter) says that it would not be an obstruction to forming a new alumni association.

Brother Vicki Horton (Xenocles AA) says that anyone can form an alumni association, but this establishes guidelines for recognition to vote in Alpha Rho Chi. Voting is a privilege and everyone must earn the right.

Motion 55-02 passes, call for division: 18 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention.

Motion 55-03

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that Article V Section 06 of the Alpha Rho Chi Constitution be amended to read:

"Section 06 DELEGATES

"Each Active Chapter, so long as the Active Chapter and its delegate are in good standing with all fees to the Fraternity paid currently, shall be entitled to one (1) delegate who shall be elected from its membership and who shall have one (1) vote at the Convention. Each Alumni Association, so long as the Association and its delegate are in good standing with all fees to the Fraternity paid currently, shall be entitled to one (1) delegate, elected or appointed from its membership, who shall have one (1) vote at the Convention. The Grand Council shall have collectively one (1) vote at the Convention. A Chapter or an Alumni Association, and/or its prospective delegate, found not in good standing may be represented by the delegate upon an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the delegates who are, and whose Chapters and Alumni Associations are, in good standing."

Motion made by: Brother Robert Ford (Worthy Grand Estimator)

Seconded by: Brother Vicki Horton (Xenocles AA)

Brother Ford (WGE) speaks on behalf of the motion. He states that the underlined section is the way past Conventions accept delegates. This is just a housekeeping action to put in the Constitution, considering Convention always votes to seat delegates anyway. The required passing vote is $\frac{3}{4}$ because that is required to amend the By-Laws, which is what essentially what happens when a delegate is seated without credentials.

Brother Horton (Xenocles AA), as Chairman of the Credentials Committee, says that the delegates should decide who can vote at Convention; the Committee should not make this decision.

Motion 55-03 passes unanimously.

Motion 55-04

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that Article V Section 07 of the Alpha Rho Chi Constitution be amended to read:

"Section 07 PROXY VOTING

"If the Active Chapter Delegate of Alumni Association Delegate is unable to attend the Convention, the Delegate may transfer ~~their~~ his/her individual voting rights to another member of the same Active Chapter or Alumni Association of which they are a member by executing a proxy in writing submitted along with the original Delegate's credentials. The proxy delegate and his/her Chapter or Alumni Association must be in good standing as outlined in Section 06 and elsewhere in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Fraternity."

Motion made by: Brother Robert Ford (Worthy Grand Estimator)

Seconded by: Brother Vicki Horton (Xenocles AA)

Brother Ford (Worthy Grand Estimator) speaks on behalf of the motion. This is a housekeeping issue: if the original delegate cannot attend, the proxy should meet the same credentials in order to vote.

Brother Scott Stewart (Anthemios Chapter) reads from an English grammar reference manual that when gender is unknown, the masculine should be used. Roberts Rules of Order also upholds this practice. Brother Stewart makes a friendly amendment to change all "his/her" to "his."

Brother Ford (WGE) accepts the amendment.

Brother Lenora A. Nelson (Pytheos AA) wants to know context of using "his/her" vs. "they" in the rest of Constitution.

The President responds that either the words "they" or "the member" is used as opposed to the pronoun "his."

Brother Frank Kitchel (Anthemios AA) proposes a friendly amendment to change "his/her" to "delegate."

Brother Ford (WGE) accepts the amendment.

Brother Gary Ehrlich (Vitruvius AA) proposes a friendly amendment to change "transfer his/her individual voting rights" to "transfer voting rights" and to change "of which they are a member" to "of which the delegate is a member" and to change "proxy delegate and his/her Chapter" to "proxy delegate and the Chapter."

Brother Ford (WGE) accepts the amendment.

The Secretary reads the amended motion:

"I move that Article V Section 07 of the Alpha Rho Chi Constitution be amended to read:

"Section 07 PROXY VOTING

"If the Active Chapter Delegate of Alumni Association Delegate is unable to attend the Convention, the Delegate may transfer voting rights to another member of the same Active Chapter or Alumni Association of which the delegate is a member by executing a proxy in writing submitted along with the original Delegate's credentials. The proxy delegate and the Chapter or Alumni Association must be in good standing as outlined in Section 06 and elsewhere in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Fraternity."

Motion 55-04 passes unanimously.

Motion 55-05

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that a Chapter membership forecast be required as a part of the credentials packet submitted for delegate seating of active chapter delegates. The membership forecast will be developed by the WGE and approved by the Grand Council."

Motion made by: Brother Frank Kitchel (Anthemios AA)

Seconded by: Brother Duke Walker (Imhotep Chapter)

Brother Kitchel (Anthemios AA) speaks on behalf of the motion. The membership forecast is recommend by the Audit Committee to aid the Worthy Grand Estimator (WGE) to manage funding and budgeting. It lets the WGE know how much to expect in revenue and further gauge spending. There will be a simple form with five questions:

1. Number of current members
2. Number of actives expected to leave membership
3. Number of forecasted members for September after Convention
4. Number of new initiates forecasted for September after Convention
5. Number of pledges forecasted for fall semester and spring semester if applicable

Brother Ted Ertl (Satyros AA) speaks in opposition of the motion. The Grand Council has chapter reports to determine membership; it can extrapolate from those reports, and may not need a new form. This information could be added to chapter reports. The Grand Council has years of data to forecast membership, and the chapters need not be burdened with another report.

Brother Robert Ford (WGE) confirms that chapter reports are often not on time, so a required form would be helpful to the Grand Council.

Brother Gregory Pelley (WGA) says that this form will help forecasting and budgeting over historical data. This will give the Grand Council a better view through email or online. The forecasting will also benefit the chapters for their own planning needs.

Brother Scott Stewart (Anthemios Chapter) says that it will not be a burden; it can be done at convention on the spot.

Brother Rick Jenkins (Metagenes AA) says that the Monthly Membership Reports provide membership information, but does not track progress towards graduation.

Brother Vicki Horton (Xenocles AA) says the report should be included as part of the report due two weeks before convention.

Brother Gary Ehrlich (Vitruvius AA) maintains that it is easily required in the chapter report, but those may not be submitted on time. It may be easier to pass out forms at convention.

Brother Chuck Nickel (Alpha Rho Chi Foundation President) is concerned that this is just another requirement that could prevent a delegate from having credentials.

Brother Jason Wright (Rabirius Chapter) asks if this form is only helpful if every chapter submits it.

Brother Kitchel (Anthemios AA) says that any information will be helpful, for instance if a chapter has drastic changes, then the Grand Council would know.

Brother Michael S. Ellars (Andronicus AA) discusses the possible penalties not written in the motion. Are delegates prevented from being seated at convention? This issue is not addressed in the Constitution or By-Laws.

Brother Kitchel (Anthemios AA) says the motion is not intended to be penal. It is just meant to be helpful for the Grand Council and chapters.

Brother Merisa Bowers (Rabirius Chapter) says it is a waste of paper to fill out another form. The E1 cards can be used efficiently to create a database.

Brother Carlos Machado (Cleisthenes Chapter) says the Grand Council should not have to sort through all information from E1 cards when it would only take a minute to fill out this form.

Brother Ford (WGE) says that the E1 cards have good information, but are not kept up to date: graduation dates may change, etc. A database is needed that will update automatically when information changes, but this is a simple request to help the WGE balance finances.

Motion to call to question by Brother Dana R. Habel (Iktinos AA). **Seconded. Motion passes: 20 in favor, 2 abstentions.**

Motion 56-05 passes: 20 in favor, 2 abstentions.

Motion 56-06

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that Article IX of the Alpha Rho Chi Constitution be amended to add a new Section 02 to read:

"Section 02 SUSPENSION OF SERVICES

"Alumni and Non-Graduate members who are delinquent in paying dues for one (1) year or more shall not receive benefits from or services of the Fraternity, including but

not limited to issues of *The Archi* of the *Alpha Rho Chi Letter*, until such time as they become current in paying dues. Alumni and Non-Graduate members who are delinquent in paying dues for more than one (1) year may become current by paying the current year's dues assessment and the immediately preceding year's dues assessment. At no time shall an Alumni or a Non-Graduate member be required to pay more than two (2) years' dues to become current with the Fraternity."

Motion made by: Brother Robert Ford (Worthy Grand Estimator)

Seconded by: Brother Vicki Horton (Xenocles AA)

Brother Ford (Worthy Grand Estimator) speaks on behalf of the motion. He states that from alumni who are eligible to pay dues, only small percentages actually do. However, they still receive services from Alpha Rho Chi. The intent is not to cut off services after only months. He understands that there are specific reasons why people go inactive, and it should be easy for someone to return, if so desired. *The Archi* and *The Letter* use a small percentage of funds in mailing, but a distinction must be made between active and inactive alumni.

Brother Rick Jenkins (Metagenes AA) is concerned why this is an amendment to the Constitution, which does not recognize the existence of *The Archi* or *The Letter*. This should be left to the discretion of the Grand Council or be a normal resolution of Convention. To change this policy later would require another amendment to the Constitution.

Brother Christine Brazill (Vitruvius Chapter) considers continuing to send *The Letter* to keep alumni informed, but suspend the distribution of the professional publication. Also, would two years of dues deter alumni from coming back?

Brother Michael S. Ellars (Andronicus AA) agrees that this is a good way to save costs and reserves funds for other programs, but does not belong in the Constitution.

Brother Frank Kitchel (Anthemios AA) says that the line, "shall not receive benefits" is broad. Also, publications are not that expensive any more, so maybe there can be a better way than amending the Constitution.

Brother Scott Stewart (Anthemios Chapter) asks where alumni are informed of their dues.

Brother Ford (WGE) says that the annual dues notice is sent separately in letter form with return envelope. New this year will be follow up postcards.

Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA) says paying two years' dues will deter someone from becoming current. Not getting the publications is deterrent enough. Also, the disadvantages of being inactive should be sent it a letter to let inactive alumni know what they are missing.

Brother Ted Ertl (Satyros AA) speaks in opposition to the motion. It is not a significant cost saver. If it costs so much for publications, there should be a subscription fee for all alumni.

Brother Gregory Pelley (WGA) says that the net savings are 15% of publication costs for not sending publications to inactive alumni. If an alumnus is not paying, the Grand Council should not spend money on him. In the effort do develop alumni associations, alumni dues were increased last year, and the effects are not yet determined. This motion is premature when the Grand Council is just starting to make progress with alumni participation. If 50% of alumni paid dues next year, budget would double. Alumni dues participation must increase before the Grand Council changes this policy.

Motion to call to question by Brother Gary Ehrlich (Vitruvius AA). **Seconded. Motion passes: 21 in favor, 1 abstention.**

Motion 56-06 withdrawn by Brother Ford and Brother Horton.

Brother Chuck Nickel (Alpha Rho Chi Foundation President) notes that the Foundation annually offers a grant to the Fraternity for publication costs.

Brother Ford (WGE) hopes to continue discussion on this subject.

Motion 56-07

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that Article IX, Section 01(F) of the Alpha Rho Chi constitution be amended to read:

"(F) Master Architect

"The title "Master Architect" shall be conferred upon such brothers who have gained national prominence in the field of Architecture, the allied arts, or who have made significant contributions to the build 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. A Chapter, Alumni Association or the Grand Council may nominate an individual for the title. Nominations must be approved by a majority of the Chapters and Alumni Associations."

Motion made by: Brother Gregory Pelley (Worthy Grand Architect)

Seconded by: Brother J. Scott MacKay (Grand Council Delegate)

Brother Pelley (WGA) speaks on behalf of the motion. This motion was created for the possibility of a new Master Architect, since it has been twenty-three years since I. M. Pei was named. The Master Architect Search Committee of the 51st National Convention reported documentation from the 44th National Conventions trying to establish criteria for Master Architects. This amendment summarizes their conclusions. Master Architect is a membership classification; all Master Architects should be brothers, and there are several ways to become a brother. Chapters should be actively searching honorary members from throughout the community. This amendment allows for more than one Master Architect and helps establish more active participation of the Master Architect.

Brother J. Scott MacKay (Grand Council) asks if approval is by simple majority?

Brother Pelley (WGA) answers yes, but a higher threshold would be accepted.

Brother Dana Habel (Iktinos AA) says approval should be unanimous or at least $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote. Everyone should agree upon our Master Architect.

Brother Lenora A. Nelson (Pytheos AA) asks when the approval would happen: at convention or sent by mail?

Brother Pelley (WGA) responds that approval at national convention is preferable. However the By-Laws allow for ballot by mail if necessary. It depends on timing.

Brother Habel (Iktinos AA) makes a friendly amendment to change "approved by a majority" to "approved by a unanimous vote."

Brother Pelley (WGA) declines the amendment and leaves it to the Convention's discretion.

Motion to change amendment to read: "approved by a unanimous vote" by Brother Habel (Iktinos AA). Seconded. **Motion fails to pass, call for division: 6 in favor, 14 opposed, 2 abstentions.**

Motion to change amendment to read: "approval by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote" by Brother Habel (Iktinos AA). Seconded. **Motion passes: 20 in favor, 2 opposed.**

Motion to call to question by Brother MacKay (Grand Council). **Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

The Secretary reads the amended motion:

"I move that Article IX, Section 01(F) of the Alpha Rho Chi constitution be amended to read:

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Motion 56-07 passes unanimously.

Motion 56-08

The Secretary reads the motion:

"I move that the following be established as the nominating criteria for the election of a Master Architect:

"1. Desirous of brotherhood – The candidate should embody the ideals of this brotherhood. The candidate should 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 serve, 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 an 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, wither 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 ore 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.

"The nominee should therefore be vetted by the Nominating Committee per these criteria. When complete, the Nominating Committee shall make a re port to the Fraternity In the results of their investigation. It is not necessary that a candidate meet all criteria noted."

Motion made by: Brother Gregory Pelley (Worthy Grand Architect)
Seconded by: Brother Vicki Horton (Xenocles AA)

Brother Pelley (WGA) speaks on behalf of the motion. These criteria are listed verbatim from the 51st National Convention Master Architect Search Committee report. The Grand Council recommends that these be established as base line criteria.

Brother Merisa Bowers (Rabirius Chapter) asks if some criteria are weighted more than others? If so, which are dominant?

Brother Pelley (WGA) replies that the intent was not to establish weighting. The Nominating Committee should investigate this further. One individual cannot meet all these criteria; this is a

broad search to include as many candidates as possible. The Nominations Committee should decide one candidate over another in based on the criteria.

Brother Rick Jenkins (Metagenes AA) asks if Brother Pelley is referring to the standard Convention Nominating Committee?

Brother Pelley (WGA) responds yes.

Brother Frank G. Quijada (Satyros Chapter) suggests that "criteria" is not the right word.

Brother Pelley (WGA) says that "criterion" is defined as standard of judgement.

Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA) suggests changing "criteria" to "guidelines."

The Parliamentarian reads the definition of "guidelines:" a statement of principle giving guidance.

Brother Quijada (Satyros Chapter) says that "guidelines" is still not the right word; it applies to a committee, whereas this motion establishes something overall.

Brother Jenkins (Metagenes AA) remarks that the Constitutional Amendment just passed uses the word "criteria." The same wording should be used.

Brother J. Scott MacKay (Grand Council) suggests using the word "reference," whose definition is "authority or standard, testimonial."

Brother LeTourneur (Metagenes AA) recommends changing "election of Master Architect" to "selection of Master Architect."

Brother Lenora A. Nelson (Pytheos AA) makes a friendly amendment to change the first line to read: "the following be established as the suggested criteria for the nomination of a Master Architect."

Brother Pelley (WGA) accepts the amendment.

Brother Amber Ford (Apollodorus AA) suggests that candidate can be renown internationally, and not just in the U.S. so as not to limit expansion.

Brother Pelley (WGA) says it is the prerogative of the Convention to change. He amends to strike the last sentence of section 2 and to strike "in the U.S." in section 4.

Brother LeTourneur (Metagenes AA) asks why the candidate should be published in media other than architectural publications?

Brother Pelley (WGA) affirms that these criteria are quoted exactly from the report of the 51st National Convention.

Brother Robert Ford (WGE) says that public recognition outside the field of architecture is beneficial and will bring public recognition to Alpha Rho Chi.

Brother LeTourneur (Metagenes AA) says it is our Master Architect; we care more than a non-architecture person; it should not matter whether they are recognized outside the Fraternity.

Brother Gary Ehrlich (Vitruvius AA) cites that the same section mentions being published in both kinds of publications.

Brother LeTourneur (Metagenes AA) asks if both bases need to be covered, or just the brotherhood?

Brother Vicki Horton (Xenocles AA) reminds the Convention that these are "suggested" criteria; a candidate does not have to meet every one.

Brother Frank Kitchel (Anthemios AA) says this is a simple resolution, not a Constitutional or By-Laws amendment.

Motion to call to question by Brother Michael S. Ellars (Andronicus AA). **Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion that "the following be established as the suggested criteria for the nomination of a Master Architect:" as summarily revised during discussion by Brother MacKay. **Seconded. Motion 56-08 passes unanimously.**

Session Recessed at 10:15 a.m. EST

Session Reconvened at 10:35 a.m. EST

Roll call. All present

Report of the Nominating Committee

Brother Jeffrey Chandler (Anthemios AA) submits the report of the Nominating Committee. *See Nominations Committee Report Section for candidates' resumes.*

Worthy Grand Associate Architect Nominees:

Brother Nicole Morris (Worthy Grand Associate Architect) by Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA). Accepted.

Brother Laura Schmidt (Anthemios AA) by Brother Lance Karutz. Accepted.

Worthy Grand Estimator:

Brother Frank Kitchel (Anthemios AA) by Brother J. Scott MacKay (Grand Council). Accepted.

Brother Laura Schmidt (Anthemios AA) by Brother Charles Morley (Anthemios AA). Declined.

Motion to accept the Report of the Nominating Committee. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Election of Officers to the Grand Council

Worthy Grand Associate Architect

The President calls for additional nominations from the floor.

The President closes nominations from the floor.

Motion for Nominee speeches by Brother J. Scott MacKay. **Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

The President calls for nominating and election speeches for Brother Nicole Morris.

Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA) speaks on behalf of Brother Nicole Morris. Brother Morris is experienced in service on the national level. She has held the positions of Regional Director, Worthy Grand Estimator, and Worthy Grand Associate Architect. She is involved in activities for the betterment of the fraternity including alumni programs and updating the online database. Two years is not long enough for her programs to be established. Also, convention attendance has increased since she became WGAA.

Brother Lenora A. Nelson (Pytheos AA) gives a seconding speech on behalf of Brother Morris. Alpha Rho Chi is on the cusp of a great era of bridging between alumni and actives. Brother Morris will be essential to the bridge.

Brother Nicole Morris gives speech. Being Worthy Grand Associate Architect is the toughest and most rewarding job. The greatest part is the interaction with alumni in preparation for workshops and convention. A goal is to get alumni involved after periods of inactivity. One aspect of the job is the national convention planning – this is the vehicle in place for programs, workshops, and opportunities for learning and interaction. She is a registered provider for AIA, and can provide AIA continuing education requirements to members. She has streamlined the convention planning process by planning earlier and improving corporate sponsorship. With the streamlined process, she can focus more on alumni issues. She wants to make improvements to prove to alumni that they want to be members of alumni associations and receive benefits. More alumni are active than ever before and she wants to use enthusiasm to bring inactive alumni back.

The President calls for nominating and election speeches for Brother Laura Schmidt.

Brother Eric Heinsohn (Daedalus AA) speaks on behalf of Brother Laura Schmidt, read by Brother J. Scott MacKay (Grand Council). He is impressed with Brother Schmidt's enthusiasm and dedication to the Fraternity both locally and nationally. She has reorganized the Andronicus AA, and without her, it would not exist.

Brother Michael S. Ellars (Andronicus AA) gives a seconding speech on behalf of Brother Schmidt. The By-Laws states that duties of the WGAA include coordinating alumni development programs. Brother Schmidt is actively involved in helping alumni affairs. She planned the Alpha Rho Chi Silver Medal Award gala. She has the ability to plan on convention scale and to delegate and oversee activities.

Brother Laura Schmidt gives speech. She has gained passionate insights into alumni developments. There are three things she would like to see happen. First, encourage meetings of alumni. Second, start the alumni associations of new chapters with the help of the sponsoring chapter. Third, create a new ceremony to mark the transition into alumni status. These are preliminary ideas that need discussion and she has lots of ideas for future developments. She favors the possibility of appointing someone to be convention planner. The office of WGAA is closest to her heart.

Motion to vote by Brother MacKay. **Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Voting ballots are issued to the delegates and collected by tallying committee. The Parliamentarian and the Sergeant at Arms count the votes. 21 votes collected. Brother Morris receives 10 votes and Brother Schmidt receives 11 votes. **Brother Schmidt elected to the office of Worthy Grand Associate Architect.**

Worthy Grand Estimator Election

The President calls for additional nominations from the floor.

The President closes nominations from the floor.

The President asks for nominating and election speeches for Brother Frank Kitchel.

Brother Eric Heinsohn (Daedalus AA) speaks on behalf of Brother Frank Kitchel, read by Brother J. Scott MacKay (Grand Council). Brother Kitchel is the ideal Alpha Rho Chi brother. It is inspiring to see him take an active role as Expansion Director. He has the skills to meet needs of fraternity in the position of WGE.

Brother Dana Habel (Iktinos AA) gives seconding speech on behalf of Brother Kitchel. By reputation, Brother Kitchel has done well with the position of Expansion Director. The interest from schools for new chapters is a reflection of his good works in that position.

Brother Kitchel gives speech. There are two areas of strength: the qualifications to direct, manage, and plan funds and the brotherly love for Alpha Rho Chi and desire to serve the Fraternity. He is not an architect – day-to-day work involves managing millions of dollars. He is accustomed to working with large sums of money and directing their use. He has enthusiasm for working for Alpha Rho Chi, as summed in the Expansion Director report. He promises to be timely in processing information.

Motion to elect Brother Kitchel into the office of Worthy Grand Estimator by acclamation by Brother Vicki Horton (Xenocles AA). Seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Brother Kitchel elected to the office of Worthy Grand Estimator.

Betterment of the Fraternity

Brother Michael S. Ellars (Andronicus AA) reports that the brothers of the Andronicus Chapter had a brotherhood discussion. He suggests that all chapters do this – especially after initiation so new brothers can have an inside view. It also helps pledges see what they have to look forward to. The question was asked: what is brotherhood? The chapter says it is an intangible concept. The little things we do for each other are merely an effect of brotherhood. Alpha Rho Chi means something different to everyone.

Brother Gregory Pelley (Worthy Grand Architect) announces the availability of appointed positions. Appointments are for one year, and are reconsidered every year. Suggestions are now being taken for appointed positions – those interested should speak to the Grand Council. Positions include Regional Directors, National Director, Expansion Director, Archi Editors, and possibly a Convention Planner.

Brother Frank Kitchel (Anthemios AA) requests the continued efforts of the next Expansion Director. The Dean of University of Hawaii is interested in a chapter, and needs to motivate students to join. He requests a representative to visit and make a presentation to students, or perhaps a power point presentation in lieu of a person. He would like to form a committee to create a national presentation.

Brother Dana Habel (Iktinos AA) speaks as a recent graduate who misses lectures in school, and speaking with professors. He feels that convention is preoccupied with business and would like to see more architecture brought to convention.

Brother Traci Jehan Watley (Seshait Chapter) says it is beneficial to students who attend convention to see what other students are doing. Chapters should bring projects so everyone can see what is happening nation wide.

Brother Tim Hoeft (Apollodorus Chapter) suggests that the hosting chapter could sponsor an exhibition of student projects.

Brother Jason Wright (Rabirius Chapter) says he enjoys meeting brothers from other chapters that do not talk on regular basis. He would like the opportunity to come together more often – possibly a regional convention.

Brother Rick Jenkins (Metagenes AA) recommends that chapters share graphic communication, for example rush posters.

Brother Laura Schmidt (Anthemios AA) suggests compiling a list of alums that are willing to host traveling brothers.

Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA) suggests that newsletters be shared between alumni associations.

The President announces an additional breakout session regarding WebPages, following the business session.

Suggestions for Meeting Places for Future Convention

The President announces that the 57th National Convention will be in New Orleans, LA

The Secretary reads the suggestions from the 55th National Convention:

- Seattle, WA
- Miami, FL
- Key West, FL
- New York, NY
- Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- Toronto, Ontario Canada
- Tempe, AZ
- Phoenix, AZ

Suggestions for the 58th National Convention:

Brother Frank Kitchel (Anthemios AA) suggests the southeast or east coast where the interest is greatest for new chapters. For example: Charlotte, NC, Raleigh, NC, or Atlanta, GA.

Brother Vicki Horton (Xenocles AA) suggests Charleston, SC.

Brother Duke Walker (Imhotep Chapter) suggests Memphis, TN.

Brother Carlos Machado (Cle isthenes Chapter) suggests Houston, TX.

Brother Michele LeTourneur (Metagenes AA) asks if the tradition to alternate between a city without a chapter and a city with a chapter will be upheld. If so, the city for the 58th Convention should be with a chapter.

Brother Nicole Morris (Worthy Grand Associate Architect) replies that this is not a hard fast rule; however, regions should not repeat often.

Motion to Adjourn by Brother J. Scott MacKay. **Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

The 56th National Convention of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity is adjourned on Saturday 29 March 2003 – 11:33 a.m. EST.

We, the undersigned, do attest and affirm that the above text is an accurate record of the proceedings of the 56th National Convention of the Alpha Rho Chi Professional Fraternity for Architecture and the Allied Arts, held in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, March 27-29, 2003.



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